

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



AMIEE COOK

Travels and plays rugby in her spare time

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I moved to Hermiston in August of 2017 for my new job with Mid Columbia Bus Company.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
So far, my favorite place to eat is Nookie's.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
In my spare time, I like to watch/play rugby.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
I am always surprised by the nice people that live here.

What was the last book you read?
Pieces of You by Tablo

What app or website do you use most besides Facebook or Google?
Kakao Talk

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
I would go back to Thailand and visit the elephants again.

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
When I was traveling in Hawaii, one of the little girls thought I was Lilo all grown up.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
Travel with friends to fun, exciting places.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Graduating college.

HERMISTON HISTORY



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Cooks at Rocky Heights Elementary dressed up in red hats and Christmas lights in December 1992. Pictured from left to right are Karen Freel Sr., Karen Freel Jr. and Angel Smith.

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HERALD STAFF

25 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 22, 1992

•Last week the U.S. Army announced it will cut back an estimated 35 civilian positions at the Umatilla Army Depot by June. The depot currently employs three military personnel and more than 200 civilians. The cutbacks, which have been expected for several months, are being made at the request of the Department of the Army and U.S. Army Material Command. AMC recently announced that up to 12,000 civilian positions throughout the Army could be affected. The Department of the Army could offer voluntary early retirement if the Office of Personnel Management allows it. Under an "early out" offer, the minimum retirement age is reduced, which allows those who are within a few years of retirement to take an "early out" and not lose as many benefits as if they quit or retired without the age reduction. The difference could mean thousands of dollars to some employees who opt for an "early out".



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This car belonging to Fred Zielke was hit by a passing motorist and pushed over the curb as it was parked outside the Zielke home in December 1967.

50 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 21, 1967

•Approximately \$880 in cash was stolen in a break-in at Riverside High School, reports Ron Daniels, Morrow County School District superintendent. The burglary, which occurred some time the night of Dec. 13, was discovered the next morning by Robert Harwood, school custodian, when he went to work about 7 a.m. The thief had pried off the door to the shop, which is in a separate building, and took a cutting torch, acetylene tank and oxygen tank and other tools

to the school, where he broke a window by the basement door, reached in and unlatched the door. He used the torch and other tools to break into the 6 ft. tall, 4-by-4 foot safe. The money came from lunch funds, student body funds and petty cash. Twenty five dollars was from the pop machine, which was also broken open.

•Stephen Truckositz, vice principal of Hermiston Junior High School, was appointed to the city council by Mayor Walter Pearson, with council approval. Truckositz fills a vacancy created when Councilman Carl Peters moved out of the ward from which he was elected. Truckositz previously served on the council for one elective term following a term to which he was originally appointed to fill a vacancy. At the last election, he declined to be a candidate again.

75 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 24, 1942

•A total of 1,299 persons lost their driver's licenses during the first 11 months of 1942 as a result of revocation and suspension proceedings following conviction for traffic violations in Oregon and out-of-state courts, it was announced today at the secretary of state's office.

to leave the room in order.

100 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 22, 1917

•And now comes the glad tidings from Game Warden Tonkin to Henry Hitt of this city to the effect that instead of the duck and goose hunting season closing this year on the 31st of this month, the hunting of these birds is to be permitted to continue up to January 15, next and also that hunters will have the right to shoot migratory birds of the above species one-half hour before sunrise as well as a half hour past sunset. Though federal law provides that the open season on ducks and geese closes in Oregon on December 31, it is now evidently the intention of the state game authorities to follow the state law this year. The happy news comes in the nature of a Christmas gift to the hunters, and the state authorities are deserving of much praise for bringing this about, inasmuch as the fair weather conditions that have prevailed this fall did not permit very good hunting.

•H.J. Stillings, breeder of purebred Poland-China hogs, this week sold a boar to Henry Buholts, who came from Pilot Rock to purchase the animal, for which he paid \$40. The mate to that hog was sold last week and shipped to Dayton, Wash., bringing \$50. Mr. Stillings says the demand for purebred Poland-China stock has been the best he has ever witnessed at this time of the year.

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