

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Umatilla County Fair Coordinator (see A5)

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

We moved here in 2009 on my son's eighth birthday when the economy took a dive that year and I was laid off for the first time in my life and struggled to find work and afford to live in Southern California.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

That's easy, Midway Bar & Grill. #broastedchicken

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Fishing, hunting, boating, crabbing and bonfires with our other friends who have also moved to Oregon from Southern California.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

What surprises me the most is how giving people are. No matter what their socioeconomic "status" or background, the people seem to give and give to support youth programs, service organizations and community events. The level at which that occurs here is astonishing to me in the best sense of the word.

What was the last book you read?

To be honest, I'm more of a fan of TV documentaries. I especially love a good crime documentary or Planet Earth and National Geographic specials.

What app or website do you use most often?

Amazon and YouTube, but I can't live without my calendar widget!

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I want to stay here in the good ol' U.S. I want to see the Grand Canyon, Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone and the Sequoias.

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

Well in the spirit of Fair, I'll keep it Fair related. A few years ago, probably my second year working for Umatilla County I became engaged and as a joke, our Fair Board Chairman Gay Newman purposely started a rumor that I was going to get married during the fair on the Main Stage before one of the concerts. It was Director Steve Anderson's first year on the Fair Board and he came up to me to congratulate me but was frantic about when and how it was going to work logistically and wanted to help in any way he could. I had to tell him that it was a prank and that I wasn't really getting married on stage during the fair. We had a GREAT laugh.

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

Simply to put everything that I've learned about the fair since 2012, into action. I've learned something from every single one of my predecessors and have paid attention to things that have worked and things that have not worked. This is the first time that I will have a full year to implement what I've absorbed and to make some changes for better efficiency, better sponsor relations and to further the fair's relationship with every organization and entity who has a part in its annual creation. My goal in this position is to be transparent with my fair board and with the county commissioners so that we can all communicate and do what is necessary to support the fair and all of the youth programs that benefit from it.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Hermiston's VFW Auxiliary float took third place at the Stanfield Fourth of July parade in 1993.

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25 YEARS AGO

JULY 6, 1993

Oregon is still only one of two states imposing a ban against self-serve gas stations.

An attempt to join the majority of the states was quashed last week when a House vote of 36-23 put an end to the bill for the remainder of the session.

The bill would have allowed the self-service sale of gasoline and universal access to card-lock facilities in certain eastern Oregon counties. The "county option" would have allowed Umatilla, Morrow and 14 other counties the opportunity to choose to pump their own petrol.

According to Rep. Chuck Norris, the county option evolved "after it became clear that an outright repeal of the self-service ban, which has been in place since 1951, or a referral of the issue statewide, was not supported by a majority of the House Natural Resource Committee members."

Driving through the Hermiston and Stanfield farming areas, small sections of lily blossoms can be seen sprinkled across the green fields.

Those small sections are color blocks of several varieties of lilies, a new, successful crop grown in the area.

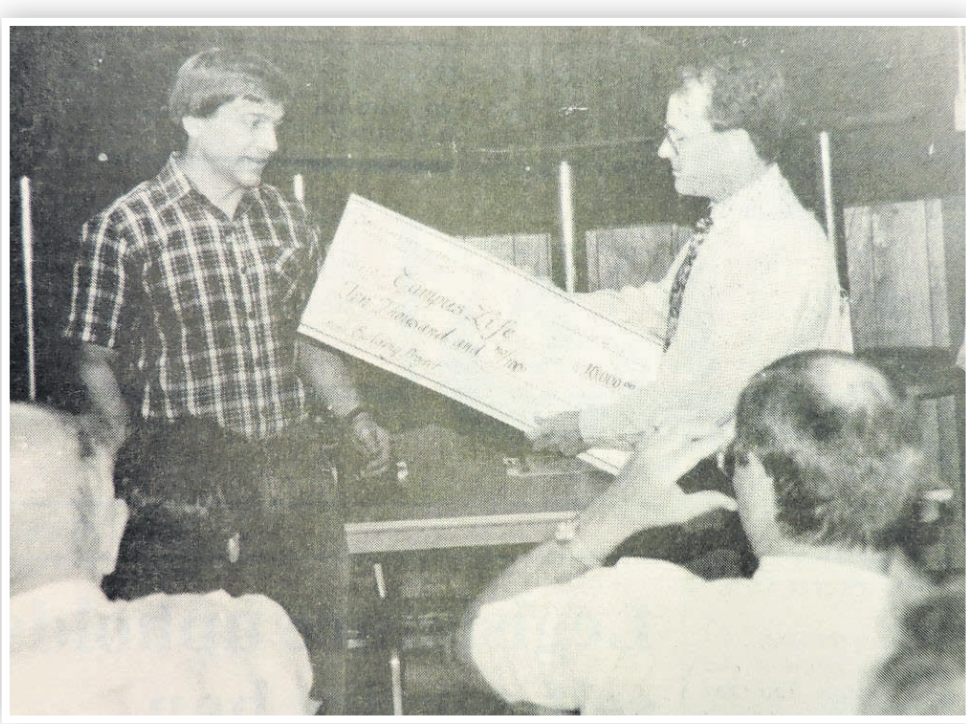
Even though there are 250 acres of lilies growing in different locations, fields of full-blown flowers swaying in the breeze will not be seen, as growers are focused on building a good root system and allowing the bulbs to reach full maturity would be counterproductive.

50 YEARS AGO

JULY 4, 1968

Hermiston telephone users who call overseas may not know it, but their voices are traveling by satellite with increasing regularity these days.

Communications satellites supplementing longer-established undersea cables are carrying a steadily-growing number of tele-



Rod Bragato (left) organizer of the Campus Life youth programs in Hermiston, received a truly big check from Chuck Steltenpohl for \$10,000 from the local Rotary Club in July 1993.

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phone calls to parts of Europe and the Pacific. But satellites are just beginning to cast their shadow across the globe.

According to Dale Slusher, local manager for Pacific Northwest Bell, satellite telephone service will be available before long to Africa, South America, the Middle East and Asia. The construction of new ground stations in these distant lands and the launching of higher-capacity satellites will make this expansion possible.

75 YEARS AGO

JULY 8, 1943

Like the baseball player who ran to third base instead of first, the Hermiston fire department did a good job of extinguishing the flames of some small barns on the W.J. Warner property south of town but found out the next morning that the original call for help had come from a trailer house fire in Cabin City. A third fire started just a short distance east of the other two fires.

The barns were destroyed, the trailer house seriously damaged and no report was made of the third fire. However, one thing was quite certain, all the fires had some connec-

tion. The barn fire was the third similar case in recent months indicating that a firebug might be active here.

Residents with small outbuildings are urged to keep on the lookout for suspicious characters or indications which might lead to another fire.

Army Ordnance is learning a lot about women it never knew before. Women are replacing men called to the Armed Forces or shipped overseas. They are helping relieve the manpower shortage.

A realistic survey of female employment has been made available by Colonel A.S. Buyers, commanding Umatilla Ordnance Depot, which employs a large number of women.

Here is what battle-tough Ordnance personnel experts discovered: Women have greater finger dexterity than men, greater patience, greater enthusiasm. Women will accept 99 percent responsibility, but they always like to receive a final OK on their work from men. Women want their jobs glamorized for them. Women do not mind getting their hands and faces dirty, but the lack of beauty shops in the community will cause a seri-

ous personnel problem. Women take instructions and directions in a far more personal manner than men. Women are patriotic without cynicism.

100 YEARS AGO

JULY 6, 1918

When the change is made from gas power to electricity at the city pumping station the reservoir on the Hermiston Butte will be flushed and cleaned. At that time the council plans to do a little road improvement by flushing the city streets with water that will come from the hydrants, and then put on the road drag and smooth up the holes on the main thoroughfare.

Owners of shade trees on thoroughfares that obstruct the vision of opposite-going vehicles will be asked to trim them in order to avoid accidents.

Picnics, reunions and family gatherings marked the celebration of Independence Day this year, and the noisy firecracker was for once noticeable in its absence. Thursday morning a large caravan of people from town and country with well-filled baskets began moving toward the picnic ground on the Umatilla River, where all who participated had a most excellent time.

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