

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
 July 2012. I moved here for work.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
 Walker's Farm Kitchen.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
 I like golfing at the course in Boardman, because its wide fairways, short holes, and lack of hazards fits well with my complete lack of skill.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
 I grew up near Ontario, which is very similar to Hermiston in many respects. So everything here seems pretty normal.

What was the last book you read?
 "The Whistler" by John Grisham.

What app or website do you use most besides Facebook or Google?
 The East Oregonian's app which lets you view it as an actual newspaper. I hate reading things in website format. I read it every morning.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
 I would simply like to wander around the United States via RV.

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
 When I came to Hermiston to interview for my position, it had been about seven years since I had been home in the summer. So when I got just outside of Tri-Cities, and saw center pivots irrigating corn fields, I got hit by a huge wave of nostalgia. Of all the things I thought I would be nostalgic about, I never thought it would be center pivots and sage brush.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
 Do more reading for fun.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
 My wife and I created the world's prettiest baby girl (currently 15 months).

HERMISTON HISTORY



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Hermiston High School FFA sales teams competed in the state's agricultural sales contest at Culver High School in 1992. Back row, left to right: Ben Walchli, Matt Henderson and Ben Van Dyke. Front row, left to right: Michelle Hopper, Kim Miller and Erin Hansell.

25 YEARS AGO
 DECEMBER 29, 1992

•Hermiston's future farmers recently showed other schools in the state that they can sell farming and farm products. Charles Miller Hermiston FFA Chapter adviser and his two teams brought home one individual first place win, two third place team awards and several other individual awards. Ben Walchli took an individual first place with his advertising presentation. Erin Hansell placed eighth in the overall high-point individual competition. Out of twenty-seven teams, Hermiston's "A" team — Michelle Hopper, Kim Miller and Erin Hansell — took third place; and "B" team — Ben Walchli, Ben Van Dyke and Matt Henderson — took a third place in the state competition.

•All three men arrested in the shooting of 22 year old Brian David Smith were bound over to Umatilla County Circuit Court following the last hearing. Evidence presented by the district attorney's office was judged sufficient to bring the case against Donald C. Ball, Jr., 22 of Hermiston; Steven L. DeRushe, 22 of Stanfield; and Nathaneual J. Miller, 21, of Umatilla to trial. All three have been arrested on charges of murder, following the discovery of Smith's body at Cold Springs Reservoir on Nov. 12. Smith was shot in the head at close range. Prosecutors maintain that all three were present when Smith was killed and that Ball pulled the trigger on the 12-gauge shotgun.

50 YEARS AGO
 DECEMBER 28, 1967

•The Blue Mountains are blue again, at least partly. Warm Chinook like winds and rain melted much snow and brought flooding conditions to the Umatilla River and its tributaries. The river was subsiding Wednesday, however, and there appeared to



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Hermiston Elks Lodge 1845 provided Christmas 34 baskets with turkey and trimmings to families in need on December 24, 1967. Pictured, left to right: Bill Ford, Delmer Crawford, Don Shanafelt, Tom Wright, Gary Seibel and Warren Hall.

be no danger of the Christmas floods which covered the entire state three years ago. County Judge D.R. "Sam" Cook said that water flowing from canyons as well as streams and creeks contributed to the near-flood conditions of the Umatilla River. •Winners of the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating and lighting contest for the residential area were: First: Duane Lindsey on SW 9th St., Second: Bobby Fugit (age 14) on SW 11th St. and Third was a resident also on SW 11th St. Runners up were Patrick Molloy, on NW Butte Dr. and Kim Knudsen on Orchard Ave.

is foreseen, rationing will not be necessary. Local oil distributors to date have no difficulty in supplying the local demand.

•The arrest of Ivan L. Taylor, 19, by local officers last week has at least slowed up if not solved the recent series of thefts in town. Although Taylor admitted some of the lawlessness, it is thought that others are involved. Taylor appeared before Justice of the Peace E.P. Dodd last weekend and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail where he was taken on the weekend. His home address is Lapwai, Idaho, but recently has resided in the Westland district.

100 YEARS AGO
 JANUARY 3, 1918

•Directing the destinies of an up-to-date banking institution and operating a ranch at the same time would seem to be a Herculean task, but nevertheless F.B. Swayze, the well known banker of this city, is going to understand it, and in this way do his "bit"

toward increasing the food supply along Hooverite lines. He will begin activities in this direction along about March 1st when he will move with his family from his town house onto the Ericksen five acre tract in the southeastern part of the city, for which he traded his residence property on the corner of Second street and Gladys avenue a few days ago.

•At the council meeting this week, in compliance with the law, Alderman J.D. Watson was unanimously elected president of the council, the appointment of Father Butler as a member of the library board was confirmed and the grist of monthly bills audited and passed on. The ordinance regarding the monthly collection of city water rent will hereafter be strictly enforced, a motion prevailing instructing the city clerk to immediately bring the water collections up to date. This means that anyone who does not heed the call of the clerk for settlement will have the water shut off on his premises.

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