

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
We moved to Hermiston in 1997 when I was employed at Eastern Oregon Physical Therapy.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
It depends on what I'm in the mood for but at the top of the list would be Delish Bistro and La Palma, with a shoutout to Ruty's and YOPS.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Spending time at our kids' events, reading, serving the community.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
When I moved here, I was amazed at the kindness and generosity of the people.

What was the last book you read?
Currently reading *The Long Walk*. Excellent true story of a trek to freedom by Slavomir Rawicz. I love it.

What app or website do you use most often other than Facebook or Google?
Amazon.com, unfortunately.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Good question. So many places to go. I think I would start with New Zealand and Australia and go from there.

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
High school pranks, but I can't talk about them here. You can ask me when you see me.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
Attain a quality found in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew Chapter 5.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Being happily married for 33 years and my 5 children.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Umatilla children David Has, Brian Morris, Josh Pine, Jeremy Lee and Katelyn Lee enjoy a snow day in February 1993.

25 YEARS AGO
FEB. 23, 1993

•Eyes are riveted to the television screen as gallons of hot, yellow wax run into molds while the narrator explains how crayons are made, wrapped and boxed for sale. The television students at Rocky Heights Elementary are watching is not regular programming, but part of a pilot program using laser disks and computers to make learning a more visual experience.

"We watched it 15 or 20 times," said Debbie Freeman. "That's one of the beautiful things about the program, it just brings out more interest and discussion about what we've seen."

Laser disks, computers, big screen televisions and LCD overhead displays are all part of a program designed to bring today's technology into classrooms. Freeman uses the system in her classroom every day to develop lessons in social studies, science, health and a myriad of other topics.

"When we had a unit on weather, we watched a tornado in class one day, and the kids just said 'wow.' They were enthralled," she said.

•Slowly snaking its way across dozens of miles of Eastern Oregon sagebrush, Pacific Gas Transmission Company's pipeline is now visible along many area roadways. Workers are currently digging trenches, grading surfaces and welding pipeline along sections of Highway 395, I-84 and Butter Creek Highway. PGT is looping more than 300 miles of pipeline in Oregon in a two-year project that began in Southern Oregon last summer. It is expected to cost \$1.6 billion.

50 YEARS AGO
FEB. 22, 1968

•The annual meeting of the Space Age Industrial Park Development Association here on Feb. 27, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Civic Recreation Center will feature a speaker noted as an authority on the nation's space program.

W.E. Clothier, assistant public relations manager, aerospace group, the Boeing Company, will speak about the overall objec-



A Hermiston High School choir class practices in 1968. Those pictured are members of the school's music groups, "Shades of Blue," "Footnotes," and "Hermiston Men of Song."

tives of the nation's space program. Clothier will show films on Saturn V, the Apollo spaceship, and the Lunar Orbiter, according to Smith. The Boeing Co. is the contractor for the first stage of the Saturn V, the largest space engine ever constructed, and it is the Saturn which will boost the Apollo into space carrying the first astronauts bound for a soft landing on the moon sometime late in 1968.

The Space Age Industrial Park Development Association was formed in 1961, and consists of individuals and groups mostly within Umatilla and Morrow counties interested in the development of the Boardman Space Age Park.

•Hermiston-area residents are being encouraged today to take advantage of the Hermiston Hustlers' George Washington Birthday Sale here with the promise that merchants will be selling outstanding merchandise at reduced prices. Duane Alexander, chairman of the Hustlers, said that since one of George Washington's primary goals in life was the uniting of the American public into one distinguishable character for the betterment of all Americans, it is befitting for the merchants to make every effort to unite themselves as closely as possible with residents of the city.

75 YEARS AGO
FEB. 25, 1943

•Restaurants and other public eating establishments were put under a new rationing formula for canned and other processed foods Wednesday.

The formula gives them six-tenths of a ration point in March and April for each meal served during the month of December, 1942. On the same basis, 1942. On the same basis, householders are receiving about five-tenths of a ration point, but OPA has ordered that a slight differential is necessary because of higher waste and fluctuating patronage in public eating places. The new formula for public eating places will apply to boarding houses only if 50 or more persons are served regularly. Smaller boarding houses will pool the residents' individual rations.

•The Hermiston city council, at its regular meeting Friday night, made plans for the forthcoming irrigation season. Considerable improvement in the various lines are contemplated in order to speed up the system as much as possible. Several new ditches will be necessary to care for new residences. The council also voted to raise the irrigation tax from 6c per front foot to 10c, with an average lot of 50 front feet costing \$5.00 per year instead of \$3.00.

100 YEARS AGO
FEB. 23, 1918

•While land seekers have been invading Hermiston in large numbers for some time, none of the deals assumed very large proportions. But this was all changed when one day last week a home seeker, Eli Winesett from the state of Virginia, dropped off the train and announced that he was in the market for a good-sized alfalfa ranch.

No, he didn't want no orchard — alfalfa was his

hobby, and in his droll southern brogue he stated what he was willing to punge up in coin of the realm if this was secured for him pronto. He said he did not want to look at no insignificant tracts of alfalfa — he was halter broke and desired to be led right up to the choicest large alfalfa ranch on the project that could be purchased.

In his perambulations he ran across E.P. Dodd of the Umatilla Farm Lands Co., and there and then and incidentally secured what his heart most desired — a simon pure alfalfa ranch. The two wandered off to the Ross Newport ranch east of town, and after making a careful scrutiny of the place the gentleman asked the price, came back to Hermiston, paid the money, said to be around \$18,000, and the deal was closed.

•While the cry of a shortage of freight cars was going on all over the country some time ago, Hermiston had no cause for worry, as this point on the O.W. has nearly always had an adequate sufficiency in which to ship the produce grown here to market.

But now, the shortage of cars is becoming shorter every day. C.S. McNaught, extensive shipper of baled and chopped hay to Portland and other markets, has been compelled to ship the product in gondolas now, it being impossible to get box cars for that purpose. This change in the procedure of loading cars has been quite expensive, but Mr. McNaught says he will supply his customers with alfalfa even though he is compelled to put a boat on the Columbia and ship by water in place of by rail.

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