

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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If there's one thing that I know about you, it's that you love movies and you've been to several opening night showings. What are some of the most memorable ones?

I've been to most of the Star Wars movies for midnight showings, same with Harry Potter and others. The biggest one I remember is "Star Wars: Episode I," which we saw 13 times in theaters. On the 13th viewing, we walked out after the pod race scene, because we realized it was too many. It's a good time, and I like to go with family.

You're a family man. Can you tell me about them?

Absolutely. I have an amazing, wonderful soon-to-be wife. I have a beautiful daughter who turns 10 in April.

You enjoy being a dad?

I love it. I love it.

What's the best thing about being a dad?

There's so much, I don't know where to begin. I see my daughter grow up, and I see similarities. I see how she experiences life, and it's great. It's a cool feeling, and I don't know how to explain it. If you have a kid, you'd know. It's just one of those feelings where you'd do anything for them, anything. You just want to make sure they're happy and safe.

How is it watching movies with her?

Watching movies is a tradition in my family, and she likes it. It'll probably be something that continues long after I'm gone, and it's nice knowing that I'm sharing something that can be passed on.

Have you seen "The Batman" yet?

No, not yet, but I have seen "Spiderman: No Way Home." I loved it, and my daughter loved it, too. She's somewhat into superheroes. She's more into anime, though.

Can you tell me about your store, Infinity Watch Collectibles?

Absolutely. I've been open for a little over a year. I was closed for a while because of COVID, so I don't really count that. We sell a little bit about everything, so keep in mind that we are a collectible shop, not just a card or comic shop. We have everything. My whole thing about being a storeowner is that I'm not in it to make a million dollars. I'm not going to be the next Jeffery Bezos. I'm just trying to put food on the table, live somewhat comfortably and give my customers a good deal. I want everyone to get good deals, have a good experience and come back.

Can you describe your customers?

They are great. I have some amazing customers. When most people come in here, they will see something that makes them light up. To see them get excited, it's a good feeling.

You're a collector, too. What is your Holy Grail — that one item that you don't have that would make you smile?

A first-edition Charizard or Blastoise. These are Pokemon cards. Pokemon is the first card game that I ever collected, and so I have a nostalgic connection to it. If I could ever get my hands on a first-edition Blastoise, I'd probably faint.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Tin man resurfaces in Hermiston 25 years ago

25 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1997

When Wayne Hamilton sold his metal scrap shop and the giant tin man he had made for advertising, he did not think he would end up seeing it again 50 years later.

After returning from WWII, Hamilton completed his metal apprenticeship and started a business. To attract customers, he created a giant tin man.

"I needed some sort of advertisement and this is what I came up with," he said. When he retired in 1971 and sold his shop to a business in Prosser, the tin man went as well.

Since then, Hamilton lost track of its whereabouts — until it was somehow returned to him one day. Hamilton decided to give his tin man to Road Runner Steel Metal in Hermiston, where he had been teaching an apprentice program.

Co-owner Dale Rincker said they would use it for its original purpose, but it was decided to create a new tin man due to all the wear and tear it had endured. However, there are still plans to display the original tin man on the roof it stood half a century ago.

50 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1972

The highly talented, Hermiston native musician, Martha Leib Cermark will present a public concert here in preparation for her audition to the San Francisco Opera.

The singer, now 24, began her musical career at the young age of four. She continued studying under numerous teachers, including Rex Harmon of Hermiston (1963) and Ted Roy of Pendleton (1964 to 1966).

Martha also sang in the Walla Walla Symphony in 1965, and after graduating from Hermiston High School in 1966, began four years at the University of Oregon where she majored in applied music in voice.

Martha traveled to Europe with her professor, Exine Bailey, during the summer of 1968 and studied Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, under Franz Osterburger.

This is also where she met and married her husband, Brad Cermark.

Upon returning to the States, Martha was accepted into the Portland Opera Association chorus in 1970.

The program to be presented will contain four sections: music from 1685 to 1750s, a heavy-classical song cycle, an opera aria group of two songs in Czech and a medley of American folk songs.

75 YEARS AGO

April 3, 1947

"St. John" was the name chosen for the new Episcopal Church that will serve Hermiston and the surrounding areas.

Negotiations are currently underway to purchase a piece of downtown Hermiston property, where a church building will be erected as soon as possible. Regular services have been held in the Labor Temple building since last November, and will continue until this process is complete.

Rev. J.M.B. Gill of Pendleton, executive secretary of the Eastern Oregon district, plans to move to Hermiston to continue work in the parish. A bishop's committee, which will conduct the mission's business affairs, was also recently selected by



Hermiston Herald, File

In 1997, Wayne Hamilton's original tin man finds its way back to his metal shop after 50 years.



Hermiston Herald, File

The 1997 Easter Bonnet winners were Evelyn Reece, "Prettiest;" Irene Miller, "Zaniest;" Joanne Fitzgerald, "Most Original;" and Maxine Poulson, "Oldest."



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The 1972 winners in the Seventh-day Adventist Church's "Oldest Bible" contest were Margaret Engelhart, second place, and Elise Jones, first.

the Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton. Among its members are: L.C. Kimsey (chairman), Ladd Sherman, W.W. Felthouse Jr., Mrs. Royal Conley, Herbert Guderian and Frederick J. Mullen.

The name, location and officials have all been squared out. Now all that is left to complete is the actual building of the church itself.

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



Hermiston Herald, File

In 1972, accomplished opera singer Martha Leib Cermark will treat Hermiston residents with a concert.

BY THE WAY

Send Easter event information to the Hermiston Herald

As we're hopping along getting closer to **Easter**, we're asking local churches, service clubs and community groups to let us know about your Easter happenings.

Are you hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt**, is **Peter Rabbit** making an appearance? If so, please provide us with the pertinent details — including the name of the event, the targeted age group, the date, time and place (including physical address).

Also, if there is a fee, let us know. In addition, contact information is helpful — in case we have questions or if readers want more information.

Send details to community@eastoregonian.com no later than **Thursday, April 7** (the sooner, the better). We will compile the information for the **April 13** edition of the **Hermiston Herald** — just in time for Easter weekend, which is **April 15-17**.

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There are still a few days left to order **Mother's Day** flowers through the **Hermiston Lions Club** fundraiser.

The orders must be placed by **Friday, April 1** via a link at www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/hermiston or by calling **541-567-8301**.

They will arrive just in time for Mother's Day — available for pickup **May 5**, 3-6 p.m. at **West Park Elementary School**, 555 S.W. Seventh St., Hermiston.

Options include red or lavender geranium, and mixed flowers in a bowl or hanging baskets. They range in price from \$25-\$75. Money raised from the sale benefits Lions Club projects, including its scholarship program and providing sight and hearing needs.

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Don't forget the annual **Arbor Day** free tree giveaway is **Saturday, April 2**, 9 a.m. in the parking lot at the **Hermiston Community Center**, 415 S. Highway 395.

Sponsored by the **Hermiston Rotary Club** and **Hermiston Parks and Recreation**, the event is being held nearly a month before National Arbor Day, which is April 29. The parks department said they have found people are more successful in getting the tree starts to grow when they are planted the first part of April. For more information, call **541-667-5018**.

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Pick up "**The Healing of Natalie Curtis**," now available at the **Hermiston Public Library**, 235 E. Gladys Ave. This book, by **Jane Kirkpatrick**, is about a musician who suffers a breakdown but then discovers Native American music and culture and recovers.

The library's book club, **Bookminders**, will discuss the book **April 12**, starting at 1:30 p.m.

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If you're a rock music fan, you will be barking up the wrong tree at an upcoming **Hermiston Public Library** event. However, rock hounds will be pleased with the library's monthly display, **Hat Rock Hounds**, starting **Friday, April 1**.

Rocks will be on display at the library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., throughout the month.

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The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for **Thursday, March 31**, is baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables and dessert. The menu for **Tuesday, April 5**, is biscuit and sausage gravy, hash brown patty and fruit.

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**.