#### THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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#### When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I live in Umatilla, but I worked in the healthcare industry in Las Vegas. In 2008 I lost my job, and I decided to come out here because I had family here.

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?** *I love sushi — my newest favorite as of right now is Shiki Hibachi Sushi grill.* 

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to ride my Harley-Davidson, hang out with friends, and sometimes just do R and R on my own and read a book.

#### What surprises you about Hermiston?

I would think they would have more for children to do, for the size of the area.

#### What was the last book you read?

I'm reading "Losing Hope" by Colleen Hoover. Great books — I think this is my third I've read by her.

**What app or website do you use most often?** *I use my music app, Spotify, daily, religiously.* 

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Belize

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

Once, after a long night of studying, I showed up at work with two different shoes on.

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

To graduate with my associate's degree, apply to my surgical technician program at CBC, and hopefully get accepted. I'm only about 24 credits short of my degree now.

#### What is your proudest accomplishment?

Completing my GED. I left my home to go work, and never completed high school. Completing my GED was the biggest step to go forward with a job and career for the rest of my life.

#### HERMISTON HISTORY

#### 25 YEARS AGO SEPT. 21, 1993

The Umatilla Army Depot Reutilization Task Force has issued the final draft of its plan to convert the depot's buildings and grounds to civilian use.

With more than 17,000 acres of land and nearly 1,200 existing buildings and bunkers, the depot presents potentially valuable development possibilities.

"The Umatilla Army Depot is well-positioned to capitalize on future growth in the area, leveraging existing resources on the base," the report said. "The Depot has begun to attract outside interest."

Various commercial, industrial and agricultural ventures may crop up on the now-federally owned land. All non-chemical munitions will be moved by September of next year. The Army will vacate the depot after the chemical weapons stored there are destroyed, likely through incineration.

• Local irrigators and businesspeople got a chance to bend the ear of an aide to Sen. Bob Packwood with their opinion of the proposed drawdown of the John Day Pool.

"The Senator is concerned that the drawdown does not rest on sound biological footing," Hance Haney, Sen. Packwood's field representative for natural resource and agricultural issues, said. "There is a high degree of consensus between his and their views."

Reaction in the Hermiston area to the plan has been universally negative. However, some state officials — including Gov. Barbara Roberts have thrown their political weight behind the plan.

It has been estimated that a John Day drawdown may cost irrigators and others who draw water from that portion of the Columbia River up to \$32 million.

#### 50 YEARS AGO SEPT. 19, 1968

Umatilla County Deputy Sheriff Sam Sellers, the Hermiston City Police, and the Oregon State Police cooperated to make a raid on the wind-up of a teenage beer party Sunday morning, Sept. 8 at approximately 1:30 a.m. In the raid, two beer kegs were confiscated and Sellers said approximately one and one-half kegs had been consumed by the time officers arrived on scene. Approximately 60 teenagers attended the beer party during the evening and several arrests have been made. • The Oregon State Police report that the State Liquor Store in Umatilla was robbed sometime between closing time last Saturday, Sept. 7 and noon the following Monday. Entry and departure was through a hole chopped in the roof. Approximately 20 bottles of whiskey were stolen.



HH FILE PHOTO Bob Schiffner of the city of Hermiston's water department hands a water conservation kit to Roe Gardner at RoeMark Western and Men's Wear in 1993.



Doug R Gibson, left, and Pete Berg, stand in a bean field outside Hermiston 75 years ago.

'sreceived concerning the strength of the visitors, reports are that the Washington lads are again big and rugged.

The fact that the visitors will be strong has not daunted the spirit of the local squad during the past week. The boys have been going through their paces with a high tempo and are eager to match their plays with the Waitsburg squad.

 Considerable interest is being displayed in the bean planting of Doug R. Gibson on the old Stanfield Ranch about 14 miles south of Hermiston on the Butter Creek Highway. The crop has ripened nicely and is yielding between 2,000 and 3,000 pounds per acre, according to Mr. Gibson. A bean pulling machine is being used which pulls and stacks the vines which will be threshed later. Mr. Gibson has sown about 110 acres of beans which are the University of Idaho No. 3 Mexican Reds, a dry edible bean. Should the crop prove profitable, which at present seems certain, Mr. Gibson plans to plant about 200 acres of the same type of beans next vear.





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#### 75 YEARS AGO SEPT. 23, 1943

Coach Frank Davison and his football charges tackle a giant problem very early in the season Friday afternoon when they meet the usually strong Waitsburg eleven on the local field, starting at two o'clock. Although no definite information has been

#### 100 YEARS AGO SEPT. 21, 1918

A.C. Voelker, the new school superintendent, makes an able and patriotic plea in the following communication to The Herald to parents to keep their boys and girls in school at this critical time:

"The world is ablaze with war. Our nation has taken her place alongside of the other nations to make the world safe for democracy and a decent place to live in. In this HH FILE PHOTO

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Hermiston High School students gather around the flagpole for a morning prayer in 1993 as part of a national event coordinated by students.

gigantic struggle men are needed, and men and boys of our community are taking their places in training camps and in the thick of the fight on the battlefront. Many of the boys of our high school have volunteered to do their bit for the principles of right for which this nation stands. As a result our high school is small and we miss those of our number who are in their country's service. "The way to win a mod-

ern war is to mobilize all a nation's forces, educational as well as military. We must not lessen the effectiveness of our schools by allowing the boys and girls to be led away by the demand for labor. There are enough able-bodied men and women who cannot serve in our military establishments to carry on our industries without sacrificing our children.

"We should keep our schools, high and elementary, full to capacity effectively doing their part in this world war. Our country needs the patriotic instruction of our schools to make loyal citizens and to counteract the poisonous German propaganda which tends to instill doubt about the justice of our country's cause ... After the war the need for educated men and women will be great, for in the reconstruction period we will be deprived of the services of many who were leaders when they entered the war."

## Rod and Carolyn McKenzie celebrate 50 years together

Roderick and Carolyn (Picker) McKenzie are celebrating 50 years of marriage this month at their home in Hermiston. Rod and Carolyn eloped to Reno on September 21, 1968, while Rod, who was serving in the Army in Vietnam, was home on leave. They returned to Hermiston for

a reception at the Church of God.

The couple lived in Fort Campbell, Ky., before moving to Hermiston.

They purchased High Desert Marine in 1980.

The McKenzies have two daughters, Lara Arriola and Carla Holwegner, both of Hermiston, and four grandchildren.





Then and now: Rod and Carolyn McKenzie in 1968 and today.