

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



ANNETTE WEBB

Retail Nursery Owner

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I moved here in 2013 — My daughter didn't know a lot of people here, and my grandkids were here. I was between jobs, so it was perfect timing.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Probably La Palma. I haven't eaten out much since I've been in Hermiston.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Read. I do a lot of reading.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
I think when I first moved here, I thought it'd be like a desert. There's a lot more greenery than I expected. As much, if not more, farming than on the west side.

What was the last book you read?
I'm reading "The Walled City" by Ryan Gaudin. It's pretty good — I started it this morning and am a third of the way through.

What app or website do you use most often?
Pinterest

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
I always thought Australia or New Zealand would be an interesting place to visit.

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
Afterward it was funny — during, not so much. I was home alone and it was early morning. I was still in bed. Our cat, Houdini, was still a kitten. He would always jump on my bed to wake me up. I felt something move up alongside the covers, so I look over the covers, and I'm staring a baby possum in the face. It was alive. He'd brought it in the house to play with. We laugh at it now, but it was pretty freaky at the time.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
To get a job in the Eugene area. Now that I'm almost 60, I want to be in AC in the summer, and heat in the winter. It's time to go back to an indoor job.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Raising my kids to be self-sustaining adults that our raising their own families the way they should be. It's important to raise good people.

HERMISTON HISTORY

25 YEARS AGO
 AUGUST 3, 1993

The float that will represent the city of Hermiston in area parades emerged unscathed when the outbuilding where it is being built was vandalized by bullets.

Jeff Pardue, who is building the float at his home on South Highway 395, said he believes vandals fired several shots from a small-bore rifle from a nearby hill.

The shots hit the trailer that the float will rest on, but not the float itself.

"It was probably some punk having a gay old time," Pardue said.

This is only the latest in a line of setbacks Purdue has experienced since taking on the project. To date, he has spent more than \$2,000 of his own money on the float.

The Regional Water Project participants will have to come up with \$13 million to build all of a proposed new water supply system for the West End if projections come true.

Bob Vivian of Ace Consultants in Portland, the engineering firm on the project, delivered the preliminary figures in a meeting of the participants last week.

Hermiston city administrator Ed Brookshier said, however, that only one-third to one-half of the water system will be built initially.

"There's a strong likelihood that it will not be constructed all at once," he said.

Plans call for a system that will supply six public and private entities with water piped out of the Columbia River.

50 YEARS AGO
 AUG. 1, 1968

Well-known radio personality Ira Blue of San Francisco radio station KGO will appear in Hermiston on Aug. 10 in conjunction with the second half of the Becky Howland benefit auction.

Blue became interested in Becky and the town's fundraising efforts primarily through a series of radio interviews with Ken Capper, local barber.

Officials have revealed that numerous donations to the Becky Howland Heart Transplant Fund have come from the Bay Area, and can be attributed directly to the publicity afforded to the Hermiston drive by Blue.

Plans are for the auction to commence on Saturday immediately following the Umatilla County Fair parade, and will again be held at the high school football field.

Forest Grove will be the scene of this year's Little League tournament and Hermiston team members hope to get off to a good start as they open the tournament tonight at 6 p.m. against the winner of District 2. There are six teams in the state tournament.

The team earned their way into the state tournament by first beating Triangle, John Day and Pendleton in the sub-district tournament in Pendleton and then on Friday night beating The Dalles for the district title in Hermiston.



HH FILE PHOTO.
Saddlemaker Rich Boyer poses with the All-Around saddle he created for RoeMark's Men's and Western Wear, owned by Roe and Marilyn Gardner.



HH FILE PHOTO.
Stanfield police officer Al Humphrey assists six-year-old Nathan Dick with some bike maintenance in 1993.

75 YEARS AGO
 AUG. 5, 1943

Bold thieves entered the Umatilla liquor store late Tuesday night and took approximately \$90 in cash, besides several bottles of brandy and rum. Due to the liquor shortage, the shelves were quite empty, making the loot smaller than it might have been.

Entrance was gained by jimmying the front door. The cash register was also pried open. State police are aiding the investigation.

Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Piece received word early this week of the marriage Wednesday of their son, Lt. Gene Pierce, to Miss Fay Baker, formerly of Tulsa, Okla. Lt. Pierce is with the U.S. Armed Forces somewhere in Australia and now-Mrs. Pierce is a 2nd Lt. in the Trained Nurse Corps. Mrs. Pierce

has been in Australia over a year, slightly longer than Lt. Pierce.

The second major fire in recent weeks occurred early Monday morning when flames gutted the interior of Stone's Store west of the tracks, seriously damaging the building and ruining the greater part of the stock.

The fire started in the rear of the building where Jack Crane was working with the refrigeration system. Gas fumes from one of the tanks used for refrigeration escaped and were ignited by a burning torch. The flames spread rapidly, causing painful burns to Crane, who ran to the front of the store warning Mike Hunt, the manager, who was working there. Mr. Hunt quickly dashed through the front door of the store to an upstairs apartment at the rear of the

building, barely reaching it in time to rescue Mrs. Hunt and the infant baby who were asleep there.

100 YEARS AGO

Stanfield has organized a company of home guards. It already has 35 men, and drilling exercises are being carried on in an able manner by Jack Stork, who knows the military game from a to izzard, and other equally qualified instructors. Echo also has organized a home guard company.

Yellow jackets attacked Mrs. J.P. Utterback of Echo while that lady was out for a walk one evening last week.

The attack of wasps was so sudden that she was unable to protect herself, and was stung a number of times before escaping from them.

After trying many remedies to alleviate the pain, the best one, so she claims, was the application of flannels wrung out of hot lard and applied as hot as possible. This ought to be a good remedy for Hermiston bee men to remember.

We have often heard remarks derogatory to the purity of the city's water, but these allegations are put to rout by an analysis of three samples sent from here to the state board of health at Portland on July 25 by City Clerk Jensen under instructions from the city council. The analysis, a report of which was returned to the clerk early this week, shows that not a trace of gas or colon bacilli was recovered after an incubation of 72 hours.

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