

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## DAVID FLOREA

Outside sales representative  
and account manager

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

I first moved to the area from Medford in 1980 with my family. My stepdad worked for the Corps of Engineers and came here to work on the power house at McNary Dam.

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

My absolute favorite place to eat is at my home. My bride is a world class cook and unparalleled locally; however, I do enjoy eating at Ixtapa when going out in town.

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

Music. Listening, playing, writing, and recording music.

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

I am an avid reader of the classic short stories by Washington Irving, Carl Sandburg, etc. But the last book I read was a nonfiction book called "The Like Switch" by Jack Schafer. I heartily recommend it — especially if your business requires good relationship skills.

### What is your favorite website or app (other than Facebook)?

Oddly, I enjoy window shopping on Craigslist. I look at listings all over the Northwest.

### What surprises you about Hermiston?

The fact that Hermiston has not been taken more advantage of by other national distributors. Our location on the crossroads of two freeways leading to the cardinal points, our railroad hub, and the river traffic makes it an ideal location.

### Describe your perfect travel destination.

Southern Germany, specifically the Bavaria region has fascinated me my entire life. I would love to drive through that area in autumn and cruise the lower Rhine visiting the castles and vineyards.

### What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?

Oh boy, that's a difficult one. There's been so many ... probably the time when as a teenager I held a rotten tomato from our garden out at arm's length threatening to throw it at my brother (for some in prank he committed towards me) and as I was trying hard to appear menacing he simply swiped upwards with his hand hitting mine, and causing that nasty fruit to hit me in the face. It exploded all over my face and chest. I stood there stunned as my brother nearly wet himself laughing ... I'm still plotting my revenge!

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

To finally record some of my music and get it out there for public consumption. I'm always the bridesmaid, never the bride in that realm. Always helping someone else's musical ambitions, leaving little time for my own.

### What is your proudest accomplishment?

Yikes, how does one answer that without sounding arrogant? Probably the time I was able to help a severely disabled man to meet his idol Johnny Cash. I made a few calls and arranged a pre-show, backstage meeting with Johnny at the Rose Garden (now the MODA Center) arena in Portland. My bride and I drove the gentleman to Portland and back for the occasion. We all cried on the way home. Johnny Cash was a sweet man, so was his wife, June. The gentleman we took was overwhelmed with emotion. And I have never felt so grateful to God for making it all come together.

## HERMISTON HISTORY

## 25 Years

FEBRUARY 18, 1992

Jess Foster celebrated 30 years with Inland Empire Bank. He started as a teller and then moved up to loan officer, and then on up until he was the president.

Foster's big claim to fame, although he denies it, was becoming one of the youngest bank managers in this region. Foster was 25 when he became manager at the Umatilla branch of Inland Empire Bank.

"I wouldn't say I was the youngest bank manager," he said. "I was the youngest manager in this area, so I guess some people thought I was the youngest anywhere."

Doris Bounds, owner of the bank, said she hopes Foster stays with the bank for a long time.

Hermiston police officers saturated the city over the weekend looking for youths out past curfew.

Police are stepping up their curfew patrols in an attempt to combat a recent rash of vandalism, said officer Poncho Rios.

The curfew patrols focused on kids who were walking around or hanging around convenience stores.

After being caught breaking curfew, which is 10 p.m. for people 15 or younger, the youths are taken to the police station and their parents are called to the station to come and pick them up.

The punishment for curfew violation is likely to be community service such as serving on litter patrol.

Most youths and parents took the citations fairly well, Rios said.

One juvenile charged with curfew violation was taken home to his mother, and then caught violating curfew again an hour later, police said.

He was taken home again to his mother who was cited for allowing him to be out.

## 50 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 16, 1967

The Hermiston School Board called its second special meeting within a week Monday night, Feb. 13 to further consider the pro-



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Rotarians view a computer system installed at McNary Dam in February 1967. Richard Earnhardt, far left the former chief operations division for the Corps of Engineers explains the system to Ron Baker, 'Ax' Adams, Ralph Hector, John Cermak and Curtis Simons.

posed teacher salary raise.

At last week's special meeting the Teachers Consultation Committee had proposed a raise from the present base scale of \$5,000 to \$5,800. The School Board retaliated with an offer of \$5,400.

The Board was informed the teachers had rejected the offer and had requested that a board of arbitration be set up to review the matter.

Following customary procedure regarding such matters the teachers picked a representative, Arnold Owens, and the school board picked a representative, Rustin A. Brewer.

Owens and Brewer will now pick a third member to sit with them on the review board.

Umatilla basketball defeated McEwen in a game played at Umatilla Saturday, with the final score 75-69.

Steve Eldridge was high scorer for Umatilla with 23 points, closely followed by Lonnie Buck with 22. DeWayne Dunlap was high for McEwen with 27.

Riverside High of Boardman was victor in a game at Weston Saturday night, winning the encounter 65-54.

Chet Phillips was high-point man for Riverside with 21 points. Sam Tucker led the Tiger team with 20.

## 75 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 19, 1942

The first carload of scrap iron which has been gathering along the tracks between the Farm Bureau and Inland Cooperative left today (Thursday) for Seattle. Guy Shaw, chairman of the drive and manager of the Inland Cooperative, which has donated time and labor, states that the drive will continue and there will be another carload or two to follow.

A drive was held in the Westland district Tuesday. The following people contributed to make a total of 6,400 lbs., which was added to the pile in town: Guy Knapp, who also donated his truck for hauling, Dan Lambert, V.V. Lewis and William Van Orsdall.

Houses and more houses are needed. We suggest that those who have good one-room affairs, or two rooms, begin construction and make bigger and better places for permanent families to live. The tent house and trailer house and mere shack time is over, and more attractive and modern places are sought daily by families who will pay reasonable rentals and remain permanently.

## 100 YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 17, 1917

Washington, D.C. — Thousands of telegrams

from different parts of the country urging steps to maintain peace between the United States and Germany reached the White House Monday. Many of them were in the same language and evidently were the result of an organized movement. Representatives of the Emergency Peace Federation, recently organized at New York, called the White House in an effort to make an engagement to see President Woodrow Wilson next week. A mass meeting will be held here soon.

Thirteen hundred acres in the second unit of the West Umatilla irrigation project will be opened to homestead entry March 6.

Under regulations promulgated Monday, those desiring to enter should file their applications at The Dalles or La Grande office between March 1 and 6. The building charge assessed against this land is \$96 an acre, 5 percent of which must be deposited before the application for entry will be received.

The last week of the Legislative session in Salem will be busy doings in the legislature, which winds up the 29th session of Oregon assembly. Into the few remaining days must be crammed and jammed all the mass of unfinished business that has piled up in the past five weeks. A vast deal of such business is accumulated. It will be the unhappy task of the legislature to sort out, differentiate between the good and the bad, the trivial and the unimportant contained in a total of several hundred bills, all in these last days.

The executive committee of the National Wool Growers association designated February as poison month and asks everyone living where there are coyotes to put out poison. In this connection it might be well to mention that the legislature is passing a law for all killed during 1917 with an increasing the coyote bounty to \$3 and an increase of \$1 per year thereafter on females.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
**BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS,** 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**STORY TIME,** 11:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 455 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for

Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to Senior Center by donation. (541-567-3582)

**SENSORY STORY TIME,** 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

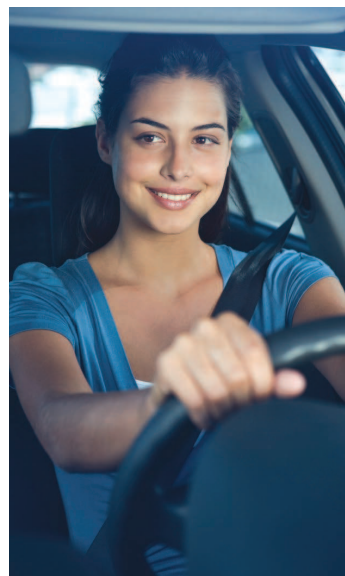
**THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO,** 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

**FIDDLERS NIGHT,** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to

some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (541-567-3141)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
**HEALTHY FRIDAYS,** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center conference room 7, 610 N.W. 11th St.,

Hermiston. Free health screenings including cholesterol, blood sugar, BMI, blood pressure checks, weigh-ins and health information. For cholesterol and glucose tests, fast 10-12 hours prior to blood draw. Open to all community members. (541-667-3509)



## PART-TIME DRIVER

Part-time driver needed to deliver East Oregonian publications throughout Eastern Oregon. Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds, have a valid driver's license and a good driving record. Shifts vary but will regularly include Tuesday nights. Duties may include non-driving work if extra hours are desired. Drug test, driving record and criminal background checks will be completed before hire.

Pick up an application at 211 SE Byers, Pendleton or e-mail resume and cover letter to hr@eomediagroup.com

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