

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I grew up in Hermiston but moved away in 2010, and moved back in 2017 because I was offered an amazing job that I couldn't turn down.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
My favorite place to eat is definitely Nookies or Hales. Two places I can always rely on for a good meal.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
In my spare time I love to take my dog out to play and run off-leash somewhere with lots of area for him to be free. I wish Hermiston had an off-leash dog park; that would be amazing.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
The thing that surprises me is how much it has grown in the past few years, but still seems to keep that small-town feel and a close community.

What was the last book you read?
The last book I read was Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur. A book of poems that is a perfect read before bed.

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

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
I've always wanted to visit Ireland, as well as anywhere with a warm beach that I could swim in. The Oregon coast is always a little too cold for that.

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
Hmm, that's a hard one. I laugh at myself for ridiculous things I do pretty often so coming up with a specific moment seems impossible.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
I am planning on traveling more in the next year, and have made that a goal.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Graduating college and accepting a job working for Umatilla County Parole and Probation. Definitely.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Howard Swanson, left, and Joe Thompson display the evidence of Swanson's \$5,000 Keno win at Eastside Market in Hermiston in 1993.

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25 YEARS AGO
MARCH 2, 1993

It has been a hard winter for the needy of the Hermiston area. As usual, the job market is weak, until the growing season kicks in, and the mounds of snow and below-zero temperatures have added a bitter edge to the lives of many of our less fortunate residents. Nowhere is the need more obvious than with Goodwill Industries in Hermiston. One quick walk through the back room of the facility points out the tremendous need for immediate donations of good, used clothing, appliances, bedding and kitchenwares.

According to Jan Peterson, manager of the operation, she has rarely seen the pantry this bare. She notes that the influx of migrant workers will soon begin and the store has basically nothing to offer them. The clothing bins in the back room are virtually empty except for a few odds and ends.

"Please tell your readers we are in desperate need of good, warm clothing for both children and adults," she said. "But please make sure that the clothing is usable. We get a lot of donations that have to be taken right to the dump." Pickup is Mon.-Fri.

50 YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 29, 1968

With two acres of land north of Hermiston and on the east side of Highway U.S. 730 being used as the site for two sizable, permanent and modern structures, residents of the area have been put in a position of merely having to guess



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Contractors work on the new Umatilla Post Office in March 1993.

75 YEARS AGO
MARCH 4, 1943

about the type of business that will be started there. The reason for this is that the developer himself, Marvin Thompson, Umatilla, says he is not certain about what type of business he is going to start ... or so he says, good-naturedly. Nevertheless when questioned about the project, Thompson brought encouragement to residents of the area anxious to see new development here saying the city's growth potential warrants building of the structures for...

But he stopped talking abruptly then, preventing himself from elaborating. And after a moment he merely added:

"Well, for any number of different types of businesses." At last he did say that he has an idea about one particular type of business he may start. "Yes," he admitted, smiling. "I do have an idea about starting a particular business." And then he related his idea. But of course it was confidential.

100 YEARS AGO
MARCH 2, 1918

This being around the time of year when one begins to think about the payment of taxes, it is probable that a little information on this timely subject would be appreciated by a large majority of our readers. The tabulated statement compiled by our County Assessor shows that the

county and state levy is 7 1/2 mills, and that the total valuation of the county is \$51,499,607. Thus the total amount of taxes to be raised from all sources is \$731,719.38, this being a net increase of \$59,020.70 over the 1916 tax.

The city of Hermiston has a valuation of \$319,807, and on this amount \$3,997.60 is to be raised by a 12 1/2 mill tax. School district No. 14, in which Hermiston is situated, has a valuation of \$75,665. This will raise \$10,001.18 by a 13.2 mill levy.

Columbia School District has a valuation of \$378,174, and by a 7.4 mill levy \$2,798.48 will be raised. One school district, No. 109, has no school children, likewise no taxes to raise.

The town of Umatilla, where the famous woman council hold reins of government, has the highest tax rate of any place in the county, it being 17.4 mills, while Helix has the smallest with 7.6 mills, and Stanfield next lowest with 9.3 mills. Every taxpayer within the city limits of Hermiston will be required to pay a total tax of 33.2 mills.

The assessor finds that the number of horses in the county is 20,460, number of cattle 24,645, number of sheep 111,503, number of swine 7,245, number of hives of bees 2,478. He also finds that there are on the tax rolls 82 dogs, valued at \$815, and we find in our compilation on the same class of animal that there are at least 462 right here in Hermiston that has a valuation of .00 and ought to be shot.

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To all who attended, we would like to extend our deepest and most heartfelt appreciation for your support at the "Rebuilding A Culture of Life" banquet! Thank you for making the evening such a special community event. Each donation enables us to continue bringing hope to those facing pregnancy decisions.

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