

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



RANDY STUDEBAKER

Lieutenant at Hermiston Police Department

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved here in 2012, when I was hired by HPD, but I've been in the region for just over 15 years.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Home. My wife is an amazing cook. When we go out my first choice is usually prime rib at Hale's.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like spending time with my family. Most of them are pretty okay, most of the time. We do a lot of camping, barbecues and road trips.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

The growth around here is exciting, but the people are awesome! I see unimaginably bad things at work, but I also see so many people doing amazing, selfless acts in our community. It reminds me the bad things I have to focus on are actually the rare exception rather than the societal norm. I truly feel blessed and humbled to do my little part. I love it here.

What was the last book you read?

"Night School," by Lee Child. Part of the Jack Reacher series. Mindless stuff that keeps me entertained and turning pages.

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

YouTube or Netflix. Either a historical documentary or something that makes me laugh.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Somewhere scenic and isolated, with no cell service, and maybe some RV hookups.

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

I'm a terrible golfer but still enjoy playing. One time, as I tried to recover a ball from a water hazard, I lost my footing and ended up taking a swim, much to the amusement of all the witnesses. The next time we went to that golf course, there was a new sign that said no swimming. Oops.

What is one of your goals for the next year?

We're hoping to tackle a much-needed kitchen remodel project, which I'm dreading, but I'm excited about being done with it.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Somehow I made my wife think that marrying me was a good idea. She's helped me raise a reasonably normal, well adjusted and polite son. I'm not sure how that happened with me for a father, but whatever we did seemed to work. He leaves next month for the Coast Guard and, eventually, he wants to be a police officer. I'm pretty proud of them.

HERMISTON HISTORY



In 1993, Debbie Pedro arranged flowers for one of her customers. Pedro owned the home furnishing store, Victorian Gardens.

25 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 28, 1993

The predictions by a local extension agent have come true. A widespread locust borer infestation is under way and locust tree owners should have taken immediate action. Unfortunately, not everyone heeded the well-timed warning. Locust tree owners have been calling the extension service about the damage wreaked by the tiny pest. Philip Hamm told people to spray their trees with Lindane insecticide to combat the voracious pest. But now that the adults have emerged from the locust trees, leaving behind finger-sized holes, locust tree owners are alarmed by the amount of damage the voracious pest has caused.

Meanwhile, the adult locust borer, which resembles a black-and-yellow striped wasp, is flying around yards preparing to launch an attack on locust trees that won't be evident until next September.

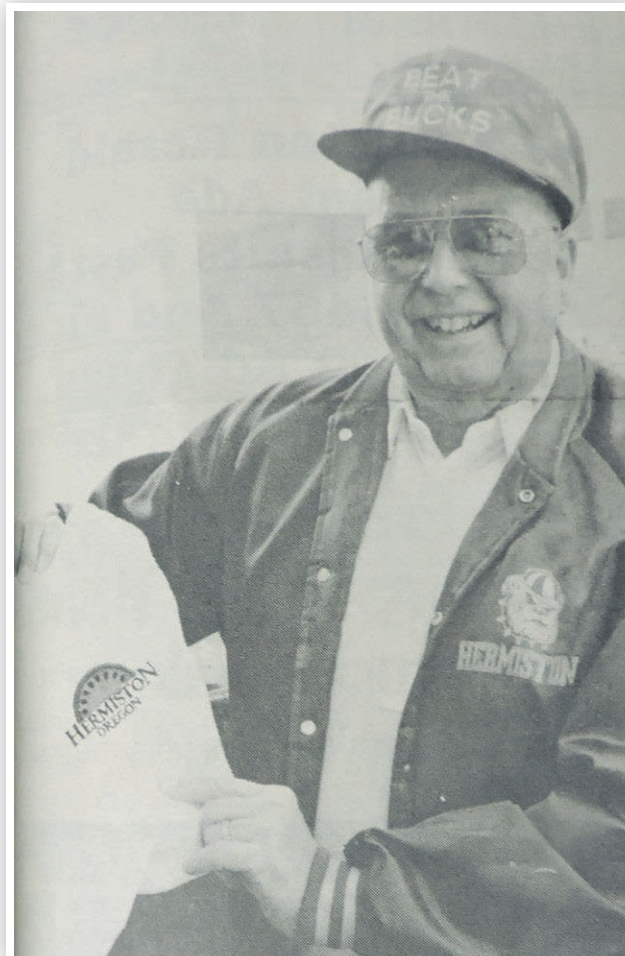
50 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 26, 1968

The historic dedication of the world's largest multi-purpose dam gets underway this coming Saturday when the mile-long John Day Dam goes fully operational in a big way.

Nearly \$450 million has been spent on this Columbia River project which has affected relocation of several Oregon communities.

To celebrate its reloca-



In 1993, then-mayor Frank Harkenrider posed with new Hermiston t-shirts that the Chamber of Commerce was selling.

tion, Arlington will throw an open house, complete with a smorgasboard lunch and entertainment participation by Congressman Al Ullman and Wayne Morse.

75 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 30, 1943

In spite of a shortage of ammunition and gasoline, local hunters by droves left town Wednes-

day and Thursday for yon distant hills in quest of the antlered deer. By pooling ammunition, each hunter was equipped with sufficient shells, provided he does not take too many practice shots. One hunter exclaimed, "I've only two shells, but that's one too many."

No special allotments of gasoline can be permitted motorists for deer

hunting, Richard G. Montgomery, OPA district director, announced today in response to many inquiries from sportsmen and vacationists who are eager to take advantage of the deer season's official opening.

"We sympathize with the desire of these motorists to get out in the woods and bag their [sic] der," Montgomery said. "But in view of the critical tire situation and the need to save rubber for essential uses, there can be no relaxation of the mileage rationing regulations for this purpose."

100 YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER 28, 1918

J.D. Watson has a couple of goats that he is willing to contribute as mascots to any of the boys going "over there," or elsewhere, for that matter. The pesky little things took it upon themselves to anger Mr. Watson one day last week, when they fussed over, under and on top of his Oldsmobile auto while it stood in the yard at his ranch west of town, during which frolic they left zigzag, perpendicular, horizontal and nearly every other kind of a mark on the body of the car. For this reason the aforesaid gentleman has nothing but the profoundest aversion for these goats, and if he is fortunate enough to get rid of them, he declares there will never be any more of their ilk that will get his "goat."

Council gets EOTEC update, changes zoning rules

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This year's Umatilla County Fair was a learning experience. But Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center (EOTEC) General Manager Al Davis told the Hermiston City Council Monday that, overall, things went well.

One of the biggest worries going into the week was parking and traffic control. Davis said organizers had a goal to not let the line of cars back up onto Highway 395 this year, and not only did they achieve that goal, but were successful in keeping Airport Road clear as well.

"We were able to open up a lot more handicap

parking spaces, which was a shortage last year," he said.

He said there was room for improvement on dust control, but the vegetation that had been planted and mowed on the overflow parking helped a lot.

Davis said he went door to door and distributed free rodeo tickets to EOTEC's neighbors, to apologize for the inconvenience of fair/rodeo week. He also met with four families from the neighborhood association after the fair to talk about things that could be improved.

Since fair week, he said, the venue has gone "right back into EOTEC mode."

"We're having more weekday meetings Monday

through Thursday," he said "We're hoping to get more of those."

There is high demand for weekend bookings, he said. Earlier this month, there was a Mexican Independence Day celebration that included a rodeo that sold about 1,000 seats.

He was hoping to run a few more outdoor activities this season, including a "Walktober fest" with prizes to encourage people to come walk the spacious, flat grounds. But soon it will be time to winterize the EOTEC grounds to keep pipes from freezing and focus on more indoor activities.

On Monday, the council also made a few house-keeping changes to its zon-

ing ordinances, and added a florist shop to the conditional uses permitted in the residential R-3 zone.

City planner Clint Spencer said the city found a code violation by a florist who was operating out of a former hair salon, and she requested that the city add it as a possible conditional use.

Spencer said while zoning laws are meant to "protect the character of the neighborhood," in this case a florist shop seemed like it fit in with small grocery stores and convenience stores already permitted. And, as with any conditional use, each business must get approval from the planning commission before opening.

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Local youths earn honors at Oregon State Fair

The following local 4-H participants received awards at the 2018 Oregon State Fair, held Aug. 24 through Sept 3 in Salem:

Jayden Bertsch (Stanfield): Blue, Reserve Champion (RC), Basic Skills Level 1 - Garment with skills other; Red, Muffin, Level 1, Jr.; Blue, Cooked Jam, Jr.; Blue, Quick Pickles Other Than Cucumber, Jr.; Juliann Bruce (Hermiston): Red, Landscape, Int.; Red, Novice Dog Obedience, Int.; Blue, Dog Rally, Beginner on-lead, Int.; Blue, Medallion (MD), Dog Showmanship, Int.; Blue, Dogs, Int.
Natalie Cannell (Hermiston): Red, Drawing and Sketching - Multi-media, Jr.; Blue, Other interesting subject, Jr.

Kendall Cooper (Stanfield): Red, Action/Movement, Int.; Blue, Portrait, Int.; Blue, Basic Skills Level 3 - Item for the home, Int.
Kaitlyn Crowther (Hermiston): Blue, Favorite Recipe Collection, Jr.
Austin Garberg (Hermiston): Blue, Pre-Novice Dog Obedience, Int.; Blue, Dog Rally, Beginner on-lead, Int.; Blue, MD, Dog Showmanship, Int.
Riece Gorham (Boardman): Blue, Basic Skills Level 2 - Personal accessory, Int.; Blue, CH, MD, Basic Skills Level 2 - Item for the home, Int.; Blue, Basic Skills Level 3 - Item for the home, Int.; Blue, RC, Basic Nut Breed, Level 2, Int.; Red, Scone, Level 2, Int.; Red, Honey Bee Educational Display, Int.
Kayla Humphrey (Umatilla): Blue, Creativity, Sr.; Blue, Basic Dinner Roll, Level 3, Sr.; Blue, Favorite Recipe Collection, Sr.; Red, Dried Meat or Poultry, Sr.
Alyssa Long (Hermiston): Blue, Novice Dog Obedience, Int.; Blue, Dog Rally, Beginner on-lead, Int.; Blue, RC, Dog

Showmanship, Int.
CherryLynn Machado (Hermiston): White, Short Story, Jr.; Blue, Scrapbooking, Jr.; Blue, Drawing and Sketching - Graphite Pencil, Jr.; Blue, Finishing a Space, Accessory for Walls, Jr.; Blue, Art Non-Original Wearable.
Ally McClure (Hermiston): Blue, CH, MD, Short Story, Int.
Rian Middleton (Hermiston): Blue, Advanced Skills Levels 7/9/9 - Garment.
Megan Palzinski (Hermiston): Red, English Equitation (Hunt Seat), Int.; Red, Western Equitation, Int.; Blue, Trail Horse, Int.; Blue, MD Round, Intermediate Showmanship; Blue, Dressage, Int., Training Level, Test 2.
Paige Palzinski (Hermiston): Blue, English Equitation (Hunt Seat), Int.; Blue, MD Round, Western Equitation, Int.; Blue, MD Round, Trail Horse, Int.; Blue, Intermediate Showmanship; Blue, MD Round, Hunt Seat Over Fences, Int.; Blue, MD, Dressage, Int., Training Level, Test 3.
Avery Szulewski (Hermiston): Red,

Educational Display, Int.
Daytona Tracy (Hermiston): Blue, Educational Display, Int.; Blue, Cereal Marshmallow Bars, Level 1, Int.; Blue, Dish Garden, Int.; Blue, Honey Bee Educational Display, Int.
Ashley Treadwell (Hermiston): Blue, CH, Videography, Educational, Int.
Hannah Walker (Hermiston): Blue, Novice Dog Obedience, Sr.; Blue, Dog Showmanship, Sr.
Jace Wallace (Hermiston): Blue, Plants, Jr.; White, Other interesting subject, Jr.
Jenna Wallace (Hermiston): Blue, Plants, Sr.
Lillian Wallis (Hermiston): Red, Drawing using a Shading Technique - Multi; Red, Portrait, Int.
Umatilla County Livestock Judging Team Senior Team: 3rd Overall Team
Kennedy Baker (Hermiston): 7th Overall Individual
Jenna Wallace (Hermiston) 15th Overall Individual