

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



ANN ONPHIAN
Waitress, Lawan's Thai Garden Restaurant

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved here from Thailand in 1999. My mom got re-married, and her husband got a job at the Army Depot, so we moved here for that and for better education.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

I don't go out and eat that much, but if we do, it's usually Denny's or Kobe (sushi) — when we go out, it's usually around the time we close.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

We usually go to the Columbia Center mall in Tri-Cities, Wildhorse Casino, or barbecue with friends.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

I guess the buildings, like the new hotel, are very surprising. There used to be nothing here.

What was the last book you read?

I read for my son, but personally I don't like reading. I read animal storybooks for him.

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?

I usually use Yelp to look at feedback from customers.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I would go back to Thailand. When I was attending Hermiston High School, I would go every summer, but now I have a job and a kid. We go about every three years now.

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

Customers come in and order five-star or 10-star (spice levels) and think they can do it, but they end up sweating and drinking a jug of water. That, to me, is funny.

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

I plan to save more money and get married — we want to go back to Thailand to get married.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

The most, I would have to say, is my English. I started from zero, so I feel like I have grown a lot. I didn't speak it when I moved here.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Truck to cut ribbon on Paterson Ferry interchange on I-84

25 YEARS AGO

JULY 7, 1992

Police and fire officials are investigating an arson fire Friday night that destroyed an Oregon state vehicle and damaged another car. Fire investigators say the blaze gutted a Plymouth Acclaim registered to the state Children's Services Division and was intentionally set. The fire started at approximately 11 p.m. behind the Northwood Building at Beech St. "There are three kids that did this damage (to the cars)," Police Chief Grant Asher said.

A semi-tractor hauling agricultural products will tear through a ribbon barrier opening a new I-84 freeway interchange at 2 p.m. July 7th at the Paterson Ferry Interchange near Irrigon. The interchange is an example of community involvement making a change in how things get done, according to JX Wilson, Oregon Department of Transportation region engineer. "Individuals, county, state and federal officials and businesses joined forces to add this interchange to the I-84 system, Wilson said. The interchange is near the location of a historic ferry location on the Columbia River. "The location is called Paterson Ferry after the ferry that operated during the late days of the Oregon Trail.

50 YEARS AGO

JULY 6, 1967

According to Al Liebe of Hermiston, part time Umatilla Deputy sheriff's deputy, a boating accident took place near the Shockman landing at Hat Rock State Park last Saturday, July 1, between 10 and 11 p.m. Liebe said that a sailboat was anchored for the night and the Morrison's were about to board the sailboat from a canoe, when the sailboat was struck by a motorboat that apparently was



HERALD ARCHIVES

A project to renovate streets and sidewalks in downtown Hermiston brought out sidewalk superintendents of all kinds to survey the dilemma of a disabled loader stuck in a hole.

unable to see the sailboat, Liebe said.

Sale of the Roger J. Bounds Insurance Agency to the Schroth Insurance Agency was announced this week jointly by Doris S. Bounds and Norman Schroth. Decision to make this change, Mrs. Bounds said, was influenced by the fact that Mrs. Helen Howard, who has served as manager of the Bounds Insurance Agency, is retiring. The change in ownership was effective July 1. Schroth has been in the insurance business for 15 years. He said that he would continue to maintain his office at 411 Main street as well as being in his new location in the Inland Empire Bank building for sometime.

75 YEARS AGO

JULY 2, 1942

Near flood conditions along the Umatilla River south of Echo resulted from the extremely heavy rains of last Thursday and Friday. An inch and a quarter fell here during the storm, and a rush of water down the east slope of the valley in the neighborhood of the Joe Ramos Jr.

farm caused serious breaks in the Furnish ditch. The ditch was broken in six places, and a week or more will be required to repair the damage so that irrigation water can be turned into the canal. One square of alfalfa land on the Ramos place was covered with boulders and silt from a break.

A total of 180 youths from ages 19 to 21 registered here Tuesday, according to JD Todd, who was in charge of the work. Only 93 of the 180 listed Umatilla County as their home address, the balance coming from outside. Of this group the 20 year olds will become subject to call for military service.

AR Coppock, chairman of the County USDA War Board, today appealed to the "pioneer neighborly spirit" of Umatilla County farmers, urging that they make their cars and trucks last longer by pooling their transportation whenever possible. He recalled the by-gone horse and buggy days when farmers, in going to town, always gave a ride to neighbors or did errands for them. This same cooperative spirit today will

help "stretch" farm tires, save on repairs, and materially aid wartime food production and transportation, he declared.

100 YEARS AGO

JULY 7, 1917

A committee of farmers of the Columbia district went to Pendleton Thursday morning by auto to interview the county court in regard to the needs of roads in that neighborhood. The committee claimed that most of the money set apart for use in their district has practically all been spent and a much larger appropriation is necessary to improve the roads for general use, and more particularly for the operation of the school buses. They contended that owing to the increased population of the district the school buses must travel great distances, and some of the roads over which they must go are nearly impassible. The county court promised to visit the district today and look over the situation, and, if possible, give some assistance.

The members of Hermiston's canning club are making valiant efforts to win the canning contest now being staged in this county. If they succeed they will go to the state fair and compete with the canning teams of other counties. Hermiston is the first town in Umatilla County to begin a canning club work. The local club established the record of being the first organized canning club to begin operations in this county. The young ladies of the club assembled Tuesday morning at the domestic science laboratory under direction of Mrs. Gunn and began canning. In late summer the county competition will be held at a central point in the county and the winning team picked.

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- Three Premium Grandstand concert tickets (Section G, Row D)



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