

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



BRODIE MESSENGER

Umatilla

How long have you lived in Umatilla?
We moved there in 2018.

You're married?
Yes, we got married July 4, 2017.

You remember your anniversary. How do you usually celebrate? Fireworks?
Usually, we go to friends' houses and we do watch fireworks. We've always wanted to go somewhere, but we never do. It's the Fourth of July, though, and I like to tell everyone that they're celebrating us.

Do you have special places to go in the area for date night?
I really don't have date night. It's just the two of us, and for weekends and evenings we don't really do much. We have favorite shows. There is one show, called "You" on Netflix. We really like that one, and we binged it together. It's kind of violent.

Are you a violent person?
No, not at all.

Why do you like watching violent programs, then?
I don't know.

What was the last good book that you've read?
I read a self-help book.

What did you learn?
Just how to be a better person. It talked about how to put yourself in other people's shoes and deal better with situations.

You do a lot of volunteering, right?
Just the warming station. I'm the chair and the treasurer, so there's a lot that goes into that. I pay the bills, I talk with volunteers.

What makes for good volunteers at the Hermiston Warming Station?
Being able to listen, having an open ear and hearing people. Also, following our rules. For me, as a board member, it makes it easier when we all know what's expected and know what to expect.

What do the guests at the station talk about?
They often have grievances about things, which is why it is so important to listen. Sometimes, you can hear them and offer help. I've been able to lead them to resources.

This is your last year as chair of the warming station board. How do you feel about that?
I'm excited for what's to come, but I'm also sad about the ending.

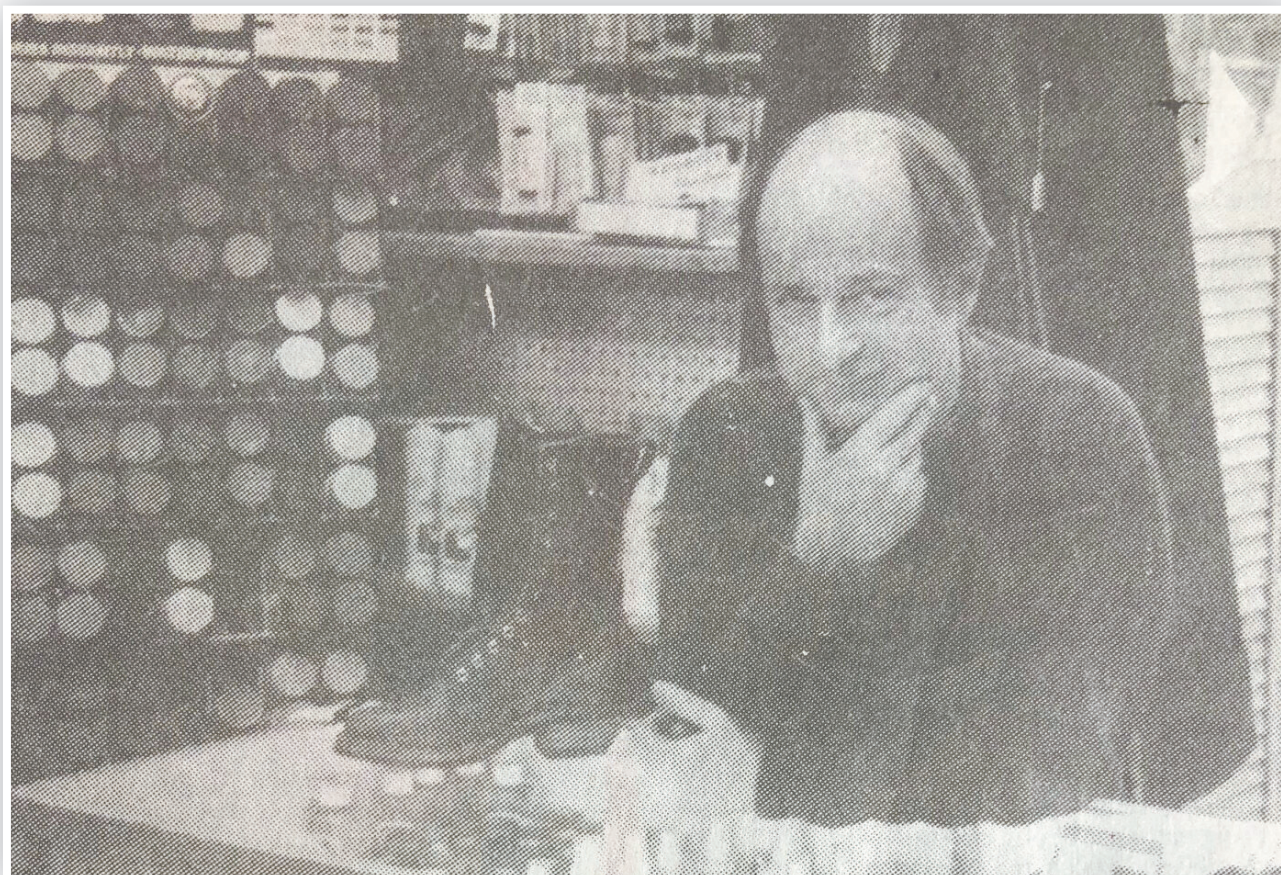
What's your regular job?
I'm a soft count supervisor at the casino. I'm in the department that counts all the money. I manage that team.

Do you enjoy that work?
Yes, I enjoy the people I work with. It's a good job.

Do you see yourself doing something different in the future?
Yes, but I don't know what that is. I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up. There's a lot of different things that interest me. I've thought that maybe I'd like to be a teacher or work in human resources. I don't know what my path is yet. I guess I'm still working on that.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Business owner donates to library



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Martin Krogh, a Hermiston shoe repair man, challenges other businesses to join him in donating \$100 to support the Hermiston Public Library.

25 YEARS AGO Jan. 21, 1997

When hearing about the city's proposed library budget cuts, Martin Krogh decided something needed to be done.

Owner of the Martin Krogh Shoe Repair store in Hermiston, Krogh wrote a \$100 check to donate to the library's budget and challenged other Hermiston businesses to do the same. The budget will be cut from \$13,000 to \$8,000 in the 1997-98 fiscal year, approximately one-fifth of what other libraries of similar size have. Claiming "a library is one of the centerpieces of the town. It's a vital institution in our community," Krogh didn't want to see it impoverished.

Krogh is optimistic his plan will work, as a similar instance occurred 30 years ago in his hometown of Bend. Many Bend businesses donated \$100 each to support the struggling library and within two weeks, a whopping \$10,000 had been raised. Krogh hopes to see the same happen here, stating "I'm just a shoe repair guy — if I can come up with \$100, why can't all the other businesses in town?"

50 YEARS AGO Jan. 20, 1972

Captain Warren S. Mink's military career has brought him all over the U.S., in a rather zig-zag, cross-continental fashion, with his newest assignment probably being the most favorable location of them all — Hawaii.

To start off, Mink enlisted into the Army in 1966 after receiving an undergraduate degree in engineering technology from the University of Illinois. Then, he traveled to the Pacific Northwest for basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington, and a year later to the east coast where he entered Engineer Officer Cadet School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

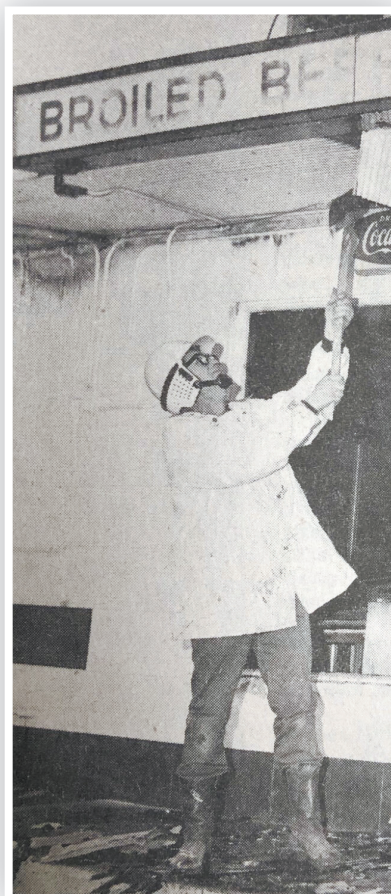
After being commissioned, Mink went back to the West Coast where he was assigned as a training officer at Fort Ord., California, and then across the continent to attend ranger and jump schools at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Next, he served in Vietnam as a platoon leader and staff member



Hermiston Herald, File

In 1997, students from Armand Larive Middle School's tech lab receive a tour of a newspaper printing facility by Hermiston Herald press foreman, Clay Hendon.



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Remains of the Chuck Wagon Drive-In, whose interior was destroyed by fire two days before in 1972.

of the 173rd Airborne Brigade for a year before his assignment to the Umatilla Army Depot.

For 18 months, Mink has served in this area as an advisor to local families of servicemen in Southeast Asia. He will now be moved to Hawaii, accompanied by his wife, Grace, to work as a construction unit company commander at the Schofield Barracks.

75 YEARS AGO Jan. 21, 1947

• Bert Nation, the local deputy sheriff, will travel a long distance to retrieve a local criminal who somehow wound up in Michigan. Byron Fernon, who is held on a forgery charge committed in this area last May when he cashed \$350 worth of false checks, is currently in the hands of Lansing, Michigan police authorities. Nation plans to leave on Jan. 24 and return within two weeks with the runaway convict.

• The governor of Oregon, Julius L. Meier, also plans to leave the area on a mission — but one much different than retrieving a culprit. He will be traveling with state budget director Henry Hazen and attorney Colonel A.E. Clark to our nation's capital, where they'll meet with congressional leaders connected with the Columbia River power projects. Expecting to be absent for about three weeks, Willard L. Marks, president of the Senate, will fill Meier's chair in Salem until he returns.

BY THE WAY

Registration opens for children's flag football in Umatilla

The early bird gets the discount for **kids flag football** — the **city of Umatilla** invites parents to register children ages 4-12 by **Monday, Feb. 7** to receive a \$10 discount. The early bird fee is \$40 per child, the regular fee is \$50 and the fee for people who are not Umatilla residents is \$60.

Register at www.umatilla-city.org.

The season kicks off **April 9** and runs through **May 21**. There is a mandatory **Meet my Coach Day** on **Saturday, April 2**, the time to be announced. Games are on Saturdays at the Third Street soccer fields.

Also, **volunteer coaches** are needed. For more information, contact **Hannah Keister** at 541-922-3226 or hannah@umatilla-city.org.

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For those of us who have **off Christmas tree disposal** until now, there is still time to rid ourselves of browning holiday timber. **Until Jan. 31**, you can drop trees off to be recycled.

Recycled trees will live to see another another day as mulch in Hermiston parks.

Remove all ornaments, lights and decor. Leave trees

on the pile of Christmas trees at **Butte Park**, 1245 N.W. Seventh St., Hermiston.

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Drop by the **Hermiston Public Library**, 235 E. Gladys Ave., for several fun activities and displays throughout the remainder of January.

First, there is the library's monthly **art display**. January's display shows off the work of **Belen Sofia**, a local photographer.

Also, you can go to the library for **Story Time**, a weekly reading to children. It takes place on each **Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.**

If your visit to the library occurs on **Thursday, Jan. 20**, you can also take in **Family Movie Night**. At 6 p.m., Disney and Pixar's "Luca" will be screened. It is a coming-of-age story about a young boy experiencing an unforgettable summer. Luca shares his amazing adventures with his friend Alberto, but their fun is threatened by a deeply held secret — they are sea monsters from a world below the water's surface.

There also is **Teen Anime Trivia Night**. Visitors to this monthly activity, **Jan. 24, 6 p.m.**, are welcome to

join library staff for a night of snacks, drinks and anime trivia. Trivia questions will be of trending animes, such as "Demon Slayer," "Jujutsu Kaisen," "Fruits Basket," "One Piece," "Haikyuu!" and more.

Trivia winners will receive prizes.

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The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for **Thursday, Jan. 20**, is beef stew, biscuit, fruit and dessert. The menu for **Tuesday, Jan. 25**, is Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, fruit and dessert.

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.

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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**.