

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



**BETTY HIATT**

Owner of Columbia River Billing

**When did you come to the area and what brought you here?**

*Was born here at the old hospital.*

**What is your favorite local place to eat?**

*Right now my favorite local place to eat is Kobe sushi. Love it and the amazing service.*

**What is your favorite activity in your free time?**

*When I have free time, I love riding my 4-wheeler in the mountains with my husband.*

**What's the last book you read? Would you recommend it?**

*I don't enjoy reading, but daily I read "Battle of the Mind" by Joyce Meyers. I would recommend it highly!*

**What's your favorite website or app (other than Facebook)?**

*As far as apps, I really do not use any. Google probably the most.*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**

*What surprises me most about Hermiston, with the amount of growth we have had, is that we do not have a better selection in dining.*

**Describe your perfect travel destination.**

*My perfect travel destination would be 12 days in Bora Bora. It's on my bucket list!*

**Tells us about the last thing that made you laugh out loud.**

*The last time I laughed the hardest was two weeks ago with our granddaughters. We make up silly songs or dances, then we all get the giggles non-stop.*

**What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?**

*One of my goals in the next 12 months is to work on me, physically, emotionally, and spiritually*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**

*My proudest accomplishment would be a long marriage, and the adoption of our two amazing sons!*

**Volunteers needed for Rose Festival float**

A committee to create a mini-float for the Portland Rose Festival parade is seeking artistic and creative individuals to help with the project.

Volunteers are invited to attend a planning meeting Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St. Anyone interested in the project is invited to attend.

Made of all organic materials, the design of the float will represent and promote the city of Hermiston. The parade is in June in Portland.

For more information, contact Lilly Alarcon-Strong, Hermiston assistant city recorder, at 541-667-5004 or lalarcon-strong@hermiston.or.us.

HERMISTON HISTORY

25 Years

JANUARY 28, 1992

The top free throw shooters age 8-13 competed Saturday in the local competition of the 20th annual Elks Hoop Shoot at Armand Larive Junior High School.

The shooters took 25 free throws each, with the top two shooters in each age group earning berths in the district competition February 8 in Hermiston. Ties were broken with five-shot "shoot-offs".

District qualifiers were as follows:

Age 8-9: Boys-1, Joey Gutierrez, Sunset 17-25; 2, Jared Zabransky, Sunset 15-25.

Girls-1 Ariana Lloyd, Rocky Heights, 10-25 (won shoot-off); 2, Leanna Mehren, Highland Hills, 10-25.

Age 10-11: Boys-1, Geoff Carmine, Sam Boardman, 15-25 (won Shoot-off); 2, Randy Bell, Rocky Heights, 15-25.

Girls-1, Tess Dorherty, West Park, 12-25; Niki Garhart, Rocky Heights, 10-25 (won shoot-off).

Age 12-13: Boys-1, Lee Lafferty, Umatilla Junior High, 21-25; Randy Garhart, Rocky Heights, 18-25 (won shoot-off).

Girls-1, Stephanie Fialka, Armand Larive Junior High, 9-25; 2, Jenny Napolitano, West Park, 8-25 (won shoot-off).

50 Years

JANUARY 26, 1967

A stern warning regarding careless handling of dynamite was issued this week by Sam Sellers, Umatilla County Deputy Sheriff.

After receiving a tip from a local citizen Friday, Sellers said that he found about 75 sticks of dynamite within six feet of Craig Rd. The dynamite was in a stack about one and one-half feet long and six inches high. "It was enough to blow the neighborhood sky-high," he said.

Sellers said he called the Umatilla Army Depot, then proceeded to gingerly pack the dynamite in a carton, turned off the transmitter of his patrol car, refrained from smoking his traditional cigar, and drove to the east gate of the Umatilla Army Depot, where he was met by the UAD demolition team.

Sellers warned that disposing of dynamite in the



HERMISTON HERALD FILE PHOTO

**Jodie Hawes (23) and her Bulldog teammates erupt with joy after Jill Peterson sank a pair of free throws to beat Crook County in overtime during a game in January 1992.**

manner in which it was found on Craig Road is extremely dangerous to life and property.

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The Hermiston Elks Lodge No. 1845 was broken into and burglarized early Tuesday morning. Investigating officers of the Hermiston police report that approximately \$50 in money and liquor are presently known to have been taken.

Entry was gained via the front door by means of a pry bar and locking pliers, investigators say. The person, or persons, then attempted to jimmy several coin-operated machines on the lower floor.

They then proceeded to the second floor and forced the door of a private room. They were stymied in attempting to force open a safe which was mounted on concrete.

A metal box, containing \$6.50 in pennies, was forced open and all but four pennies were taken. Several bottles of whiskey and one quart of beer were included in the loot taken but the prowlers failed to molest the money changer machine or a glass containing change, which was evidently overlooked.

75 Years

JANUARY 29, 1942

John Anthony Soto, age 17, Monday received a sentence to die in the state gas chamber March 20 for the triple murders at the Cora Tobin ranch here Septem-

ber 25. In addition to Mrs. Tobin, he also killed her son, Kenneth Gorsuch and a nephew, Marvin Adams. He was given the extreme penalty by Circuit Judge C.L. Sweek at Pendleton where a jury returned a verdict of guilty without leniency.

Soto received the sentence without feeling and calmly replied "No," when asked if he had anything to say. He was taken to Salem Tuesday by Sheriff Bob Goad.

Sergeant Wilmer Inlow, who is well known in Hermiston, was killed in the December 8 attack on Pearl Harbor. News of his death was received here by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Laas, for whom he was employed for some time, and by Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Hill of Irrigon, where he resided.

Sgt. Inlow, according to news dispatches, met his death in action on that fatal day when the Japanese made their attack on unsuspecting Pearl Harbor. He is survived by his father, three brothers and two sisters.

100 Years

JANUARY 27, 1917

The O-W & N Company, through Farmer Smith, has made a proposition to the Commercial Club for the selling of Hermiston country lands direct to settlers from the east. The plan is a gigantic selling organization just being launched and will include cooperation with all communities along the O-W R & N in Oregon.

Mr. Smith, accompanied by Geo. H. Cutler, came to Hermiston Tuesday afternoon and in the evening stated the proposition to those of the Commercial Club who could be reached. Wednesday morning they went on to Echo, returning again in the evening. Thursday the entire day was spent here going over the in order for Mr. Cutler, who goes east as sales agent, to become more familiar with the situation.

The railroad proposition is to send Mr. Cutler east where he will personally look up people desiring to make a change. Every land owner who has holdings to dispose of is asked to list them with the Commercial Club, giving price per acre, terms improvements, if any and whatever other data is available concerning that particular tract.

Prospective settlers will be given lists covering the sort of farm they desire, wheat, fruit, alfalfa, etc. They will be taken to the community meeting their requirements and there turned over to the Commercial Club to be shown the particular tract and if satisfied to close the deal.

The railroad company asks no commission, does not want the community to share the expense or make any other requirements than to furnish lists of land for sale at the right prices and to take care of the prospective settler after he arrives. It has gone into the matter thoroughly and finds it will be amply repaid by placing the settler on the land through future business created thereby. In selecting Hermiston as one of the communities included in its selling program, Mr. Smith stated that conditions here were right. We have the water, soil, climate, etc., and no complaint could be made over price of land asked. The railroad is receiving an increased business each year, but the increase is not fast enough. By bringing more people here more business would be developed to the advantage of all.

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