

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



SUZANNE STRADLEY

Server at Ordnance Brewery and Neighbor Dudes Tap House

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

We moved to Hermiston for my husband's work 20 years ago.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

La Palma

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I am always on the run due to work and being a full-time student. Whenever I have a minute free I like to hang out with my family — feels like we never have enough time together.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

There are so many wonderful people that live here, and I am constantly surprised at how kind they are to one another as well as strangers.

What was the last book you read?

The Power of Habit by Charles Duhigg

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

I watch a lot of "how to" videos on YouTube.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

That is a really long list... I would start with somewhere warm!

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?

When my kids were in their teens we used to make these silly "five-dollar bets" where one was dared to do something silly while appearing to be serious. It was my turn and they had put a lot of consideration into the challenge. We were going to eat Mongolian barbecue and as we pulled up, they told me my challenge. So, there I was standing in line and preparing my bowl while having to convince the only other person behind me that I didn't know what a carrot was.

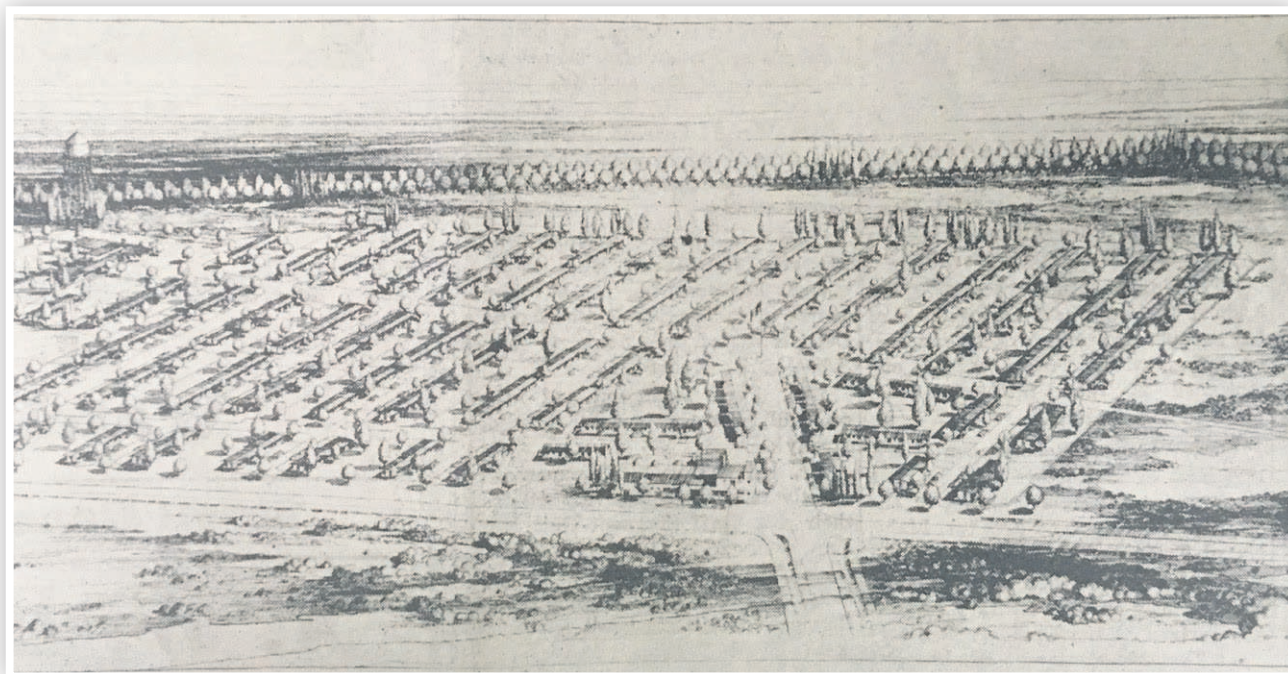
What's one of your goals for the next 12 months?

My husband and I made a New Year's Eve challenge to learn to do 10 new things (each) this year. I have seven more to go!

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My children. All five of them are amazing people and incredible parents.

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH FILE PHOTO

A drawing by Portland architect Roi L. Moran shows the planned housing development of Ordnance near the Umatilla ordnance depot.

25 YEARS AGO
April 6, 1993

The smoke and mirrors of state funding took a turn toward more substantial threats, when the Umatilla State Police office received its official notice of closure last week.

"My first response was shock," said station commander Lt. Mitch Southwick. "Most of the feedback that I've gotten from the patrol officers is that they are very disappointed. I know I am."

The official notice said the office would close June 30, which is the end of the fiscal year. Officers at the station had hoped the office would be spared the funding ax, after hearing the proposal was a political maneuver within the state police hierarchy.

According to Southwick, the closure plan chosen by the state police will leave the station's 13 patrol troopers and two game officers in the area. Each officer would be assigned a police car and would work out of his home. About six new cars would have to be added for the local force.

Because the officers would be officially assigned to Pendleton, they would have to report there daily to check in and prepare reports.

"I don't see response time lengthened, if everything goes according to plan," Southwick said. "What could slow response is if a patrol officer is in Pendleton."

While construction crews work to shore up the damaged feed canal, Echo city officials are working to help people get their lives back together after severe flooding. Topping the agenda, the city is trying to obtain disaster money from state or federal agencies. But so far prospects don't look bright.

City administrator Diane Berry said the Federal Emergency Management Agency does not consider the Echo flooding to be severe enough to warrant money. The city is attempting to join Burns and several other towns that have recently flooded to get assistance from the state, however there has not been much encouragement from Salem.



HH FILE PHOTO

Lt. Mitch Southwick stands in front of the Oregon State Police office in Umatilla, which was closed in 1993.

50 YEARS AGO
April 4, 1968

Hermiston city council voted to have a resolution prepared to limit parking to two hours for one block on Hermiston Avenue from West First Street to West Second Street and that signs so stating to be erected.

A report from the police department revealed that one business in that block would like parking meters, one would like limited parking but is not in favor of meters and other businesses are opposed to meters. Mayor Walter Pearson suggested that the real answer to the problem could be a two-hour parking limit, and a motion to this effect was passed.

A crowd of 3,200 race fans attended the Umatilla Speedway in the cool 56 degree weather Saturday, March 24. Altogether 81 cars in five categories participated in the day's race events, super modifieds, limited modifieds, stock hard tops, super stocks and jalopies.

Ken Hamilton, Nampa, Idaho, set a new track record of 15:29 driving No. 98, the Pink Lady sponsored by East Side Cafe and Lounge, Nampa. Ken received a \$100 check from Charlie Kik, promoter of the speedway.

Preparations are underway this week to move into the new Riverside High School, replacing the former one which is being demolished preparatory to formation of the John Day pool.

The 13-year-old Riverside high school gymnasium was burned Monday, and the old gymnasium built nearly 50 years ago, which has been used for classrooms since construction of a new gymnasium, also was burned to the ground.

75 YEARS AGO
April 8, 1943

The new townsite of Ordnance, now being developed by the federal public housing authority at the request of the war department just south of the Umatilla ordnance depot, is rapidly gaining the appearance of a small city. A portion of the 350 housing units may be ready for occupancy the latter part of April and the remainder to be completed at intervals thereafter. The construction work is in charge of C.F. Davidson Co. of Tacoma, Wash., with various sub-contractors handling various phases of the work.

The project consists of 350 dwelling units in a row of houses of fours, sixes and eights in individual buildings. Also planned are a community building, a commercial building and other structures. It is situated on a tract of 80.5 acres on the Umatilla County side just south of the underpass access road to the depot.

Each dwelling unit consists of a living room, kitchen, bath and one, two or three bedrooms. The units have continuous concrete wall foundations with concrete slab floors covered

with asphalt sheeting. The exterior walls are of hollow tile, with a stuccoed exterior and a plastered interior. The roofs, which seem almost flat, are covered with a three-ply mopped sheet roofing. The ceilings and walls are insulated with two-inch wool, and the windows are of the wood casement type, weatherstripped and screened.

Each unit will be furnished with a coal stove and range and a six cubic foot refrigerator. The community building will have a social hall, clubrooms, day nursery, kitchen, offices and repair shops. A large playground for softball, badminton and horseshoe pitching is to be developed with a large spray pool for youngsters.

The commercial building, which will house a market, drugstore, clothing and shoes, post office, shoe repair, tailor and cleaning, and beauty and barber shops, has not as yet been started.

100 YEARS AGO
April 6, 1918

Citizens of Hermiston and the farming community surrounding have taken to the new daylight saving plan "like a duck takes to water." Before it went into effect last Sunday there were many, however, who could not see into the feasibility of the proposition, but after being patriotic enough to try rising an hour earlier than usual each morning and knocking off work an hour earlier in the evening they have become ardent supporters of the new law.

"It works like a charm," is the way most people put it in answer to the usual inquiry of how they like the plan, and so popular has it become all over the country that it is more than probable it will be kept in vogue even after the war is over.

There is no doubt now, if there ever was any, that the new law will work wonders in increasing the food production, for already clerks, businessmen, school teachers, preachers and farmers can be seen using the shining surplus hour each afternoon developing gardens in the vicinity of their homes in this city and preparing and sowing land to alfalfa and other root crops in the country.

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