

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



JACOB NEIGHBORS

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

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Walker's Farm Kitchen.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to boat, hunt, fish and hang out with my kids.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
I'm surprised at the amount of industry coming in lately. That our community is seemingly leading Eastern Oregon in industrial growth.

What was the last book you read?
"Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" by Peter Scanzero

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

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Phuket, Thailand

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
I was attacked by a Bengal tiger in Montana, while doing an insurance inspection at a camp. A neighbor at the camp had adopted two tigers. I walked up to the house, and got roared and jumped at by the tiger behind a sliding glass door.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
Take my family to Nashville.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Probably my kids and my family.

HERMISTON HISTORY

25 YEARS AGO

MAY 18, 1993

According to studies, 30 percent of the American population is allergic to something. For some it could be a certain food, cologne, fabric or insect repellent. However, according to Dr. Richard Flaiz of Hermiston, most individuals suffer from what goes up their nose, in the form of pollens and molds.

Sitting in his office at the Good Shepherd Medical Center, Dr. Flaiz and his allergy nurse, Sarah Zwiefelhofer, R.N., explain that they have begun a multi-year project that should give Hermiston-area allergy sufferers a fighting chance in the battle against the sneeze, wheeze, drip and cough of airborne allergens.

While no one can completely shield themselves from all sources of allergies, Zwiefelhofer states that their present project will give locals an idea of what is blooming in the area so they can take precautions. The apparatus the duo is using to make their study is located near the hospital and in essence is a small wind gauge that traps all passing particles and funnels them onto a small, adhesive glass rod. Once each day, Zwiefelhofer lowers the mechanism from its perch, removes the rod and puts it under a microscope to determine what molds and pollens are blowing around in the area. As a service to the residents of northeastern Oregon, Dr. Flaiz will be issuing a pollen and mold report every week on the front page of the *Hermiston Herald*.

• One of the long-standing arguments between the proponents of sport hunting and the animal rights extremists may be taking on a new twist in the future, a twist that almost borders on the comedic.

For eons, hunters, biologists and wildlife managers have argued that sport hunting is the most natural, efficient and logical management tool for keeping certain wildlife populations (such as deer) in check. The animal rightsists, on the other hand, have long tried to sway public opinion away from this, preaching that the more labor-intensive and costly trap-and-relocate methods are the most acceptable. Now they're touting an even more bizarre solution: birth control for animals.

While still an experimental concept, having not been approved or put through vigorous testing by the Food and Drug Administration, animal rights advocates believe a new technology involving "immunocontraceptives" could be a viable alternative to hunting everywhere.



Dr. Richard Flaiz and allergy nurse Sarah Zwiefelhofer check the day's pollen numbers in 1993.

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Carlos Torres, center, is flanked by the two friends who risked their lives to save him from drowning in 1993 at the Boardman Marina. Julio Bernal, left, and his older brother Francisco, right, battled cold water and high waves to pull him to safety after he got a cramp while swimming.

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50 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1968

A color slide presentation entitled "A Stranger Looks at Hermiston" will open the two-day Hermiston Congress for Progress on Monday evening, May 20, at Hermiston Junior High School.

Narrated by Lee Smith of Pacific Power & Light Company's public affairs department, the half-hour show will depict an outsider's impression of the city of Hermiston. It will set the stage for a panel discussion to follow.

"The slide show will make local citizens aware of the shortcomings and assets of Hermiston as seen by a casual visitor, said Bernie Carper, project committee chairman for the Congress for Community Progress.

The entire community is cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Fred Reeves was named "Mother of the Year" at the Hermiston Senior High School Girl's League Annual Mother's Tea held Friday on the lawn, with the theme "Floating Gardens" carried out with huge baskets of flowers anchored in the swimming pool. A

gift was presented to Mrs. Reeves.

Approximately 250 mothers and daughters attended the tea. Debbie Mann was chairman.

75 YEARS AGO

MAY 13, 1943

Next week will be a busy one in the lives of Hermiston high school seniors who will complete four years of study, climaxed by receiving their diplomas Thursday night. A total of 25 seniors will conclude their high school days, to enter new fields of endeavor which at the present time are none too bright.

Graduation exercises will be held Thursday evening, May 20, beginning at 8 p.m. The program will be opened by the processional by the high school band, followed by the invocation, and a musical selection by the chorus. Charles F. Walker, president of Behnke-Walker Business College, will deliver an address on "Now is not always."

• Unwelcome news received this week was that Jack Luehrs, brother of Miss Constance Luehrs,

had lost his life while in action with the armed forces overseas. The word was received by her parents at Ontario where Miss Luehrs had gone to visit for the weekend.

There is still some faint ray of hope, however, as the news was received from the Red Cross from a German government source which might be misleading.

100 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1918

The Hermiston Bachelors Club, composed of Tom Campbell, president; H. K. Dean, vice president; James Smith, secretary-treasurer; and Sam Oldaker, advisory member, broke all the rules of the organization Thursday evening by being hosts to all the local school teachers of the female persuasion at a sumptuous turkey dinner at the Hotel Hermiston.

We do not know as yet what the outcome will be, but some fear is felt that the club will lose its honored president and vice president.

•When the American steamship *Kansan* was sunk some time ago by a German submarine it had on board a great quantity of masks, gloves, baseballs and bats for the United States troops in France, all of which went to the bottom of the sea with the ill-fated vessel, thus depriving the boys "over there" from indulging in the national game.

Now, however, popular subscription is making it possible for the sending of another cargo of the paraphernalia to the soldier boys, and in this matter Hermiston is doing her share. The little drive for this cause was handled by William Shaar, who was commissioned to do the work, and in the three or four days he has been soliciting subscriptions he has raised quite a neat little sum.

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A number of area school district staff are shining up **Crystal Apple Awards** they received May 14 at the Pendleton Red Lion. Representing excellence in education, the awards were presented by **InterMountain Education Service District**. Local winners include:
Umatilla County: **Kristi Armstrong** (transportation, Echo School District), **Rick Thew** (fifth grade teacher, Echo Elementary School), **Frank Longhorn** (facilities

manager, Stanfield School District), **Mike Sanders** (agriculture/industrial arts teacher, Stanfield Secondary School), **Monica Anderson** (operational assistant, Umatilla High School) and **Pam Bissonette** (alternative education teacher, Umatilla High School).

Morrow County: **Sarah Christy** (first grade teacher, Sam Boardman Elementary School), **Betsy Shane** (math teacher, Riverside Jr/Sr High School) and **Amy Stringer** (counselor, A.C. Houghton/Irrigon Elementary Schools).

"We congratulate each of this year's Crystal Apple winners and are honored

to celebrate these wonderful educators who are making a difference every day for students," said **Michele Madril**, IMESD director of communication.

For a full list of Crystal Apple winners, visit www.imesd.k12.or.us.

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Be sure to stop by the **Hermiston Public Library** this month to see artwork on display by some of the talented students from **Armand Larive Middle School** and **Sandstone Middle School**. In addition, members of **Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society**, a local rock and gem club, are featuring

some of their collections in one of the display cases.

The library is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave. For more information, call 541-567-2882.

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Teresa Moncrief was recently installed as president of **Hermiston Emblem Club #215** for 2018-19 by installing officers **Coyla Bedord**, supreme deputy, and **Donna Laurence**, marshal.

Visiting dignitaries during the event included state president **Brenda Powell**, past state president **Bernice Hill** and **Marie Crockett**, formerly of Hermiston #215 and currently a Wash-

ington Emblem.

Other Hermiston club members installed include:

Angel Smith (vice president), **Serena MacPherson** (treasurer), **Maxine Rice** (financial secretary), **Carol Goin** (recording secretary), **Michele Dickmeier** (corresponding secretary), **Coyla Bedord** (first guard & trustee, also past state president), **Sheryl Goin** (first trustee), **Marge Feyder** (trustee), **Rickie Hokanson** (guard), **Donna Laurence** (marshal), **Nancy Brown** (chaplain) and **Lil Smith** (Historian).

Emblem Club members are recognized for the charity work they do in their

communities, scholarships they provide, their dedication to patriotism and their support of the Elks and our country's veterans. The Hermiston Emblem Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Hermiston Elks Lodge. For information about joining, call **Maxine Rice**, membership committee chair, at 541-567-3700.

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