

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Hermiston

Were you born in Hermiston?

I was born and raised here. I only left in 2018 for three years to go to college. Then I came back.

Where did you go to college?

The Art Institute of Seattle.

So you're an artist?

Yes. I went there for fashion design. Now, I do alterations and I make custom shirts. So I have a side business, Olivo Alterations and Design. I work out of my home. I'll do hemming, zippers and I'll make shirts for birthdays. I do a lot of funeral shirts, ones with the image of the person on them and lettering.

What's it like going to an art school?

It's different. It's fun. I really liked the project assignments. I'd have sewing projects, and it wouldn't be like a class with something on the board. You'd be at a sewing machine. Like I said, it was different, and I liked it.

Do you miss it?

I do. I was supposed to get my bachelor's in Portland. But I took a break during the summer, I came here, met my ex-husband, had a baby and put things on pause.

You'll go back to school though, right?

I don't know. I have four kids now. So I'm just juggling a lot.

Do you like being a mom?

Yes.

What do you like about it?

Going to games, teaching them what I was taught. Things like that. There are morals and culture that my mom gave to me. That's what I'm teaching them.

So you're a very family-oriented person, right?

Yes. Right now, I'm helping my mom take care of my grandmother. My grandpa passed away last year from COVID. That's when I stepped in to help. She's 96.

Such a terrible disease. Have you been affected by COVID in any other way?

We all got it at the house, but it was my grandfather's passing that was hardest on all of us at the house. That was the big thing, especially for my kids. You know, we did everything with the masks. We were careful. Everyone in the house had it, except my kids and my grandma. It was crazy she didn't get it.

You're probably like the rest of us, and will be excited when this is done. What will you do when the pandemic is over?

We'll have a party. We've had parties, but small ones. I guess we'll just have a bigger one when it's over. Other than that, I don't know. Right now, I'm just busy with the kids. That won't change. I'll always be busy with them and their sports.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Man saved from drowning 25 years ago

25 YEARS AGO
March 11, 1997

The keen eyes of a semi-truck driver and fortunate location of a passing motorist saved the life of an unlucky man whose boat had capsized in the Columbia River.

The man found himself in this situation when his craft's anchor caught in the propeller, causing it to overturn. He was attempting to swim to shore, but the cold waters of the river made this a very difficult activity and posed the danger of drowning.

Myron McCrady, a passing semi-truck driver, spotted a man struggling in the water and called 911. While responders were on their way, nearby motorist William Hunt of Pendleton heard of the incident on his police scanner and hurried down the steep bank to the shoreline. Responding Umatilla patrol officer Bill Wright was also nearby, and together they were able to help the man get to shore.

Soon after, a rescue team from the Benton County Plymouth District Fire Department arrived and treated the man until the Umatilla Fire Protection ambulance crew came. Besides suffering from hypothermia, it seems the man escaped without other major injuries.

50 YEARS AGO
March 9, 1972

Dr. Jack A. Woodhall, a 58-year-old Milton-Freewater dentist and farmer, is the newest candidate for the state Senate seat vacated by Sen. Raphael R. Raymond, a Helix Republican.

Woodhall grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and has lived in Oregon the past 32 years. He worked in the plastering contracting business with his father and brothers in Walla Walla before graduating from Walla Walla College. From there, he attended the University of Oregon Dental School.

Upon graduating in 1947, he moved to Heppner with his wife, Bernice, and five children. Woodhall practiced dentistry there for three years, and then moved to Milton-Freewater where he continued working as a dentist and farmer.

He claimed that he intends to represent the low-and middle-income classes, saying, "I feel that these people are not adequately represented in the Legislature."

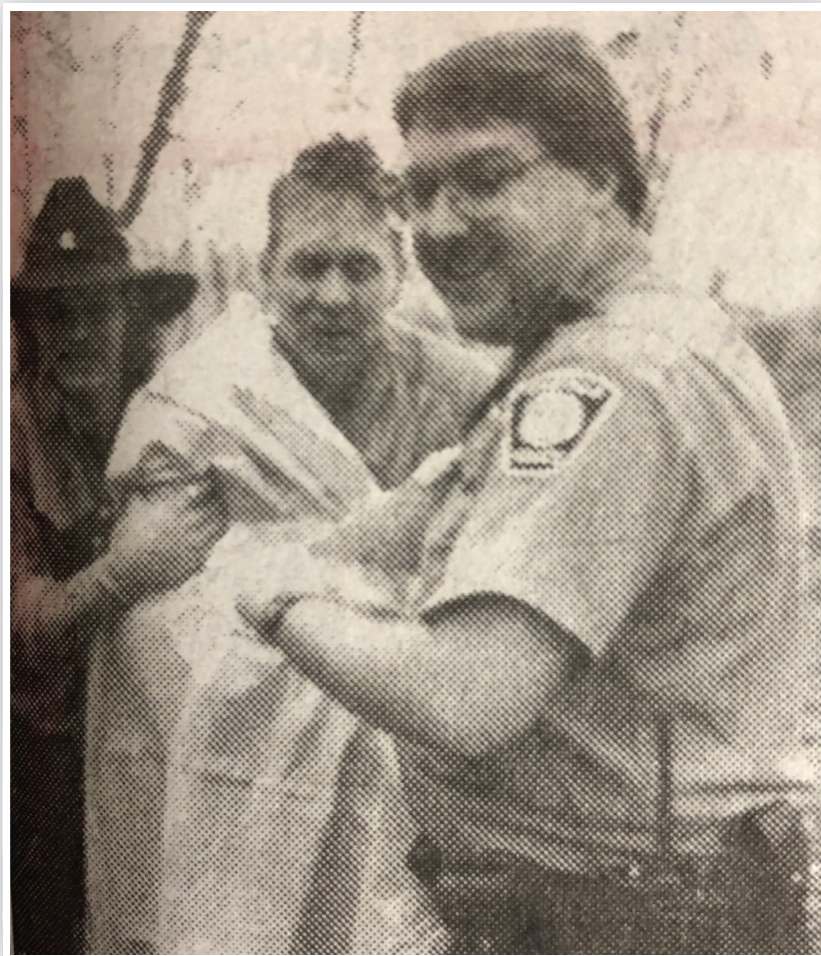
Like many people today, he also opposes high medical costs; "It is my belief that we all have a right to health (...). Any family confronted with prolonged illnesses should not be burdened beyond their ability to pay because of high medical costs."

75 YEARS AGO
March 13, 1947

To prepare for the expected influx of development and population in the Hermiston area, the Pacific Power & Light company began undertaking the largest program in its history.

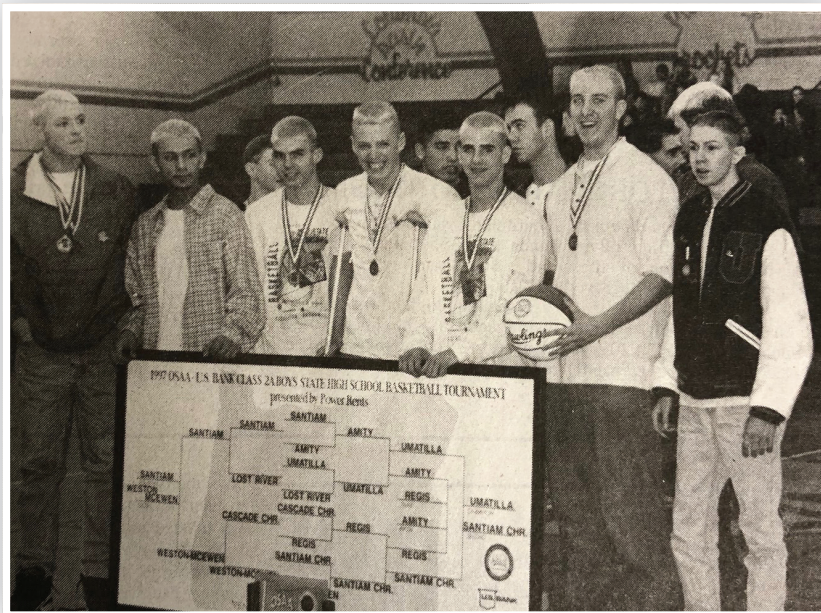
Curtis Simons, Pacific Power & Light's local manager, explains that a new 25000-KVA transformer will be installed at the company's substation to boost power delivery in this area by more than 60%. This new transformer, which is nearly completed, will arrive in May along with a new voltage regulator twice the size of the present equipment.

Other installations include a complete rebuild of the existing distribution feeder lines, which will increase the carrying capacity from 7,200 to 12,000 volts.



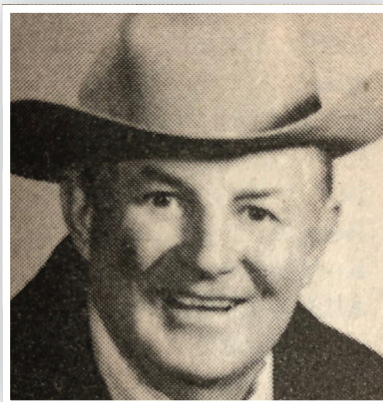
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William Hunt and patrol officer Bill Wright help rescue a man whose boat capsized in the Columbia River in 1997.



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The Umatilla Vikings basketball team celebrate their school's first-ever sports championship after beating Santiam Christian, 59-54, in Pendleton in 1997.



Hermiston Herald, File

Dr. Jack A. Woodhall became a state Senate candidate in 1972.

Also, new copper conductors are planned to be installed in the electrical distribution system within the next two months.

In addition, Simons says a large share of more than \$90,000 worth of additional distribution lines to serve new homes, businesses and industrial establishments will take place in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

All these improvements are part of Pacific Power & Light's \$3,874,000 system-wide construction program, and will be a great luxury to the residents of the area.

90 YEARS AGO
March 10, 1932

With spring right around the corner, the Hermiston Commercial Club decided it was time to start discussing "Clean-Up and Paint-Up Week" and tree planting.

At a recent meeting, President Felthouse appointed a committee to meet with the city council to assist in arranging the annual clean-up day for Hermiston. This day will be part of the nation-wide Clean-Up and Paint-Up Week, which is scheduled for April 16 to 23. Some of the members in this committee include Jarvie Deurfey, Ceo. Wagner and Joe Norton.

Another committee was appointed to promote tree planting in Hermiston, which consisted of T.H. Fraser, Antone Soneson and H.A. Pankow. Many trees have been cut down within city limits this past year, and this committee plans not only to replace them but to plant additional trees as well.

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

BY THE WAY

Hermiston Lion Club sells chowder to support local charities

The **Hermiston Lions Club** is at it again. This time, club members are selling **Mos's Famous Clam Chowder** as they gather money for their many local charities and scholarships.

Mos's homemade base is being sold at \$15 per quart, homemade bread is selling at \$6 per loaf, garlic cheese butter is \$6 per pint and cobblers are \$25 a pan. You can order through March 22 for pickup on March 30 in the **West Park Elementary School** parking lot. Call **541-567-8301** to order your goodies today.

The **Boardman Chamber of Commerce** is welcoming people for a night of denim and diamonds, as one of the biggest days of the year in Boardman is upon us.

The 32nd annual **Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet** is 6 p.m., **Thursday, March 12**. It is held at the **Port of Morrow Riverfront Center**, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. Tickets are \$40 per person for dinner, which is catered by **Paradise Rose Chuckwagon**.

Visit boardmanchamber.org/awards for more information.

Join **Hermiston Parks and Recreation** for **Sing! Play! Jump!** This is an event for parents with children 18-36 months old to share movement, games and singing while participating with their children. Classes start **Thursday, March 10, 4:30-5 p.m.** This event, located

at the **Hermiston Community Center**, 415 S. Highway 395, is to help with increasing body control, motor skills and creativity through music and activities.

Register at bit.ly/hermistonrecreation.

The friendly folks at the **city of Umatilla** are promoting **Spring Break Camp**. They have scheduled fun activities, including a police and fire department tour, fishing in Nugent Park, an outdoor scavenger hunt and plenty of fun games and crafts. It is **March 21-24** and is for youths 16-18 years old.

Register before **Wednesday, March 16**, at secure.recl.com/OR/umatilla-or/catalog.

Attention: teenagers. Visit the **Hermiston Public Library**, 235 E. Gladys Ave., on **Tuesday, March 15**, at 5 p.m. for **Teen Anime Club**. Discussion is open to all things anime and manga.

Join fellow painters for an afternoon of fun at the **Hermiston Public Library**, 235 E. Gladys Ave. On **Saturday, March 12**, starting at 3 p.m., the library invites folks to **Paint Night**. All supplies will be provided. All you have to bring is your creative talent.

Visit your friends at the **Boardman Chamber of Commerce** for their **quarterly in-person luncheon**

on **Wednesday, March 16, 12-1:30 p.m.** at the **Port of Morrow Riverfront Center**, 2 Marine Drive N.E., Boardman.

The event will include its annual general membership meeting. To ensure there's enough food, RSVP by **Monday, March 14**. The meal, which is \$15, is catered by **Midway Bar & Grill**.

Find registration information and other chamber events, search www.boardmanchamber.org. For questions, call **541-481-3014**.

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for **Thursday, March 10**, is pork loin, scallop potatoes, vegetables and dessert. The menu for **Tuesday, March 15**, is beef stroganoff, vegetables 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.

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**.