

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston on February 12, 2010 from Oregon State University because I had gotten a job as Eastern Oregon University's Hermiston Center Director.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

It's tied between Walker's and Delish.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I have no spare time. It's a really good thing I love my job — I spend 12 to 14 hours a day here. I love to travel, I like to garden, I love reading and I like to bake things.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

The community — I thought I'd be here for three years and leave Hermiston. But I fell in love with the people and how giving they are.

What was the last book you read?

I've got four books going right now. Probably the best one is an autobiographical-type book on Booker T. Washington — a compilation of his writings. I think he's really the father of career technical education, and I've been blown away. I also read Pride and Prejudice every fall. Jane Austen is my favorite author: I love the courage she displays. Everyone thinks she's a fluffy romance writer, but she's not, she was terribly gutsy.

What app or website do you use most often?

Pinterest. It's a horrible addiction.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Scotland: it's like my second home, I've been three times. If I was traveling to a place I've never been, I'd go to Turkey or Syria.

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

I met Rob Lowe in an airport. My flight was delayed and then canceled, I was wearing a business suit that was two days old, my makeup had sunk in/slid off my face, and I was trying to get home. I was almost in tears. Then I turned around, and Rob Lowe was standing behind me. He said, "it seems like you're having a hard time." And I said, "Yes — and I really miss you on the West Wing!" This was in 2005 or 2006.

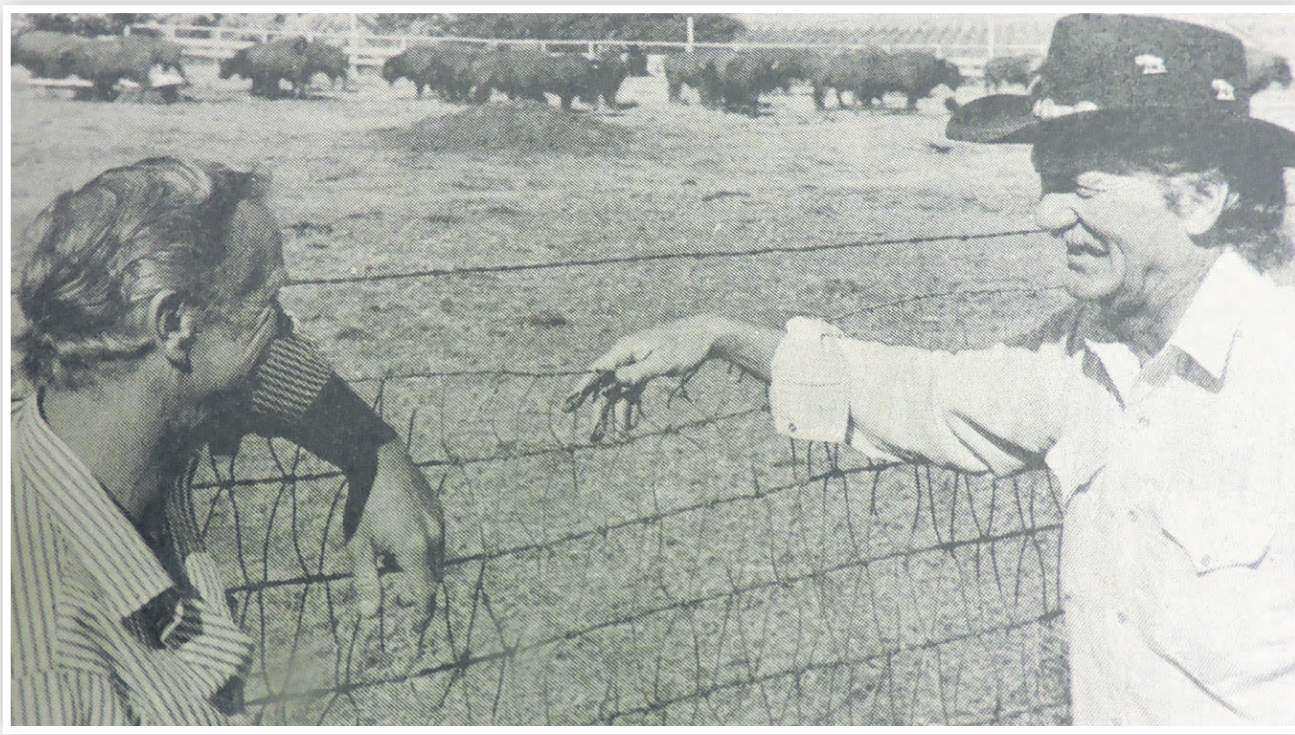
What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?

I think a personal goal — I said at the beginning of the year that I'd do at least one thing every month that scared me or that took me out of my comfort zone. For July, it's ziplining in Belize.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

I think the moments where I'm most proud are not my accomplishments, but my students' — the times I feel most pride are being able to watch or support someone overcome something they didn't think they could overcome.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Stuart Bonney, left, looks over his final herd of buffalo, which he sold to a ranch in Cheney, Washington in 1993.

25 YEARS AGO
JUNE 29, 1993

In a surprise daylight raid last week, about a dozen members of the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team and a member of the Boardman Police Department arrested two area men who were allegedly in possession of controlled substances and stolen property. Arrested were Terrell Lee Rea, 27, and Michael Gary Pool, 40. According to Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago, the home where the two men were apprehended, located several miles southwest of Boardman, had been under surveillance for several months. Drago explained that their informants had told them at certain times anywhere between 30-40 cars per night would pull up to the rural compound. The raid began taking shape early in the afternoon when the team members met in the Boardman office of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. At that time, they checked surveillance photos of the main trailer, an outlying trailer and several buildings.

About 3:45 p.m., the officers strapped on their bullet-proof vests and headed out to the property. Once they arrived at the house, the cars rapidly pulled into the yard and the officers quickly rushed to their assigned positions, securing the area within less than one minute. Several of the officers assigned to an out-building on the west end of the property found Pool, who surrendered without resistance. Another officer checking a second smaller trailer on the property uncovered Rea in a back bedroom. The officer reported that when he entered the bedroom he found Rea awake with a 22 semi-automatic handgun trained on the door. The officer, also with his gun drawn, convinced Rea to lower his weapon. A search of the bedroom uncovered two other loaded guns. In a search of the main trailer, officers found Pool's grandmother, who is not considered to be involved in the incident.



Jon Colon of Knerr Construction lowers a repaired boat launch into the water at the Umatilla Marina, directed by Charlie Dickerson.

50 YEARS AGO
JUNE 27, 1968

Fifteen boy scouts from Hermiston Troop 656, together with other troops in the Blue Mountain Council, assisted the Walla Walla Ranger District in a tree planting program on the Eden road between Tollgate and Troy Last weekend. Large culverts had been installed and the construction left the soil vulnerable to erosion. The scouts cut willow slips and planted them at one-foot intervals in the immediate areas below the culvert outlets. When established, these willows will restore protective cover.

75 YEARS AGO
JULY 1, 1943

A general pattern for handling the school population of the district is rounding into shape. Final approval on certain phases of the plan must be secured from Washington, but the general outlines are set. In addition to the students the schools have accommodated in the past two years, the district was faced with the addition of students from the Ordnance housing unit. The following plan was worked out by representatives of the U.S. Commissioner of Education, State Superintendent's office, Umatilla Ordnance Depot and a local school representative.

dren, grades 1, 2, and 3, will be accommodated at the housing site. Grades 4 to 12 will be transported to Hermiston. An application will be made under the Lanham Act to reimburse the district for the additional cost of the project. Two new buildings are requested: a six-room building to be erected in Hermiston, near the present building, and a four-room building to be erected at the housing site, to accommodate the primary children.

100 YEARS AGO
JUNE 29, 1918

Secretary Lane has asked for a special appropriation of \$2,000,000 to be used in making investigation of the feasibility of various proposed plans for irrigating new projects. The United States is already preparing for the reconstruction period, and projects that will provide labor for the returning soldiers and also homes and a tract of land will be given the special attention of the government. Mr. Newell will present all the data available to the secretary of

the interior on all lands now needing additional water under the Umatilla River and also other lands that have no water supply at all. The plan involves the construction of reservoir sites, either by direct appropriation of the government or under the Smith-Chamberlain bill, which will store water for whatever district is in need of more water.

The circus — the national amusement, the first love of every boy and girl in the land — is going among the people this season in order that the home fires may be kept burning and that the will to win the war may not grow stale through lack of wholesome entertainment. Hence the government has made provision that the trains of the Sells-Floto circus may come to Pendleton on July 6, bringing with it a show that thrills with patriotic spectacles, from that of "America," which opens the big circus, to that of the Goddess of Liberty welcoming our victories Sammies on their return to the land of the free.

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