

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



# AUTUMN WILEY

Barista, Obies Express Coffee Shop

**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**  
*I was born and raised here.*

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**  
*Kobe Hibachi Sushi*

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
*I like to go boating when the weather's nice, camping, working out and hanging out with friends.*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**  
*How fast we're growing, and the traffic.*

**What was the last book you read?**  
*I read 1984 for school, and the last book I liked was Hopeless, a novel.*

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

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**  
*Everywhere! All over the world. But mainly the Bahamas, or a tropical area.*

**What's the funniest thing that ever happened to you?**  
*My dad's a plumber, and on the back of his truck it says (something humorous that's not appropriate for printing in a family newspaper). People always post about it.*

**What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?**  
*College and moving out on my own.*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**  
*Paying my way to Hawaii, and buying my own dog because she's an expensive type of dog.*

HERMISTON HISTORY

25 YEARS AGO  
MARCH 23, 1993

Pygmy Rabbits and Washington Ground Squirrels are the mammals over which environmental monitors on the Pacific Gas Transmission Company pipeline project keep careful watch. These mammals, plus several species of birds and plants, have been listed with federal and state governments as threatened or endangered species. Because of their "sensitive" status, they require special care and consideration during cross country construction.

"Our schedule is designed to have the smallest impact on species in the area," said Gary Larson, environmental monitor for the Oregon section of the pipeline. "If we find one of these animals, we implement certain steps during special times of the year."

To plan the best construction schedule, PGT met with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife experts to identify time periods when construction would not disturb nesting or rearing times.

Pygmy rabbits mate and rear young between May and September, so a 500-foot construction-free zone is required around those burrows during the summer and fall months.

Hop-scotching around these sensitive time periods has required PGT set up a strict time schedule to work with species windows.

50 YEARS AGO  
MARCH 21, 1968

Hermiston's West Park Elementary School students are in the process of being presented with a course in art appreciation without classroom study. The students are receiving the opportunity as a result of a recent gift to the school by its PTA. The gift is 100 prints of famous paintings in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Matthew Doherty, principal of the school, stated upon receipt of the prints from PTA President John Smallmon, that they will be displayed throughout the school. He explained that this will enable the students to be surrounded by paintings of famous artists. As a result, Doherty believes the students in noticing the prints will become acquainted enough with them to acquire an appreciation of the work.

Despite periods of heavy rainfall in recent weeks, the general forecast for Umatilla County this spring and summer calls for severe drought conditions. The U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service issued this report, saying that farmers, ranchers and other water users in the county can expect sufficient water supplies only where stored water is available and adequate.

"All other areas in the county will experience a severe shortage of water," said an official of the service.



James Reynolds, right, helps Lois Holloman, a resident at the Good Samaritan Center, push her shuffleboard piece down the mat toward the scoreboard. Travis Newman looks on as he waits for a turn at the game. Both boys are members of the Echo eighth grade class, and are volunteering at the Center as part of a service learning project.

75 YEARS AGO  
MARCH 25, 1943

N.J. Vanskike of the "Vigorbilt" Hatchery has something new this week in the way of Food for Victory — namely a chick with four legs. It is the first time in 23 years of business that Mr. Vanskike has experienced this type of freak birth. The question confronting Mr. Vanskike is whether to specialize in this type of bird which would come in handy where members of a large family all clamor for the chicken leg or to stick to the normal brand.

On April 1 and thereafter anyone who slaughters livestock of any kind for sale must have a permit in order to do the slaughtering. These permits are now being issued by the County War Board. In Hermiston they are handled through the assistant county agent's office.

After April 1 all dressed

meat that is sold by slaughterers must have the permit number of the slaughterer marked plainly in one or more places on the meat. Any farm slaughterer who delivers meat directly to an individual or household by whom the meat is to be consumed may comply with this requirement by attaching to such meat a tag bearing his permit number.

100 YEARS AGO  
MARCH 23, 1918

Hermiston's new library opened to the public on Wednesday of this week, and will now be found open every weekday from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., and from 7:30 to 8:30 nights. On Sundays the reading room will also be open from 2 o'clock to 5.

The beautiful \$5,000 structure was given by the Carnegie Corporation, the site was given by Col. J.H. Raley of Pendleton, the books and supervision are furnished by the county of Umatilla and the maintenance by the city of Hermiston. It is for all to enjoy.

Chief of Police C.C. Salser returned Sunday morning from Willamina, this state, whither he went a few days before to look over a ranch located near that city in the Willamette valley that he was negotiating with the owner to buy. On his arrival home he announced that he had purchased the place, consisting of 55 acres well improved, and that therefore he would leave Hermiston with his family for the new home the first of next month to engage in active farming. Mr. Salser is an old resident of this project, having lived here 11 years, during four of which he was in the employ of the Newport Construction Co. and the balance with the city as chief of police and water superintendent. He says he would like to live here 11 or more years, and nothing would suit him and his wife better than to do so, but on account of bad attacks of hay fever every summer he finds it imperative to make this change of climate.

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