

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## MCKENZIE ROSE

Echo

**What do you like best about living in Echo?**

*It has a peaceful aura, since it's small and there's not a lot of traffic, people, etc. that causes busyness. I know my neighbors really well and have created great friendships that probably wouldn't have lasted in a huge town where people are coming and going all the time. There's just a strong sense of community and friendliness.*

**What is your favorite restaurant in the area?**

*Probably Lawan's Thai Garden or Veg Out. Their food always tastes fresh and amazing.*

**What are your hobbies or sports? What do you like about them?**

*I play soccer, basketball and started golf last year. I enjoy these sports for the life lessons they teach me, exercise they provide and opportunity to give my mind a break. I also like to read, bike, bake occasionally and write poems.*

**What do you like best about school?**

*Learning is probably my favorite thing about school, because there are so many interesting things out there. Specifically, my favorite subjects are history, math and science.*

**What was the last book you have read or movie that you have seen?**

*The last book I read was "Lincoln: Team of Rivals" by Doris Goodwin. I'm still reading it. It's taken a while but is very interesting because it offers an insight into Abraham Lincoln and his cabinet members that we don't cover in our history books.*

**Who are your role models?**

*Oh goodness there are many. Some I can think of off the top of my head are: Greta Thunberg, Malala Yousafzai, Megan Rapinoe, Russell Wilson, Taylor Swift and my friends, Sandra and Lily.*

**What do you like about those people?**

*I admire the dedication and action that Thunberg, a Swiss environmental activist, puts towards a cause I believe in. Yousafzai is a symbol of standing up for what you believe in, in her case education for women, and is a great example of courage. Rapinoe fights to improve equality for women and is an amazing soccer player. Wilson preaches about how important the mental game is and I love watching how much control over his emotions he practices, even when the game isn't going his way. Swift's songs, specifically older ones like "Never Grow Up," "Our Song" and "Mean," are filled with great, inspiring and beautiful messages. My friend Sandra is the most positive person I know — I've never caught her in a bad mood because she believes it to be a waste of life and energy, and she never tries to pick a fight. Lily is also very positive, kind and dedicated. She's a great student and successful outside of school too, which I believe is vital to success later in life.*

**What do you think older people misunderstand about your generation?**

*Again and again, I hear it all the time — they live on their phones, they don't know how to use a dictionary, they can only read digital clocks — that our generation is spoiled by technology. While this is true for some kids, it's way too overgeneralized. It's super frustrating when the older generations make a comment or roll their eyes when someone pulls out their phone. For all they know, that person might be working on a school essay. Honestly, downloading Google documents is one of the most helpful apps.*

**When did you start writing for the Hermiston Herald?**

*I started writing the weekly Hermiston History section for the Hermiston Herald during the late summer of 2021 — around August.*

## HERMISTON HISTORY



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The most destructive windstorm in the memory of Hermiston residents resulted in numerous uprooted and downed trees, such as this one on Northeast Third Street at Ridgeway Avenue in 1972.

## Local Republican invited to Clinton inaugural

25 YEARS AGO  
Jan. 14, 1997

"I have no idea why I would get an invitation, I'm a Republican," Irene Miller said.

The Hermiston resident had just returned home from Christmas celebrations in Portland, and a mixture of surprise, shock and curiosity came upon her when she found a letter from the White House with her mail.

She opened it almost immediately, and to increase her surprise it read, "The Presidential Inaugural Committee requests the honor of your presence to attend and participate in the Inauguration of William Jefferson Clinton as President of the United States of America and Albert Gore Jr. as Vice President of the United States of America on Monday, the twentieth of January one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven in the City of Washington."

Now why would Miller — a Republican and not an active supporter of President Clinton — get this invitation? "The only connection I have to the White House is I contribute monthly to Results, a lobbying group that works to end world hunger," expressed Miller.

At first, she thought her invitation was a mistake — then that everyone got it. She tried calling the White House for answers, but was unsuccessful. Lenora, a woman from the inaugural committee, said there could be "a litany of reasons" why Miller's name was on the invitation list, as "someone could've put her name in anonymously. It's impossible to pinpoint exactly why her name was chosen." Lenora also added that many Republicans were sent invitations, and Miller wasn't the only confused recipient.

Though thrilled to receive the invitation, Miller doesn't plan to attend the Inauguration. Instead, "I'm going to frame it (the invitation) and show it off."

50 YEARS AGO  
Jan. 13, 1972

This is the time of year that most seniors regard with excitement and anticipation — the time when scholarships are awarded. Four Hermiston High School seniors will be honored by the Hermiston Elks Lodge as winners of the annual scholarships — Jill Ainslie, Ramona Music, Steve Wick and Suzi Davis.

There's usually a first and second place scholarship for both boys and girls, but since no other male application that met the qualifications was entered, two second-place scholarships were given to the girls this year.

Wick and Ainslie won first place



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The four Hermiston recipients of the 1972 Elks Leadership Scholarship Awards, from left, Jill Ainslie, Ramona Music, Steve Wick and Suzi Davis.



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A puzzled Hermiston resident, Irene Miller, received an invitation to President Bill Clinton's Inauguration in 1997.

and were each awarded a \$250 scholarship to the college of their choice, while Music and Davis were awarded the second-place \$100 scholarships.

All four of these scholarship recipients have numerous accomplishments and memberships, some of which include:

Wick has been a member of the Math Club, National Honor Society, Debate Team, Drift-Inn Board, MS and HS junior council, Concert Band Council, won the Gold Seal Award, lettered in football, basketball, and baseball and was the assistant coach for Babe Ruth baseball.

Ainslie has served on the Art Club, ASB, Oregon Student Council Workshop, was student director for several Thespian productions, editor of Sage, representative for the Governor's Commission on Youth, is a member of the National Honor Society, French Club and was awarded the GL service pin.

Davis is head cheerleader, president of the Prep Club, member of the National Honor Society, Math Club, G.A.A., Ski Club, girls basketball, was awarded the GL merit badge and Youth Fitness Award for three years.

Music is a member of 4-H, the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, has won numerous awards at the Pendleton Junior Livestock Exhibit, Umatilla County Fair, P-I

show in Portland and was elected F.F.A. Chapter Sweetheart in 1970.

75 YEARS AGO  
Jan. 16, 1947

The Saylor's store will be reopening soon, after vast improvements and modernizations. The Grand Rapids company of Portland manufactured the new fixtures. These fixtures were installed, importing equipment found in only three other foreign countries at the time. These new additions will make the Saylor's store one of the finest ones in the area, and will bring to Hermiston "a new type of store, different from all other department stores in this section."

The Saylor's have operated a store here for numerous years and are very proud of the new transition it has undergone. Reuben Ells, who has managed the store for the last 18 months, will continue to hold his position in this newly-furnished department store. Local business people and other friends wish the Saylor's continued success and are excited to see for themselves its proclaimed grandeur.

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

## BY THE WAY

## Melonville Comedy Festival brings laughs to Hermiston

Get ready to yuck it up with laughter as Melonville Comedy Festival returns to Hermiston. In its 28th year, the event is Friday, Jan. 28, 8 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road. Open to adults 21 and older, tickets are \$300 for a table for 10 or individual reserved seats are \$35 each — tickets purchased at the door are \$40.

See next week's Hermiston Herald for a full story. For more information, visit [www.melonville-](http://www.melonvillecomedyfestival.com)

[comedyfestival.com](http://www.melonvillecomedyfestival.com).

The American Red Cross is partnering with the National Football League to help tackle the worst blood shortage in more than a decade. People are urged to join the life-saving team and score big for patients in need.

Everyone who donates blood in January will be entered in a drawing for a trip for two to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles. In addition to game tickets, the winner will receive air-

fare, hotel accommodations for three nights and a \$500 gift card. An additional drawing will be held for Big Game at Home, a home theater package for you to host a Super Bowl viewing party.

Upcoming area blood drives include:

• **Thursday, Jan. 13,** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston.

• **Friday, Jan. 14,** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Roundup Athletic Club, Pendleton.

• **Monday, Jan. 17,** 12:45-5:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston.

For other dates and sites, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). To schedule a donation appointment, visit the website or call 800-733-2767.

• **The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Thursday, Jan. 13,** is pork loin, baked potato, vegetables and dessert. The menu for **Tuesday, Jan. 18,** is turkey sandwich,

mashed potatoes, vegetables and dessert. (In-house meals 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 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.

If an average picture is worth 1,000 words, the art

being shown at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., might be worth a million. Visit the library for its monthly art display. The photography of Belen Thomas is on view through Jan. 31.

The Boardman Senior Center is open for days and 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.