

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I grew up here, and came back June of last year after graduating with my music degree from Whitworth University. I love this town, and being able to do good work in this community with the radio stations and dance studio is very fulfilling.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

We have so many great restaurants, what a hard decision! If I have to pick just one at the moment, Delish Bistro.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love to read, but music is my biggest passion, so you can find me singing most days.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

Growing up here, I don't have a big surprise that stands out. However, I am so pleased with how much the arts scene is growing here.

What was the last book you read?

"Better Than Before" by Gretchen Rubin. A great read for anyone looking to form (and stick to) new habits.

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

Gohermiston.com. It's the perfect one-stop-shop for any information and websites local to our area!

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

That probably changes on a daily basis. Today I'll say Italy; I want to tour Europe's opera houses, and Italy is the perfect place to start!

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

I was barrel racing one day as a kid when I started falling off of my horse, but refused to let go. So I grabbed my horse's neck and slowly slid sideways until I was hanging upside-down before finally falling off. Spectators thought it was pretty funny!

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

I will be soloing with the Oregon East Symphony in February, so I am working toward that performance.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Voice Performance last year. It was the culmination of hours and hours in a practice room and the library, and it was so worth it.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Jaime Chambers, 16, Pilot Rock; Danella Gage, 16, Hermiston; and Gretchen Bracher, 16, Hermiston (from left to right) were chosen to reign over the 1993 Umatilla County Fair.

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25 YEARS AGO

JULY 13, 1993

The Hermiston School District approved the signing of a "memo of understanding" at its monthly board meeting. The document helps prepare public schools for "maximum protection" in the event of an accident at the Umatilla Army Depot.

The memo provides for two options for responding to a chemical agent accident at the depot. The first is to provide buses to transport students out of the Immediate Response Zone — the area immediately surrounding the depot, which includes the Hermiston, Umatilla and Irrigon area.

The second option is to have portions of the affected schools "positive-overpressurized." According to the memo, overpressurization would eliminate the need for an evacuation, "ensuring to the maximum extent possible with technology that the school children would be safe."

Pratton told the board that overpressurizing part of the school facilities is the recommended choice of Army Depot Lt. Col. William McCune. With the overpressurization method, students could be expected to remain confined in the "safe haven" for at least 72 hours.

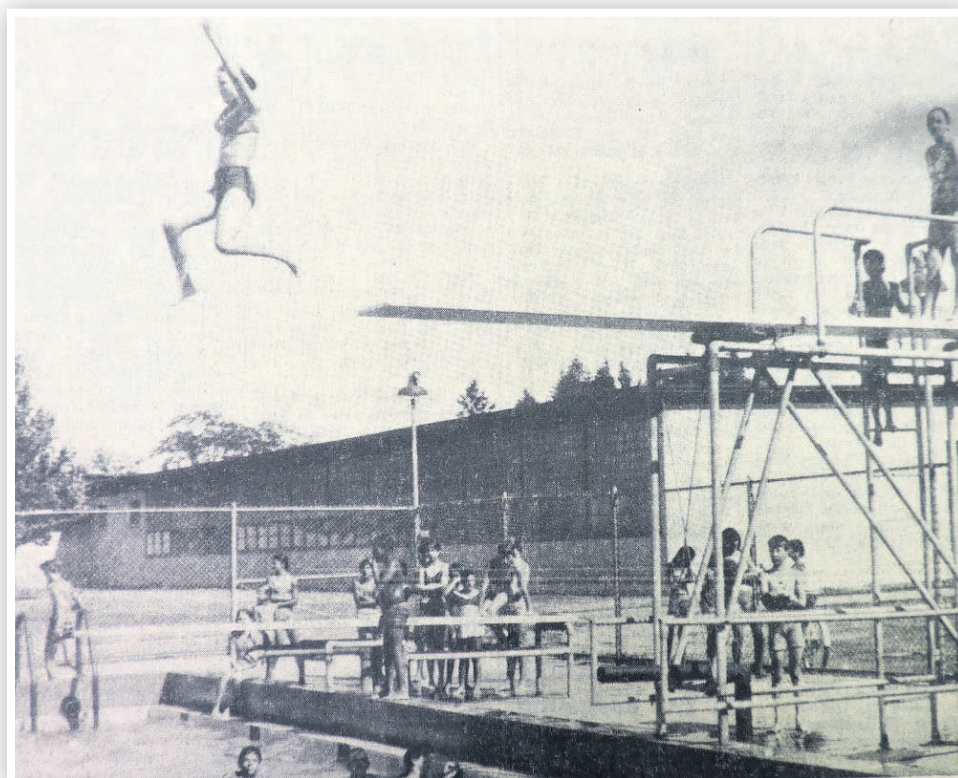
50 YEARS AGO

JULY 11, 1968

Excerpt from an op-ed from The American Rifleman published in the Herald: The rights of 200 million law-abiding Americans to own and use firearms legitimately are gravely threatened because of three assassins, all of them possibly Communist tools. Two are alleged to have extensive Communist contacts.

The triggermen who horribly and deplorably shot down President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King and U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy also, it now appears, struck a staggering blow to the American tradition of firearms ownership that has stood since the first settlers landed gun in hand.

Some Congressmen and anti-gun extremists now demand that all private ownership of firearms be stamped out as an evil. If the Administration concurs in this, it will show a morale-crushing lack of faith in the integrity and



Youngsters play in the Hermiston swimming pool on a hot day in July 1968.

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good intentions of the American people.

Any such step will also in some measure betray behind their backs thousands of young Americans now obeying orders to die gun in hand, if necessary, to halt Communism in distant Vietnam. A distinct percentage of the 500,000 servicemen there believe devoutly in the right of American civilians to keep and bear arms. They write home, distressed, about the ease with which the Communists capture disarmed Vietnam villages.

If the National Rifle Association could believe that gun controls sponsored by the Johnson Administration and its Congressional adherents really would reduce crime, we as loyal and law-abiding Americans would be the first to fall in line and support them.

75 YEARS AGO

JULY 15, 1943

The Umatilla Electric Cooperative association this week enters its sixth year of supplying electric service to farmers and other rural consumers in this area.

Citing the progress of the Cooperative since its lines were first energized on July 16, 1938, Manager Ray L Woolley, recalled that the system had only 381 consumers at the end of its first month of operation. Today the Cooperative furnishes electric service to 774 consumers along 271 miles of distribution lines in Umatilla and Morrow counties.



Deric Corriel, 9, Irrigon, greets a Carson and Barnes Circus public relations representative, Suzy, one of the 19 Asian Elephants, while handler Reggie Lindsey stands by in July 1993.

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Farm Members of the Cooperative have come to depend more and more on electric equipment to save labor and increase production of such vital foods as milk, eggs, poultry and meats, Mr. Woolley said. The 647 farms served by the Cooperative consumed an average of 129.4 kilowatt hours in June as compared with 86.7 kilowatt hours a year ago.

The cooperative encourages its members to make the best possible use of existing electrical equipment and to build homemade devices. Many of the electric devices saving a substantial amount of labor are in the farm home, including water systems, washing machines, ranges, refrigerators and irons.

100 YEARS AGO

JULY 13, 1918

A streak of bad luck

seems to be following the city of Heppner, county seat of Morrow County, for on Thursday of last week it had another visitation of fire, the second within a few weeks, in which the property loss will run well towards \$200,000.

The fire started in the rear of a barber shop in that city, and fanned by a high wind took everything before it for four and a half blocks, resulting in making homeless 25 families. Lack of adequate fire protection seems to have been the reason for such a heavy property loss.

Mrs. Wilkins, who was in charge of the Palace Hotel at the time of the conflagration, proved a heroine. She gave the alarm to guests on the second and third floors of the hostelry, and the flames cutting her off forced her to take to the fire escape, dropping 15 feet to the ground.

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