

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I moved to Hermiston in late June 2017 to work as a speech-language pathologist at Good Shepherd.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
My favorite places to eat in Hermiston are at my friends' houses. They make really good food.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Riding bikes, hiking, skiing, quilting, road trips, reading, swimming, ... basically any kind of adventure.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
It looks like there's nothing to do here, but there's a TON to do here.

What was the last book you read?
"I Left My Voice on the Dining Room Table" by Pat Wertz Sanders

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

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Asia and/or New Zealand

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
About five years ago a bird pooped on my head during an OK Cupid date, and my date never even noticed. I was just relieved my hair was so long that my one nice shirt didn't get ruined.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
To go on a gravel bike adventure and backpack in the Wallows

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Deciding to uproot my entire life and move somewhere else just because, well, why not?

HERMISTON HISTORY



Keith Ellis paints the face of Brent Driscoll during Hermiston's Spudfest in June 1993.

25 YEARS AGO
JUNE 22, 1993

A Hermiston man plead guilty last week with the stipulation that he was "insane" when he shot a Hermiston Police officer last September. Because of the insanity plea, Timothy Johnson will not be serving time in prison, but will be spending the next 20 years under the supervision of the state Psychiatric Security Review Board. The sentence comes after Johnson was charged with first-degree assault and attempted aggravated murder stemming from a series of incidents on Sept. 9, 1992. According to police records, Johnson fired repeated rounds into the air near his home. Officers were called to the scene and one of those bullets pierced the window of a police car housing Officer Jim Littlefield. Littlefield was shot in the shoulder and taken to the hospital. He recovered from the wound. While Johnson may spend the entire two decades in a mental institution, he could be released at any time the psychiatric review board finds him sane and no threat to society.

50 YEARS AGO
JUNE 20, 1967

Hermiston telephone growth, which moved in 1968 to all-time highs, will bring adjustments in basic monthly phone charges for Hermiston customers, according to D. Slusher, Pacific Northwest Bell manager. Monthly residence rates for Hermiston customers will go up 10 to 30 cents, while monthly business service charges will increase from 20 cents to \$1.50, depending on the type of service. The last revision in Hermiston phone rates occurred in January, 1957. Currently, more than 2,800 customers are served by Pacific Northwest Bell in the Hermiston exchange, Slusher said. Calls from phones in Hermiston can be dialed directly without long distance charges to more than 4,100 phone users in Hermiston, Echo, Stanfield and Umatilla. Slusher pointed out that five years ago, Hermiston phone customers totaled only 2,390, and that extended service was limited to a total



A man parachutes onto Main Street during Hermiston's Spudfest in June 1993.

of 3,560 phone users in a nearby community.

75 YEARS AGO
JUNE 24, 1943

Pranksters, with a very crude idea of a practical joke, have "had themselves a time" in recent weeks in the Townsend club hall one mile east of Hermiston. They have not only broken into the place, but have broken windows, torn down pictures, and made fires with them in the middle of the floor, driven nails into the floor and otherwise done damage. The Townsend club is offering a \$50 reward for the apprehension and conviction of any person connected with the destruction of property.

The Portland-Pendleton Motor Transport Co. is now operating its own delivery truck under its own operating rights in and about Hermiston. This equipment and operating rights take the place of the equipment and operating rights formerly owned and operated by the late I.W. Geer. The company has announced that its transfer and freight service will be the same as in the past with local hauling and storage facilities. Robert Geer, who has had several years experience in the transportation business, will be retained here as an agent for this district.

100 YEARS AGO
JUNE 22, 1918

Some weeks ago the Umatilla correspondent of this paper made mention of workmen unearthing a mammoth tusk, or what appeared to be such, at the O.W.R. & N. gravel pit near that city. The find was placed on exhibition in the depot there, and later it was sent to Dr. W.T. Foster, president of Reed College at Portland, for geological and paleontological investigation, the belief having become prevalent that the bone or tusk was that of some prehistoric animal. Unfortunately, this specimen was broken in shipment and Dr. Foster, who made preliminary study of the pieces, said that a more detailed study would be necessary before venturing any scientific estimate of the discovery. He has asked that the workmen, on finding new evidence, leave it in the ground and notify the college, in which event Dr. Torrey and other qualified geologists would visit the scene and gather whatever data was available.

"The discovery holds out interesting promise for geological study," said Dr. Foster. "If they are the bones of a prehistoric animal or any animal not now accounted for, of course, there is great scientific value there. We shall try to piece together the bones at

once and arrive at a conclusion. Probably we shall send someone to the scene of the discovery anyway."

Among the Columbia news notes in this paper last week was chronicled a great stir in that district over a crazy man that later proved to be sane, but on Friday of the same week, a sure enough demented person visited the Hermiston district. On the afternoon of that day, an auto party brought word that they had passed a queer-acting and exceedingly unkempt-looking personage on their way to town from the south. They said he was ambling toward this city. Chief of Police Ross Laudenslager watched for the man, and as he came wandering in placed him under arrest. Later the prisoner was taken before Justice of the Peace E.P. Dodd who, after questioning him thoroughly, deemed it advisable to order his commitment to the care of the county sheriff. Answering the questions of Judge Dodd, the fellow very lucidly stated that he was on his way from Pendleton to Portland, but, while no one suspected at that he was looney, nevertheless he proved later to be an escaped inmate of the Eastern Oregon hospital for the insane at Pendleton, from which institution he took his departure the day before.

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CORRECTION

The June 13 article "Council unpacks property rule issues" misquoted Rhonda Sallee. She asked whether proposed rules for shipping containers would apply to those already in place.

The June 13 "By the Way" stated that Orchard Avenue would be "blocked off" for construction on July 8-10. Assistant city manager Mark Morgan clarified that one lane will be kept open during construction.

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