

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**  
*We moved here in summer of 1976. My dad's job with Frito Lay got transferred here and my mom went to work at Hinkle Railyard. She was one of the first female brakemen hired at Hinkle.*

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**  
*Kobe Hibachi Sushi - when it first opened, we were eating there about once a week.*

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
*Doug and I like to Cosplay and attend Comicons. We have attended Seattle Emerald City Comicon about seven or eight times, and Portland, Rose City Comicon about four or five times now. We would love to attend more, including the big one in San Diego, CA.*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**  
*While the city has changed since I moved here in 1976, the small town-know your neighbor feeling hasn't, despite the fast-paced growth, which is excellent to see. I love that about our community.*

**What was the last book you read?**  
*It is a Steampunk Genre book in a series called The Girl and the Clockworks Cat (book one) and The Girl and the Clockwork Conspiracy (book two), by Nikki McCormack. Great reading.*

**What app or website do you use most often other than Facebook or Google?**  
*Trip Check and Accuweather. Driving back and forth to Pendleton, these two apps are the bomb for keeping update on road conditions all year long.*

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**  
*My dream vacation is to visit Australia and New Zealand for a month. I want to travel the entire area, including the train trips available, and do a boat diving trip there as well. The only drawback I know of is they have 7 to 10 of the most deadly snakes. I HATE SNAKES. But I'm still going.*

**What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?**  
*I'd have to say, Doug forgetting how to sing to me at our wedding? He'd been practicing for weeks and was great. The time came, music cued up, he turned to look at me and... the poor guy had the deer in the headlights look. Any thoughts related to anything, including his own name, was GONE. I even tried to help him out by telling him to sing anything. Still nothing from him. Suddenly I start laughing hysterically and couldn't stop. I was promptly followed in the infectious laughter by all our 200-plus friends and family. Even the judge who was marrying us couldn't stop laughing. It was hilarious and took a bit to get the ceremony back on track, but we made it.*

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HERMISTON HISTORY

**25 Years Ago**  
**April 20, 1993**

Campus Life is one step closer to reopening its youth center. The group, led by Rod Bragato, put money down on property across the street from Hermiston High School where a large metal building will be constructed.

Right now, the only thing standing in their way is the \$23,000 needed to construct the building.

"When we had our youth center open, we averaged 80 kids a night, so we know they want a place to go," Bragato said. "This center will be a reality, we just need people to support it."

On Wednesday, May 19, the national Heart-N-Soul Concert Tour will stop in Hermiston featuring such artists as ETW (End Time Warriors), E-Rock, JC Crew and The Dynamic Twins. All proceeds from the tickets will go to the youth center.

Two girls attending Armand Larive Junior High were handed seven days of out-of-school suspension for bringing two pellet guns to school.

The incident, involving a 13-year-old and a 14-year-old, happened Thursday, said school principal Shannon Gorham. The pellet guns were found in the girls' bags, and the Hermiston police were called in to deal with the problem.

Hermiston police officer Doug Smith reported that one of the girls has been taken into custody for possession of stolen property. He said the second girl would face the same charge.

**50 Years Ago**  
**April 18, 1968**

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the additional nine holes to be added to McNary Golf Course were Monday, with Mrs. Ursel Hiatt, widow of the late president of McNary Golf Club, turning the first spade of earth to get the construction underway. Threatening clouds in an otherwise fair day and gusts of wind slightly interrupted the ceremony, but the sun appeared before it was over.



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It's "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White" along downtown Main Street as trees planted during the 1992 downtown improvement project brighten the street with their blossoms. Anna McCully, Irrigon, and her daughter, Kyleen, 4, admire the blossoming pear trees in front of Sherrell Chevrolet.

Gene Hiatt, who succeeded his father as president of the golf club, presided and gave a speech including expressions of thanks to the many persons who assisted in the project.

**75 Years Ago**  
**April 22, 1943**

The first organized opposition to opening Umatilla County Japanese-American farm labor during the coming harvest seasons was reported in Pendleton Wednesday when the county court announced that it had received an official notification from the Hermiston Farm Bureau.

The letter stated that this organization opposed throwing Umatilla County open to any Japanese labor.

Business deals on Hermiston Main Street have been flying fast and thick this week and it could be that more have transpired before *The Herald* gets in the hands of its readers.

Although several changes have been made, the property has remained

in the hands of hometown people and no newcomers have been listed.

Heading the list is the purchase of the Thompson Drug Store by Sam Moore and Glenn Ripley from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson who have operated the concern for the past several years.

The Igloo is also in new hands. Guy Cronk, who last week announced that he planned to open a cafeteria, decided at the last minute that he didn't want to go into the restaurant business. Information now is that John Henry Nye and Sam Nye have leased the firm and will operate the bar side, sub-leasing the lunch counter. Still another change finds Vern Daugherty's Barber Shop moving to the Igloo Inn from the Hermiston Hotel.

**100 Years Ago**  
**April 20, 1918**

Women are to be taken on as rural route mail carriers all over the country as a war emergency measure,

according to information given in the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General. The first examination to which women will be eligible will take place April 27 in all sections where there are vacancies and where men carriers are unattainable. This is the first time since 1911 that women have been eligible for such posts, except in rare cases as substitutes.

Previous to that time the service was opened to women for a short time, but while their work was satisfactory, climatic conditions in the Northwest were such as to make it inadvisable to use them generally and the privilege of examination was denied.

The Hermiston city council passed an ordinance to extend the irrigation system to the residents of the Newport addition. With the passing of the ordinance a new irrigation district has been created, which will hereafter be known as District No. 2.

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