

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



DAVE BEATY

Hermiston

Can you tell me about your job?

I've been a restaurant/store manager (at Pizza Hut). I'm also a shift leader, which means I do anything and everything in the restaurant to make it happen.

What does that mean?

I could be a server, a delivery driver, managing everything at the same time. I've been trained to do all the jobs here, and I train others, including high school students. And this is important, because it makes them ready to be good community members, going on in their lives to do good things.

Do you like this job?

Yes, it is a job that I like. I've told my bosses that this is the last job I ever want. I've been with Pizza Hut since October of 2015. You know, a lot of restaurants are similar when it comes to management. The job is the same. The people and the food is the difference.

What are the qualities of an effective manager?

They've got to understand themselves, and they've got to be nice. If they don't walk through the door, being good to other people, you shouldn't have this job. Sometimes that means that you leave your problems behind. You don't let a negative attitude from things outside work affect how you treat people in work.

Do you have any hobbies?

My hobby is my 12-year-old daughter. Twelve years ago, we thought we were done, me and my wife. I have seven kids, five grandkids and a couple of great-grandkids. This keeps me busy, extremely busy.

What sorts of things do you enjoy doing with your family?

We like to go camping, playing in the rocks and in the river. We just like having fun and playing. Sometimes, we go to the thrift shop.

What was the last great treasure that you found at a thrift shop?

I found another Seahawk glass for my wife. You know, I'm not a sports fan at all, but my wife is a dedicated diehard. She has been a fan since day one. Come Super Bowl, my daughter and I go to Chuck E. Cheese, while she watches the game without us.

What other things do you enjoy doing with your daughter?

She likes doing arts and crafts. She likes clay and painting. We always enjoy going out and finding tree branches that we trim and use with her modeling. She makes all sorts of decorations and jewelry. We spend a whole lot of time outside. Drilling through rocks is our big challenge right now.

Do you have any favorite locations nearby?

We like to go out to the Umatilla River. There's a bench out there that we like. We don't fish, but we have all the equipment. That's something that we might have more time for soon. With my stepping down, we should have time for that kind of thing.

Are you retiring?

No, not retiring. When I stepped down from the store manager position, that gave me more time for my daughter and my wife. I'd like to go camping and take the family to Lake Stuart, while I can still make it.

Is there any reason why you wouldn't make it?

I'm 56 years old. That might not sound real old, but it is when you are taking a 13-mile hike. It gets hard, especially when you are carrying your backpack and someone else's.

Some things get harder with age, but is there anything that gets easier?

Smiling actually comes a lot easier, because you remember all the things you've been through.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Donkey ranch creates fun for owners 25 years ago

25 YEARS AGO

April 15, 1997

If you are looking for fuzzy, affectionate little creatures, miniature donkeys are the way to go. Just ask Bill and Sue Morgan, because they own over 15 on their "Half-Ass Ranch".

"They're like raising kids except they don't talk back, they're always good and when they want to eat they let you know," Bill Morgan said.

Native to the islands of Sicily and Sardinia, miniature donkeys have an average life span of 25 to 40 years, weigh approximately 200-450 pounds and are fairly easy to care for.

The jennies, which are the females, just graze while the jacks, which are males, only need to be fed once a day. Surprisingly, these low-maintenance animals have quite a high selling price.

"It's not unusual to pay \$7,000 for a jennie," Sue Morgan explained.

Their animals appeared to be doing very well. Nearly half of the donkeys would soon be registered by the International Miniature Donkey Association, meaning they have fair conformation, are in a good state of health and are the right size. Once the registration happens, the Morgans could then raise the selling prices. But even if these donkeys were not to bring in as much dough, the Morgans said they would still be overjoyed to have them as companions.

50 YEARS AGO

April 13, 1972

Hermiston Music Director John Sheeley was beyond belief when he learned that the Hermiston Jazz Band was selected to attend the first "Jazz Internationals" workshop and competition in Europe.

About 30 American high school jazz bands and chorus groups were chosen to participate in this program, which includes educational workshops in London and a festival competition in Paris. Participation is by invitation alone, which is based on reputation and excellence in performance.

"It's an honor to be included in a group selected to insure America will be represented at her best," Sheeley said.

In addition, scholarships would be administered to outstanding individual performers and groups on both the high school and college levels. But that's not all. These scholarships would be awarded in the name of jazz legends Stan Kenton and John Lewis, both of whom are expected to attend the awards ceremony in Paris.

For now, the approximately 20 jazz students who will be attending this trip of a lifetime are putting everything they have into practice. After all, upon receiving this grand honor to learn and perform overseas, they want to be ready.



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Sax soloist Bruce Martin was among the Hermiston Jazz members selected to attend the 1972 International Jazz workshop and competition in Europe.

75 YEARS AGO

April 17, 1947

Hermiston was given the honor of hosting the first Traildusters Spring Horse Show, scheduled to take place at the county fairgrounds on April 20.

The program would be divided into two age categories, children under 16 and all other adults. The surrounding riding clubs received invitations, but anyone is able to participate in any of the events for their age group.

Events for those in the child category include Musical Ropes, Three-gaited class, Hands and Seat, Bending Race and Western Parts Pairs. The adults have the options of participating in Musical Chairs, Stock Horse Event, Pajama Race, Bending Race and a Pleasure Class. Though not experienced in the terms of horse events myself, these sound quite enjoyable.

The expected highlights of the show are the exhibition of Kenneth Rodgers' gaited American Saddlebred stallion, "Governor's Lad," and the drill work to be displayed by the Pendleton Junior Mustangs team. Outlooks are pretty positive for this event, with everything from racing to exhibition to display of discipline to keep horse enthusiasts of all interests entertained.

90 YEARS AGO

April 14, 1932

Though Mother's Day is still a ways off, mothers will be honored and celebrated at the unveiling of "The Pioneer Mother" statue at the University of Oregon.

This masterpiece was created by the renowned Alexander Phimister Proctor, whose sculptures depicting animals and Western life are on display at several Oregon colleges and public areas. At the University of Oregon, his statue will receive an honorable place near Gerlinger Hall.

All Pioneers of Oregon, students and mothers would be welcomed and encouraged to attend this ceremony, May 6-8. Throughout the remainder of the weekend, dormitories would be opened and the whole university would unite to show these mothers hospitality and homage.

In addition, special events were being planned and the mothers would have places of honor at all junior weekend events.

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



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In efforts to save the Hermiston pool, fifth graders Steven Dewald and Mychal Bert join others at a car wash fundraiser in 1997.



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Twenty-five years ago, Bill Morgan shows his love for miniature donkeys by giving the youngest jenny, Ester, a kiss.

BY THE WAY

Irrigon Citizen Recognition Banquet is planned for April 16

The Irrigon Chamber of Commerce is preparing for its annual citizen recognition banquet.

Time to Shine is Saturday, April 16, 5-8 p.m. at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon. Tickets for the dinner are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. In addition, wine and beer will be available for purchase.

Advance tickets can be purchased at the chamber office, 420 N.E. Main Ave., the Bank of Eastern Oregon, 230 S. First St., or by calling 541-626-2045. For more information, visit www.irrigonchamber.com.

Hermiston's middle school and high school music programs have a special treat for all of us. They will present their annual **All City Music Concert** on Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Come see the work the bands and choirs are doing to build these programs. Band is at 6:30 p.m. and choir starts at 7:10 p.m. Also, there will be a special tribute to our military.

The event is at **Hermiston High School**, 600 S. First Street. Admission is free.

Visit the **Blue Mountain Community College Workforce Training Center** on Wednesday, April 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a **Port of Morrow Warehousing Hiring Event**. The address

is 251 Olson Road, Boardman.

There will be on-site interviews. Job seekers should bring their resumes. Starting wage for these jobs is \$17.65, with medical coverage and a pension plan as a couple of the benefits.

Also, visitors will be able to try out a virtual reality forklift simulator.

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If you want to learn about diabetes and how to prevent it, **Good Shepherd Health Care System**, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston, has an event for you.

The **Diabetes Prevention Program** is a yearlong lifestyle change program for people with pre-diabetes and/or who are at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. It starts Thursday, April 14, 3 p.m. For information and registration, call 541-667-3509 or email healthinfo@gshhealth.org.

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The **Hermiston Public Library**, 235 E. Gladys Ave., is flush with upcoming events to fill out your calendar. Wednesday, April 19, 5 p.m., **Teen Anime Club**, will meet to discuss their favorite shows from Japan. **Family Movie Night** is April 20, 6 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available for that event. Also, **Story Time** continues as an in-person event every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

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The **United Way of the Blue Mountains** presents **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**. Each month, your child under the age of 5 can receive a carefully selected, high-quality book and have it mailed in their name directly to your home. There is no cost or obligation to your family.

Visit hermiston.or.us/library/page/kids-0 to learn about this program and others available for young children at the **Hermiston Public Library**.

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for **Thursday, April 14**, is ham, baked potato, carrots, deviled eggs and dessert. The menu for **Tuesday, April 19**, is meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn 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 **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.