## THREE MINUTES WITH...



# **Katie Sappington**

### Umatilla

#### Can you tell me about your new business?

I've been working for Java Junkies, itself, for seven years. Just last month, at the beginning of May, I went and bought part of the franchise, so now I own Irrigon Java Junkies. We're only about a month in, and so far, so good. It's definitely a new adventure, but I've been work*ing there a long time.* 

#### What do you like about the company?

I love everything, honestly. They're great people, the owners. The original owners are amazing people. I love what I do, making coffees and giving customer service. The customers are my favorite part.

#### What's the address?

520 E. Highway 730, Irrigon.

#### Do you like coffee?

Yes, I do. That was one main reason for the job in the beginning, seven years ago.

#### How many cups of coffee do you have every day?

I try to limit myself to one, but sometimes it's two, depending on the day.

#### Is there a special flavor?

My favorite is just a white chocolate americano with cream, but sometimes I get a little adventurous with some of our menu options. The most popular one right now is the Ana Bear. That's really good. Extra sweet. But I try to keep it simple. I don't like it very sweet. It has to be simple.

# Is there anything that distinguishes your Java Junkies from oth-

Not really. We kind of keep it the same. I know that customers have their favorite barista. A lot of my customers have been coming to me for the seven years that they have known me, so they kind of just stick to wherever I'm at. Now, that just happens to be in Irrigon.

# What do you think of Irrigon?

I love it. It's a small-town community. I love that we're well known here, because the town is not very big.

# How long have you lived in Umatilla?

I've lived in Umatilla for the last three years. The first four, I was living in Irrigon. I've only been in the area for seven years.

# Where did you live before that?

I was born and raised in Central Oregon. I lived in Sisters, Oregon, for most of my life. And then, before I moved here, I was in Redmond.

# What do you like about this area?

I like the farm-country living. I'm not a city person, and Redmond and Bend got way too large. So having a small city, in Umatilla and Irrigon, that really struck my attention to come here.

# Do you have any other hobbies?

choose to drink?

I like to go to the mountains with my boyfriend. We play in the snow. In the summer, we go camping.

If you weren't drinking coffee at Java Junkies, what would you

My go-to is Mountain Dew and water. There's also the occasional beer on the weekends, which is nice when it's sunny outside.

# **HERMISTON HISTORY**

# Overton planned release of second book 25 years ago

**25 YEARS AGO JUNE 10, 1997** 

Local western enthusiast Joice Overton's first book, "Cowboy Bits and Spurs," was a huge success, and she pleased many by announcing a second one was on the way.

Overton first expressed her passion for western history as a country-western songwriter and lyricist in 1987. In the early 1990s, her hit song "If It's Okay for Me to Cry" even reached number three among Europe's top-listed country songs.

After seven years in music, she switched to writing greeting cards for Leaning Tree, during which time she did research for her first book. "Cowboy Bits and Spurs" was soon published in February of 1997. Her second book, "Cowboy Equipment," was scheduled to come out

A significant aspect of the book's success was the value guide under each photo. This special feature gave collectors a price to compare and refer to, which she determined by attending numerous auctions.

The Hermiston Book Store had already sold several copies of "Cowboy Bits and Spurs" and planned to purchase more for an upcoming signing.

#### **50 YEARS AGO JUNE 8, 1972**

After he was "encouraged to such an extent," retired Umatilla County Deputy Sam Sellers decided to run for the County Sheriff position in the November elections.

Sellers was a Hermiston resident since 1946 and became a deputy with the sheriff's office in the late 1950s. After roughly ten years operating in the western portion of the county, he retired.

Prompted by vast encouragement, Sellers began collecting signatures for a petition that would allow him to enter the race on the independent ticket. His great admiration for the previous county sheriff of 25 years, Roy Johnson, who had died just that week, also motivated Sellers to run. He wanted to keep Johnson's program and style alive, he said.

"I do not feel drastic changes should be made now," he added.

#### **75 YEARS AGO JUNE 12, 1947**

After over five years, and much to canners' delight, sugar rations were lifted on June 11, 1947.

Agricultural Secretary Clinton P. Anderson said that he had planned to wait until July to lift the sugar ration, but mass resistance from southern housewives, who argued that July would be too late for canning, convinced him otherwise.

In announcing the awaited news, he said, "We decided to remove rationing now and give both southern and northern housewives a chance to do some canning."

The ration removal was a direct result of 350,000 tons of sugar having been delivered to the U.S. and the knowledge that an additional 200,000 tons stored in Java during the war would soon be on their way.

When asked if this sudden action would cause a run on sugar, Anderson disagreed,

claiming that he felt people would use their coupons as they become effective. In addition, price controls and rationing to industrial users would remain to ensure a swift economic transition.

#### **90 YEARS AGO JUNE 9, 1932**

Deputy Sheriff B.J. Nation and Hermiston Police Officer H.A. Pankow had an action-packed Thursday, having spent much of the day on the trail of three runaway criminals.

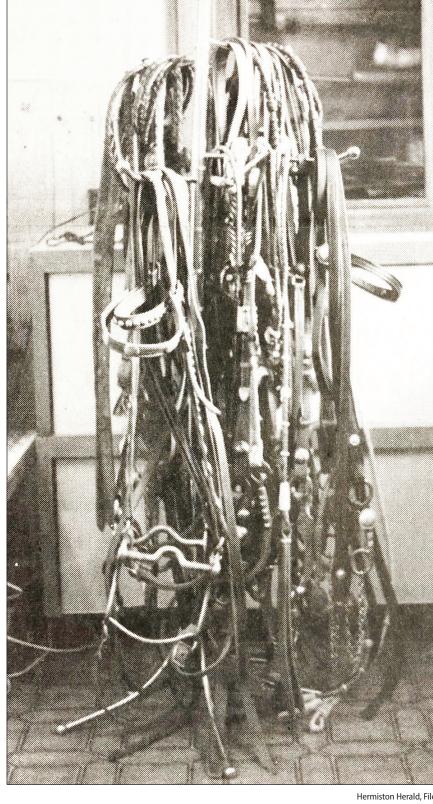
The men were caught in the act of breaking into the Union Pacific toolhouse Wednesday night. Nation arrived quickly on the scene, but a train prevented him from capturing and obtaining a definite description of the fugitives. Later, one of

the three were routed out and captured. The other two, however, had successfully escaped.

A Chevrolet car was found parked near the scene and contained stolen feed, 25 gallons of gas and oil, two guns, clothing, tools, multiple license plates and food. This car was believed to have been used by the thieves. The license plate was used to trace the car to the original owner, an Eastern Oregon resident, from whom it was stolen.

Though they were without many leads, Nation was optimistic the burglars had not gone far and were still in the vicinity. While that was comforting news for Nation and his staff.

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



Joice Overton's collection of rare cowboy bits and bridles was on display 25 years ago.

# Hermiston library offers free books for community read

The **Hermiston Public Library** is providing free copies of **Jane** Kirkpatrick's 2021 novel, "The Healing of Natalie Curtis." In addition, electronic access is available via the Library2Go app.

The historical fiction publication has been selected as the library's One Book, One Path Community Read. Kirkpatrick will discuss her writing process and read from the book July 14, 6 p.m. at the library, 235 E. Gladys Ave.

An award-winning author and speaker from Central Oregon, Kirkpatrick has penned more than three dozen fiction and nonfiction books — many based on the lives of historical figures.

For questions, call the library at 541-567-2882. Also, watch for an article about the author and the program later this month in the Hermiston Herald.

Speaking of free, the Hermiston Cultural Awareness Coalition is firing up the barbie for a Juneteenth Celebration. Mark your calendars for the event, which is June 18, 4-8 p.m. at McKenzie Park,

In addition to free food, music and kids activities, the celebration will highlight the importance and significance of Juneteenth –

**June 19, 1865** — which was designated as a federal holiday in 2021. It commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

Read a full story about the event in the June 15 edition of the **Hermiston Herald**. For more information, visit www.facebook. com/hcac2000.

People are invited to head to Pendleton for several events planned to celebrate Pride Month.

Kicking off the fun is Let'Er Drag, featuring talent from Pendleton and the Tri-Cities. It is Friday, June 10 at Electric Sundown, 14 S.E. Third St. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the drag show starts at 8 p.m.

Those ages 18-20 are welcome from 7-9 p.m., and the 21 and older crowd can party until midnight. Full bar service is available. Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$10 if purchased in advance via https://pflag.pendletontickets.com.

A Pride Parade is Saturday, June 11, 11:30 a.m. beginning at Brownfield Park, 12 S. Main St. In addition, vendor and information booths will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Museum Park, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave. for more information, search www.facebook. com/up.pride.50.

The 2022 season is gearing up at the **Hermiston Raceway**. Be sure to take a quick look at the current **Go! Magazine**, which is inserted in this edition of the **Hermiston Herald**.

It provides details on racing action that revs up Father's Day weekend. Unfortunately, because of the magazine's print schedule, it also includes information about racing originally scheduled for **Saturday, June 11** — that event has been canceled. For more information, visit www.hermistonraceway.com or search www.facebook. com/hermistonraceway.

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Thursday,

June 9, is lasagna, green salad, garlic bread and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, June 14, is sloppy Joes, macaroni salad, chips 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.



# PRIORITIES

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... but the world may be different because I was important in the Life of a Child.

