

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Could you tell me one interesting thing about yourself?

As of Nov. 1, I am a business owner. I own my own brokerage now, my wife and I. It's Boylan Realty. I have been in real estate for five years.

Do you work closely with your wife?

Yeah, and right now we have our daughter working part-time with us.

What's it like to work with your family?

It's great. It's something we've done before. My wife had a website design company several years ago. We were working together doing that, but some personal things came up and we weren't able to continue that business. That's when we made this decision to get involved in real estate. There was a class that came available, I took it and I got my license. That started the path that we're on right now.

What do you like about working with your family?

We help each other. We know each other's needs, and we try to meet those needs.

What are the challenges of working with your family?

I don't know if we've come across any challenges. There's nothing about it that I don't like. We've been looking to do this for a while, we did it and we like it. We enjoy helping people too. It's a big part of someone's life to buy and sell property. We get to be part of that.

You're also very active in the community, right?

Yes. My wife and I go to New Hope Community Church. We teach Sunday school, and we do various things in the community. I was born and raised in Hermiston. My wife lived here and has family here. We met, started a family here.

Was it a love at first sight situation?

Actually, we were set up on a blind date. Our mothers met. My mother was an Avon representative, and her mother was new to the area. They got to talking and set us up. Now, I have a daughter and a son, and that's where it all began. It was love at first sight.

Where was your first date?

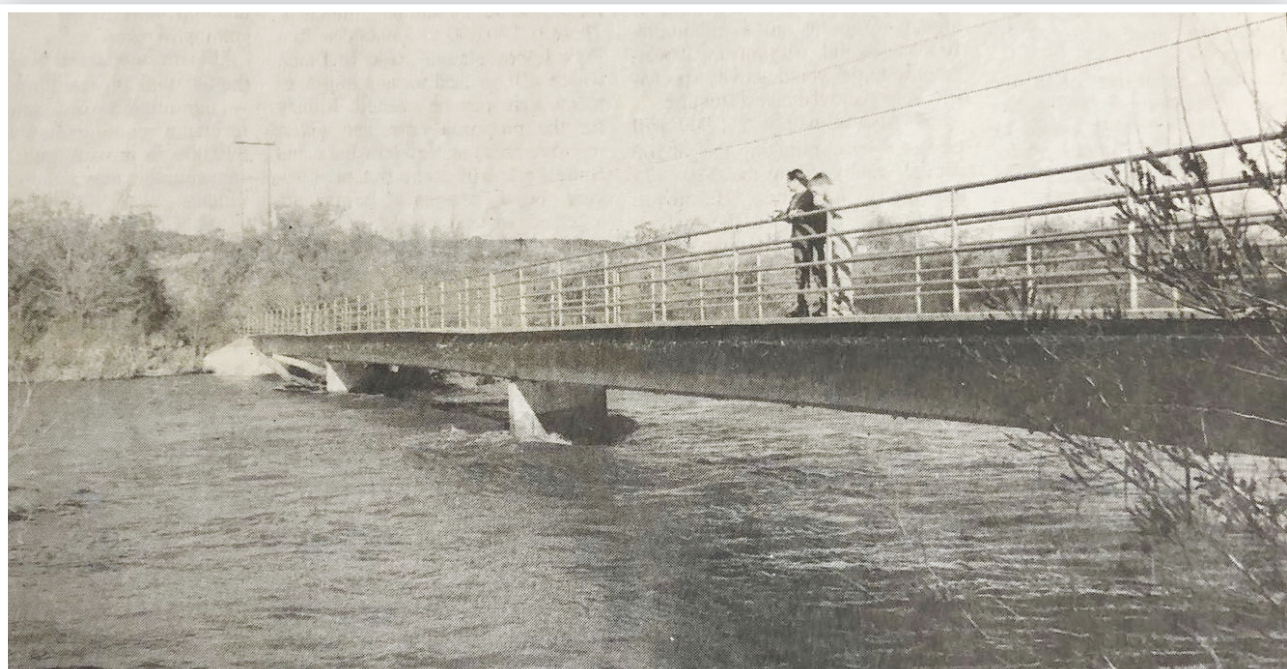
We went to the Tri-Cities for a dinner and a movie.

What can you tell me about Hermiston and your love of this community that has kept you here?

I like the small feel of this community. Yes, we've been growing by leaps and bounds, but people still work together and help one another out.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Flooding hit area 25 years ago



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The receding Umatilla River is watched from a bridge near Hermiston High School in 1997.

25 YEARS AGO Jan. 7, 1997

The snowfall we've received this last week has been quite beautiful and magical, but we can't forget what usually follows — floods.

In Umatilla County in 1997 the flooding didn't do much harm. Agricultural areas experienced some erosion, and the roads were damaged a bit.

"Not too many folks have called in this time with damage reports," said Cindy Asher of Umatilla County Emergency Management. Flooding from West Birch Creek ravaged a city park and closed a portion of Highway 395 about 3 miles south of Pilot Rock. Mill Creek, stemming out of the Walla Walla River north of Milton-Freewater, recorded water speeds of 2,800 cubic feet per second, which aren't as powerful as the previous year's 7,000 CFS speeds.

Morrow County, though not far away, seemed to get the worst of the flooding, with damage totals exceeding \$250,000. Two roads south of Heppner — one at Rock Creek and the other at Willow Creek — washed away.

Culverts were damaged and at least one resident was left stranded, though thankfully there were no reports of fatalities at the time. Highway 207 reopened with one usable lane yesterday, after being closed due to high water 11 miles east of Ruggs.

With all this damage, the county commissioners of both counties are working on obtaining federal aid, but have to wait until the final damage reports and cost totals come in.

50 YEARS AGO Jan. 6, 1972

New Year's Eve is a time for reflection and celebration. We think of all the things we have accomplished and experienced in the past 365 days. New Year's Day is a time for the new — a fresh start. Well, what can be newer than a new person brought into the world?

The first baby born in 1972 at Umatilla County Hospital was Martin Karl Lutz, seventh child of Mr. and Mrs. David Ellis Lutz Sr. of McNary. He was born at 1:46 a.m., weighing a hefty 7 pounds and 9 ounces. For winning the "baby derby race," he was awarded a \$25 bond and a baby book from the Umatilla Hospital Auxiliary. A close runner-up, born only two hours and 19 minutes later, and 3 ounces lighter, was Heather Alex-



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The Martin family are winners of the Hermiston Driving Home for the Holidays for the Chamber of Commerce. Standing with their pickup are Melvin (father), Joshua, 2, Daniel, 8, Robey, 7, Coley, 5, Jenny, 4, and Tami (mother).



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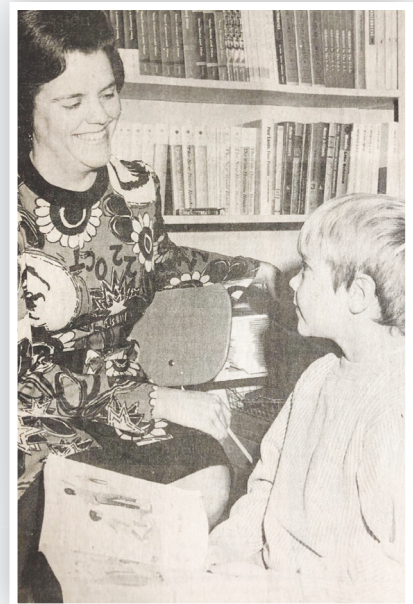
Martin Karl Lutz was Umatilla Hospital's first baby of 1972.

ander. She is the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alexander, and she also received a bond and baby book.

75 YEARS AGO Jan. 9, 1947

After 37 years in public office, F.C. McKenzie is stepping back. In the last council meeting he would reside over as Hermiston mayor, he pointed out the numerous advances Hermiston had made and some of the new problems and challenges to be faced in the upcoming years. McKenzie estimated that Hermiston's population would grow to between 4,000 and 5,000 within five years, and expressed his optimism on the new opportunities this expansion would create.

"Hermiston has more possibilities than any other city in the entire Northwest," he enthusias-



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Janet Bushby, one of the several Umatilla mothers who volunteer time for individualized skills, reads with first grader Jerome Fisher in 1972.

tically declared. McKenzie then went on to complement his fellow council members for their dedication and camaraderie, and wished them great success under the leadership of the new mayor of Hermiston, Leander Quiring.

It was undoubtedly an emotional night for McKenzie, who had invested so much time and effort into his community. Now, he has the chance to sit back and experience all the improvements he worked to establish.

McKenzie Rose, a sophomore at Echo High School, searched Hermiston Herald archives to compile these article summaries.

BY THE WAY

First Thursday event features downtown deals

If Christmas cash is burning a hole in your pocket, check out the **First Thursday** event in Hermiston. Two dozen downtown and beyond merchants are offering specials **Thursday, Jan. 6, 4:30-7 p.m.**

Also, get four punches on an entry card and drop it off at **Hermiston Drug & Gift** for a chance to win the monthly drawing. For more information, search www.facebook.com/Hermistondowntown.

Nonprofit organization seeks volunteers

If you've made a New Year's resolution to give of your time or talents, **Domestic Violence Services** could use your help. Whether you have one hour or many hours available, there are multiple ways to help support the nonprofit organization.

Assistance is needed for everything from leading a supply drive or helping with a special event to yard beautification and light housekeeping in the offices.

Also, people are needed for the 24-hour crisis line — training is provided. Serving Umatilla and Morrow counties for more than 40 years, people are invited to inquire about how they can help by calling **541-276-3322** or emailing volunteer@dvs-or.org.

Senior center offers chili, fish meals

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for **Thursday, Jan. 6**, is baked fish, scallop potatoes, coleslaw and dessert. The menu for **Tuesday, Jan. 11**, is chili, cornbread, fruit and pudding. (In-house meals will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. People planning to dine in are asked to call by 11 a.m.)

For a **Meals on Wheels** delivery in Hermiston, call **541-567-3582** before 10 a.m. to place an order. To pick up a meal from the center at 255 N.E. Second St., call before 11 a.m. Meals are \$5 and can be picked up between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

Boardman senior lunches available

The **Boardman Senior Center** is open for dine-in lunches on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, noon at 100 Tatone St. Meals are \$4 for seniors and \$5 for others. Take-out lunches are available by calling **541-481-3257**.

Annual peace march is set for Jan. 17

Save the date for the annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Peace March**. Hosted by the **Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition**, the event is **Monday, Jan. 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

In addition to the short walk, Pastor **Marlando Jordan**, of Kennewick's Sozo Church, is the guest speaker. The indoors portion of the event will be held at the **Hermiston United Methodist Church**, 191 E. Gladys Ave.