

THREE MINUTES WITH ...

HERMISTON HISTORY



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston to work as a speech language pathologist for the InterMountain Educational Service District in August 2013.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Delish Bistro.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to run, hike, cycle and travel.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

I would say the friendliness and acceptance of the community here. That was one of my fears.

What was the last book you read?

I am reading "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. So far, I like it.

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

Instagram.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

If someone gave me money right now, I'd probably go to Africa. Specifically, Kenya. I really want to go on an African safari.

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

At my high school, there were a lot of seagulls. One day, after lunch, a seagull pooped on my head, and I had cornrows, so it was right on my scalp. I was in the 12th grade. It's hilarious now that I think about it.

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

To improve my understanding and speaking of Spanish.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Getting a master's degree in Speech Language Pathology.

Rep. Sharon Wylie, left foreground, discusses water with Blue Mountain Potato Growers president Bill Brewer and Fred Ziari in 1992.

25 YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 17, 1992

•Three local men were arrested for the murder of 22 year old Brian David Smith, whose body was found at Cold Springs Reservoir Thursday afternoon. Don C. Ball, 22, Hermiston; Steven L. Derushe, 22 Stanfield; and Nathaneual J. Miller, 21, Umatilla were arrested on charges of aggravated murder. According to Umatilla County Undersheriff John Trumbo, aggravated murder is a capital crime punishable by life in prison or the death penalty. Brian David Smith was killed by a gunshot wound to the head, according to an autopsy performed a day after the body was discovered. A motive for the crime was not been released by police.

•Newly elected State Representative Sharon Wylie admits to being a farm junkie. That's why she was part of the tour and seminar sponsored last weekend by the Blue Mountain Potato Growers. Still, Wylie was surprised at what she learned. "I'm impressed," Wylie said, "I had no idea of the potential of this area to produce food." The Gresham legislator was one of 15 women in government who attended the session, devoted to water issues. Herald publisher G.M. Reed said, "Our farmers are the most frugal (with water) of all farmers in the world."

50 YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 16, 1967

•Secretary of State Clay Myers said this week that nearly \$15.5 million will be distributed to Oregon counties this week for direct property tax relief. The Secretary of State said the first annual distribution of cigarette tax revenues amounts to \$5,462,995. It, added to \$10 million from the state general fund appropriation, will provide relief of \$4.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in the counties, Myers noted.

•Hermiston was well represented at the 42nd



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Men of a reserve color guard, followed by the Hermiston High School marching band, pay their respects during a Veterans Day parade in 1967.

annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities held in Portland recently. Those attending were Tom Harper, city manager; Tiller Russell, city recorder; Bob Russell, fire chief; Bill Siple, city engineer; Marvin Dick, municipal judge; and Rustin Brewer, city attorney. Councilmen Ed Sheets and Dick Hodge also attended.

75 YEARS AGO  
NOVEMBER 19, 1942

•The state highway commission opened the new Boardman-Stanfield highway for traffic without pomp and ceremony. The cost of the new section of U.S. 30 was about \$600,000. The change in the highway consists of one long tangent with one curve connecting with the present Columbia River highway at Boardman. The Boardman-Stanfield section is part of the strategic military system and was financed by federal and state funds.

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