

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



ZAIRA SANCHEZ

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I'm originally from here. I left to go to college in Portland, and stayed and worked two years after. What brought me back was the need for serving the community. I felt like I wanted to be back in Hermiston and help make Hermiston a place where young people and Latinos can thrive.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
My grandma's house. Whenever I'm hungry, I can show up, and something is bound to be offered to me.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Play with my dog, Mochi. She's a pug. She really is like my child — I put her on the swings at the park. I also like to read and listen to podcasts.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
I think what surprises me most is there are so many Latinos here with so much to offer, yet we don't step up to the plate. I really want to see Latinos step into leadership positions. I think we're close to 50 percent, but that's not represented in our leadership. I think choosing not to get involved is something out of fear for young people, or feelings of imposter syndrome — you know you deserve to belong, you're educated, but people around you make you feel like you don't belong. It also surprises me how much Hermiston has grown in the five years I was away. There are things in town I don't know exist, and things I expect to still exist and they're gone.

What was the last book you read?
"The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas. I binge-read that book.

What app or website do you use most often?
Probably Snapchat or Instagram.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
There are so many places. I always want to be in LA, I love it there. But for somewhere new, I've really been wanting to check out Cuba.

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
I ran track in college, and at a track meet at Mount Hood Community College, I was the first leg in the 4x1 relay. I had to hand off the baton. I came in at the corner, and it was a rainy day. The track was not in the best condition. We both slipped and fell, and the girl running the second leg couldn't take off with enough time. I was going full-speed, and I ran into her. The baton went flying, she fell, our legs were tangled. Thankfully we still finished the race, not too far behind. Someone recorded it, and seeing it was really funny.

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HERMISTON HISTORY



During Hermiston's 1993 Homecoming "Teacher look-alike day" Dave Stewart looked like science teacher Fred Sheely.

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25 YEARS AGO
 NOV. 2, 1993

Hodge Park will remain closed during weekdays at least until Nov. 23.

The 30-day trial closure period expired on Friday. The council closed the park near Hermiston High School a month ago in response to the tension and violence that marred the start of the school year.

"It's kept everybody calm and there's been no problems, so we're going to let it go until the next meeting," Councilor Mike Boise said.

Boise said the council may vote at that time to continue the closure with different hours. The park is now closed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A week prior to the closure, the Hermiston Plaza — next door to the park — was the site of a drive-by shooting. The park had gained a reputation for gang activity and drug use with many residents referring to the site as "stoner park." Many students avoid the park to the point of crossing Highland Avenue to give it as wide a berth as possible.

50 YEARS AGO
 OCT. 31, 1968

Horses, horses, horses and more horses ... 799 in all were sold during the Fall Bonanza Horse Sale at the Northwestern Livestock Commission Co. 19 until Monday, Oct. 21 at 4:45 p.m. says Mrs. Omer Bonney, wife of the horse sale promoter.

The marathon event went day and night without a stop until all 799 head were sold, being consigned from owners from 8 different states and several provinces in Canada.

Top price for any one animal was received by



Alysia Sanchez, Junnell Williams, Ruby Castenada, Eliana Wallwork, Nancy Badgwell and Vien Sitthideth coordinated a campaign for Hermiston Foods employees to give more than \$4,000 to United Way in 1993.

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75 YEARS AGO
 NOV. 4, 1943

The football classic of the year will be played on the local field Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. when the Hermiston Bulldogs will seek their first win over Pendleton High in the last 14 years. The best the Bulldogs have done in recent years is a tie game played two years ago. Coach Frank Davison's team will be in top notch condition except for "Moon" Mullins, substitute back, who is nursing a banged-up knee.

As the two teams have not played a common opponent to date, little in the way of comparative strength can be made.

Pendleton is again boasting a speedy backfield with a fairly healthy line. The county seat lads are reported as having an excellent passing attack to augment their running game. The Bulldogs of Hermiston are improving with every game and reached a high point last Friday by defeating a favored Kennewick team on the local field.

Kennewick came to Hermiston hoping to duplicate an early season win over the Bulldogs but was forced to take the short end of a 7-0 score. The game proved to be one of the most thrilling in recent years when the Hermiston team repeatedly held the fast running Kennewick backs when they got into scoring territory. On no less than six occasions the Washington lads got within the Hermiston 10 yard line, only to be held for downs.

100 YEARS AGO
 NOV. 2, 1918

The county health officer has visited Hermis-

ton and found a number of cases of Spanish influenza in our midst.

In order to successfully stamp out the disease the city administration must have the cooperation of every citizen. It is important that we observe the rules and regulations to this end or the disease will spread rapidly with sad results.

I therefore ask that every man, woman and child in the city use every precaution possible in a vigorous attempt to prevent further spread of the epidemic. Do not congregate in any building. Do not allow children to play in groups, and when two or three play together be sure none has been near exposure. Do not travel on trains any more than absolutely necessary. Try to avoid coming in contact with the breath of others. Keep your homes, offices and business houses well aired. Keep the body well fed and property clothed. With children the use of milk is recommended. Sneeze into a handkerchief.

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