

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
To start an amazing career with State Farm Insurance!

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Yum. Veg Out for healthy; Hale's when I'm starving; Nookie's when I want a beer too; and Dairy Queen when I'm in a hurry!

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I love to dance, I like to remodel homes and read.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
Honestly, when Hermiston puts their minds to get something done, this powerful small town makes it happen!

What was the last book you read?
"Start With Why" by Simon Sinek

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
Well I love the Facebook marketplace, but since I can't say Facebook, I would say I use YouTube to find out how to do things I don't know how to do.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Back to Europe — France, Norway, Sweden

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
A man on the leadership team has the same name as my brother-in-law. I got a call at work one day from "Bob Baker" thinking it was my brother-in-law, and started shooting the breeze with him and asked him to come and spend the night since he was passing through town ... only to find out it was a "Bob Baker," head honcho in my leadership team. Embarrassing!

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
Redesign my landscaping.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
That my two girls are responsible, productive, caring young women!

HERMISTON HISTORY



Hermiston Herald, File
David Schwartz, 13, helps install playground equipment at Rocky Heights Elementary School in 1995 as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Woman accused of murdering husband

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 5, 1995

Thirteen-year-old David Schwartz was handed the receipt. He grinned as he signed it. The Sandstone Middle School student had just finished pouring concrete around a new jungle gym at Rocky Heights Elementary School with his crew. The man from Umatilla Ready-Mix just needed a signature before he could leave.

Schwartz is the unlikely manager on a \$10,000 playground equipment project at the school. He oversees all of the volunteer work and schedules. Schwartz has had to make calls to local businesses to arrange for donated services and supplies.

"You really have to have leadership skills," he said.

All of his hard work is for a larger goal — his Eagle Scout award. When the playground equipment job is completed, Schwartz will have only five more badges to complete before he earns the prestigious Eagle Scout.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 10, 1970

A Hermiston woman whose husband apparently was shot to death Dec. 3 is awaiting possible trial for second degree murder.

Being held is Ethel Darlene Stamm, 33, estranged wife of Kenneth Alam Stamm, 40, who was found shot through the chest at his home at 110 N.E. 5th St.

Stamm was found at approximately 2:30 a.m. and pronounced dead on arrival at Good Shepherd Hospital. The bullet was from a .22 caliber hand gun, according to Deputy District Attorney Jack Olsen of Umatilla County.

Mrs. Stamm is in the Umatilla County Jail in Pendleton. Olsen said it is unlikely bail will be set.

Mrs. Stamm's four children are staying with relatives in Milton-Freewater.

The Stammers were in the process of divorcing, according to Olsen, who said no motive has been given for the slaying.

75 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1945

W.E. Logan, local postmaster, announced this week that the post office will be located in the new building and ready to do business on Monday, Dec. 31, according to pres-



Hermiston Herald, File
Firefighters work to extinguish a fire at Ross Salvage in 1995.



Hermiston Herald, File
Paula McCall tells fellow librarians at the Family History Library run by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hermiston, how to reproduce color photographs on the copier in 1995.

ent plans.

A postal inspector was in Hermiston last week looking over the new structure and has made his report to the department in Washington, D.C.

It is reported that nothing was reported to prevent the moving of the post office, and work is to start on Friday, Dec. 28.

2) The Christian Church parsonage, home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bartholomew, was the scene of a gala "Smorgasbord" party Friday evening, Nov. 30.

Each guest was invited to participate in the party by a small contribution, such as an onion, a piece of cheese, a box of crackers, etc. and upon everyone's arrival a large

table laden with these offerings was presented to the company and each individual was asked to assemble their own salads and sandwiches. Hot and cold entrees made up a lovely buffet supper.

The remaining part of the evening was spent playing games supervised by Mrs. E.E. Lowry and a quiet devotional period led by Mrs. Esther Couch.

100 YEARS AGO

Dec. 10, 1920

Last Tuesday morning at about 10 o'clock, S.F. Palmer and Emil Bell, two prominent farmers living on the Umatilla Project, were quite seriously hurt when the roof of the old roundhouse at Umatilla, on which they were working, fell and pinned the two men down.

The two gentlemen had just accepted positions on the works, and were getting nicely started on the job when the accident happened. Mr. Palmer had his shoulder blade broken, but Mr. Bell escaped with minor injuries.

2) Enterprising Boardman citizens are negotiating to establish a ferry across the Columbia River at that city, crossing over to the Washington side. The ferry will serve a large number of stock men who would bring their cattle and sheep to Boardman for winter feeding.

The nearest ferry to Boardman is now at Umatilla or Arlington, 20 miles either way, and the need of a ferry at Boardman is apparent.

COVID-19 kits to be distributed to farmworkers

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The Umatilla County Public Health Department is partnering with local Hispanic outreach groups to distribute COVID-19 kits to Spanish-speaking farmworkers. The kits, which include cloth masks, sanitizer and educational materials, are an attempt to connect with a community that officials say have been underserved and disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

Amanda Walsborn, a

supervisor for Umatilla County Public Health, said the kits will have info about contact tracing, resources to receive housing, food and cleaning supplies, and what to expect if you contract the virus and have to quarantine.

She estimated that 1,500 kits will be distributed in cooperation with groups like the Hermiston Hispanic Advisory Committee. The committee will work with crew supervisors to go into the fields and distribute kits in-person at select farms.

BY THE WAY

School vaccines available at drive-thru clinics on Dec. 10 and 11

Umatilla County Public Health is hosting a drive-thru vaccine clinic for K-12 students to receive vaccines required for school attendance.

Vaccines will be available for children ages 5 and up at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395, on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 1-6 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 11, from 1-4 p.m.

Students must preregister at bit.ly/vaccinationclinic and arrive with a parent or guardian who can sign a consent form and drive them home after.

Information and forms are also available in Spanish on the health department's website at ucohealth.net.

Senior meals offer pork chops, burgers

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center's menu for Thursday, Dec. 10, is a pork chop, scalloped potatoes, veggie and dessert. Tuesday, Dec. 15, is a hamburger or hot dog, macaroni salad and dessert.

The center will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

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 the same number before 11 a.m. Meals are \$4 and can be picked up between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

The Boardman Senior Center is now providing meal delivery. Meals are \$4 paid upon delivery. Call 541-481-3257 to order.

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Radio station aids toy drive

KOHU/The Q is helping Hermiston Police Department collect toys for the department's annual Christmas Express program, which donates food and gifts to 500 local families in need.

According to a Facebook post by the radio station, Hermiston resident Rian Middleton came up with a way

to replace the high school basketball team's "Toys for Treys" collection by shooting 20 baskets and donating a toy for each basket he made (he made 10). He then challenged Erick Olson of the radio station to do the same, and the station is challenging its listeners to continue the chain. To participate (or just donate, if you don't have a basketball hoop handy) drop off new, unwrapped toys at the radio station at 80404 Cooney Lane by 5 p.m. Dec. 14.

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