

2 LIGHTER SIDE

THREE MINUTES WITH...



Terry Cummings

Who are you and what do you do?

I am a retired minister and I currently serve as the lead chaplain for Hermiston Police Department and Umatilla County Fire District No. 1.

Where did you grow up? When did you come to Hermiston?

I grew up in (at that time) the little town of Eagle, Idaho. Population about 200 on a good day. My wife and I came to Hermiston in the fall of 2006 to be the interim pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, and they voted for us to stay, so we did.

What are a few of your hobbies?

I like to hunt, fish and do about anything outside. One of my indoor hobbies is leather work. I especially enjoy making belts, holsters and will tackle about anything else.

How do you spend your free time?

My free time is spent with my wife doing different things and trying to figure out how we can see our grandkids who do not live near us.

How would you describe yourself?

I am an easy going person with a positive outlook on life who tries to see the good in everyone and everything. I try to give people the benefit of the doubt until they prove me wrong. One of my life-philosophies is, "Let's agree to disagree agreeably."

What is something that you're passionate about?

I am passionate about my faith in and relationship with Jesus Christ, my family and serving our first responders. These men and women put their lives on the line daily for the rest of us and I am proud to be considered a part of their teams.

What are a few of your proudest accomplishments (can be personal or job related)?

I really can't take all of the credit for these but my sweetheart has stayed with me for 55 years, I have two grown children who love God and still love me and four grandchildren who love to spend time with their grandpa. These are worth more to me than anything else. I pastored full time for over 43 years and my wife and I still have friends from all of those churches — some going back to 1970. With the encouragement of Chief Jason Edmiston I was able to be a part of starting the first official chaplain's program here in Hermiston in 2011, and the fire district joined a bit later. But you see, all of these "accomplishments" were not mine alone. They resulted because I was privileged to work with others who made these things possible. And most of all the thanks and praise go to God for leading me and giving me what I needed and not what I deserved.

What do you like most about the community you live in?

The people. The friendliness of Hermiston's folks makes this town a place where I want to live.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Umatilla County Fair gets lots of ink 25, 50 years ago

25 YEARS AGO
AUG. 12, 1997

Kathryn McCluskey's Old Time Photo booth gave those attending the Umatilla County Fair the opportunity to relish in the past while providing funding for her private Christian schools.

McCluskey established the Three R's Schools, open to preschoolers through third grade, in Pendleton and College Place. With 125 students total, she encountered some monetary challenges, adding, "It's so expensive to run a school." Fundraisers such as this one enabled her to cover the rent while keeping tuition low.

Inspiration for the unique fundraising method came from McCluskey's 16-year-old daughter, who brought home a picture of herself sporting an old-fashioned outfit from a Washington fair. Since she used the same Polaroid film in her camera as that photographer had, McCluskey reasoned she could give it a try.

McCluskey searched remote shops for vintage clothing and some of her student's parents even crafted old-fashioned outfits. The result was a closet ranging from off-the-shoulder satin dresses, ruffles, marching band jackets trimmed with gold braid and more.

Since 1976, McCluskey had traveled to the Umatilla County Fair, Walla Walla Days, Pendleton Round-Up and other events to feature her Old Time Photo Booth.

50 YEARS AGO
AUG. 10, 1972

Although the 1972 Umatilla County Fair parade had fewer entries, parade chairman Tim Gilleese predicted it to be even better than previous ones.

To start off, there would be a greater number of larger floats, from the Umatilla Army Depot, Tri-Cities Water Follies, Pacific Power and Light, Milton-Freewater and Hermiston chambers of commerce and other organizations. In addition to the typical bands, political candidates, antique cars, riding clubs, church groups and fair and rodeo courts, the parade was expected to entertain a wide audience.

In addition, two color guards were to be featured in the parade, one from the



Kathryn McCluskey, left, takes a picture of Afton Gawith, 14, middle, and Meagan Allen, 13, at the Old Time Photo Booth during the 1997 Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.

Hermiston Herald, File

90 YEARS AGO
AUG. 11, 1932

With three new teachers, plans to continue the music program and their athletics coach attending the Olympic Games, Hermiston High School Superintendent R.H. McAtee was looking forward to the 1932-33 school year with excitement.

The high school faculty was to remain the same, with all three position adjustments occurring in the grade school. Rachael Slon would be the new first grade teacher, Clarence Henning in charge of second grade and eighth graders would be taught by Millie Holm. One position that had not been filled, though, was a full time music teacher.

To avoid termination of the progress made in their music department over the last couple of years, the school district planned to have a few teachers share the load and teach music to all grades. Also, arrangements were in motion for a part time high school orchestra and band teacher, though an official announcement had not yet been made.

Wallace J. Cochran would again teach athletics and coach the football team, but with a new style. Not only had he taken a special course on coaching at the University of California, but also attended the Olympic Games in Los Angeles over the summer. With the knowledge Cochran gained from both events, the upcoming football season was greatly anticipated.

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars and the other from the Disabled Veterans organizations. According to Gilleese, A.H. Norton, president of Inland Empire Bank, would march as the parade's grand marshal.

Starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, the 90 entries were scheduled to walk, drive, wheel and float from the fairgrounds, heading west from Orchard Avenue at Northwest Sixth Street, turning at Northeast Seventh Street, and looping all the way back to the formation area.

75 YEARS AGO
AUG. 14, 1947

Otis Jordan's Signal Service Station experienced an extremely close call with a fire, barely escaping an explosion.

A routine refilling of the station's gas tanks was occurring when static electricity started a fire under the bulk of the delivery truck. According to Jordan, flames began sprouting at the opening of one underground tank and then spread to the other tank while both were being refilled by the delivery truck. As you know, gasoline and flames are a highly dangerous combination and a huge fire erupted.

Thankfully, commercial fire extinguishing powder was soon applied and the fire was brought under control, but not before both the station and delivery truck sustained heavy damage. Though the damage would render a high cost in monetary terms, it was quite miraculous that the gas tanks on the truck did not explode, as they were heated considerably.

By The Way

Hermiston Herald celebrates with trio of ONPA newspaper awards

The **Hermiston Herald** is celebrating winning three individual awards in the **Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's** annual **Associate Member Publications Contest**.

Community editor **Tammy Malgesini** and Herald editor **Erick Peterson** both won awards in best local column. Malgesini took first place for a selection of her "Inside My Shoes" columns and "Peterson's Points" won the third-place award.

Former Herald photographer **Ben Lonergan's** "Dream Team Softball" photo took third place for best news photo.

The awards were for the **2021 calendar year**. ONPA announced the awards July 28-29, at Mount Hood Resort in Welches.

Another kind of celebration — and the more the merrier. It's been 45 years since the **Hermiston High School** class of 1977 turned the tassel. Fellow Dawgs from 1974-80 are invited to a multi-class reunion party weekend:

Friday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., no-host social at **Midway Bar & Grill**, 1750 N. First St.

Saturday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m., official reunion party at the **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center**, 255 N.E. 2nd St. (registration required).

Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 p.m., no-host after party at Hale's Restau-

rant & Lounge, 174 E. Main St.

Admission is \$35 for the official event, which includes dinner, dancing and music by **Brass Fire Band**. To register, contact **Lela Greg Loftus**, **Angel Piatt** or **Robin Peck Young** via Messenger. For more information, search Facebook for "Hermiston High School Class of 1977."

And don't forget, the **Hermiston Rotary Club Cowboy Breakfast** is at a new venue this year.

A 50-plus year tradition during the later part of fair week, Rotarians will serve up a hearty meal of pancakes, sausage, eggs, hash browns and fresh fruit. The breakfasts are **Friday, Aug. 12** and **Saturday, Aug. 13**, 6:30-10:30 a.m. at the **Hermiston Community Center**, 415 S. Highway 395.

The cost is by donation. Money will support the **Umatilla County Fair Youth Livestock Sale**.

The 34th annual **Farm-City Pro Rodeo** kicks off this week at the **Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center**, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. It runs nightly **Aug. 10-13**, 7:45 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$17 and reserved seats are \$20. Children's tickets are \$5 on **Wednesday, Aug. 10**.

Come early for mutton bustin'

contests. And after the last bull has bucked, adults are can linger in **Chute Eight** for drinks and dancing with **Dan Burns 3D Productions**.

Tickets are available at www.farmcityprorodeo.com and at the FCPR office, 975 S.E. Fourth St. For questions, call **541-564-8500**.

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for **Thursday, Aug. 11**, is hamburgers, chips, potato salad, fruit and dessert. The menu for **Tuesday, Aug. 16**, is spaghetti, cottage cheese, garlic bread 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**.

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