

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## JOHN LAUCK

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

I moved to Hermiston in the fall of 1986 as a first year biology teacher at Hermiston High School — brand spanking new — as a graduate from Oregon State University. It was a great job to accept as teaching jobs were very difficult to find in the state.

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**

I always enjoy a good meal at Ixtapa but wish we had an Italian restaurant in town.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I enjoy playing tennis, announcing high school sports events, playing Scrabble, going to my fitness class, traveling, coordinating the high school Knowledge Bowl Club, reading and watching movies and plays.

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**

Hermiston surprises me in that it's quite diverse. People can be quite different, but are very approachable and friendly. It's a very attractive feature I believe! I love calling Hermiston my home.

**What was the last book you read or are currently reading?**

I am reading three books — *The Summons* by John Grisham, *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville and *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil DeGrasse Tyson.

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

I am addicted to Words With Friends, although dislike it when people cheat on me in the game.

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**

I would love to visit Germany, the Swiss Alps and Italy. I have been to many amazing places, but I would love to practice the German I learned in high school and also eat some authentic Italian food and drink!

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

I've had many funny things happen to me, most of which are my own fault. The time I accidentally pulled an emergency chain in a hospital shower room while I was buck naked was pretty funny to the Candy Striper who walked in on me. Here I thought I was starting the shower water, but got pretty red-faced instead. At least she provided me with a much needed towel. Thank you...

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

One of my goals the next year is to travel to Colorado this summer and climb some mountains in Rocky Mountain National Park with some of my family members.

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**

I am pretty proud of choosing teaching as a profession. Over my 25 years at the high school and now my years part-time at the college, I still enjoy the passion of teaching, the passion of seeing students learn and meeting so many interesting and cool characters in the field of education, both students and co-workers.

## HERMISTON HISTORY



LEFT: Hermiston Mayor Frank Harkenrider and Brian Wolfe got the crowd cheering as "Hermiston's cheerleaders" at the Farm-City Banquet in 1993. RIGHT: Sergeant Jerry Roberts takes contributions of toys, food, money and other items during the Hermiston Police Department's Christmas Express in 1993.

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## 25 YEARS AGO

DEC. 7, 1993

If he returns to Salem for the 1995 legislative session, Rep. Chuck Norris will again press for a law mandating an eastern Oregon representative on the Northwest Power Planning Council, he said.

"We're getting shortchanged on that issue so badly that it's time we try to do something," he said.

Oregon's two representatives on the council, Angus Duncan and Ted Hallock, hail from the west of the Cascades and have been among the most vocal of those in favor of such salmon recovery proposals as a draw-down of the John Day pool on the Columbia River.

## 50 YEARS AGO

DEC. 5, 1968

A matter previously discussed by the Hermiston City Council held the spotlight at the council meeting Wednesday, Nov. 27, as the possibility of removal of the Umatilla County Fairgrounds from its present location on Hermiston Avenue was again brought up by the appearance of W.H. Eals of Modulux, Inc. of Portland.

Modulux, Inc. is a building firm that has offered, and continues to offer, its assistance in helping promote the conversion of the present fairgrounds site to a new civic center for Hermiston.

Modulux has offered its type of buildings as being suitable for the new civic center if and when it comes, and claims to be able to help the city overcome some of the problems it will naturally encounter with a major construction job of this kind.

The presentation by Modulux was met with mixed emotion as Mayor Walt Pearson proposed that no more expansion of the present fairgrounds facilities should be allowed and councilman Dick Hodge viewed the pro-

posal as being perhaps several years premature, while councilman Jack Hoggins added that other entities such as the planning commission and the county court were also very much involved in any decisions affecting the relocation of the fairgrounds.

## 75 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1943

"Mama, may I have another glass of milk?"

"Yes dear, drink all you want."

This short but very frequent dialogue will be assured in the future at Umatilla, Ordance and Hermiston as long as Mr. and Mrs. Olyn Hodge and sons, Ted and Dick, operate the Hermiston Dairy.

"I was in the last war," stated Mr. Hodge to the reporter this week when he made a visit to the dairy, "and I know what it means to be short of various foods. As long as there is a bountiful supply of milk no one will need suffer. It is our aim and purpose to supply this milk to the residents of this area."

At the present, the Hermiston Dairy is milking 85 cows of a herd of 125 milk stock, with an additional 50 young heifers which will guarantee a milk supply in years to come. The cows range on sub-irrigated meadows on the 240-acre ranch located below the Cold Springs reservoir — an ideal setting for a dairy, truly a "home for contented cows." As a supplement to pasture feed, Mr. Hodge stated that he had purchased 500 tons of hay from local farmers to assure plenty of feed for the winter months.

## 100 YEARS AGO

Dec. 7, 1918

It is with a degree of pride that we issue The Herald with week in its new dress of type set from a linotype machine that has been installed in this office. It took some money

and quite a little spunk to invest in such a wonderful piece of machinery but we are pinning our faith on this town steadily advancing from now on, and if it does go ahead as fast in the next two years as in the past two we will have done our duty in keeping abreast of the times by putting in a linotype now.

People who have never seen this machine in operation can hardly realize its mechanical possibilities. It has often been said of it that it is the nearest to being human in its workings of any machine ever invented.

It is next to impossible to tell in cold type the wonders of this machine which has superseded the old method of hand composition in all modern printing establishments, so the next best thing is to invite all who wish to step into our sanctum and see its operation.

• To the Public:

Once again the Central Loyalty Committee of the Umatilla County Patriotic Service League feels it a duty to publish to the county that Higby Harris, wealthy Milton resident, has refused to contribute to a patriotic fund and to express the opinion that this fresh refusal, when considered with his past record in war work undertakings, justifies him being held in scorn and contempt by every loyal and patriotic man, woman and child.

Mr. Harris, as was stated at the time he was published for delinquency in the Fourth Liberty loan campaign, is one of Umatilla County's most wealthy citizens and has made the major part of his riches in this county. The assessed valuation of property in this county in his own name is approximately \$85,000 but his total wealth is estimated variously from \$175,000 to \$400,000.

So far as our records show his contributions to war relief funds have been nil though we have been informed that a year ago he gave \$1 to the Red Cross.

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the Hermiston Herald — is being delivered on Thursday instead.

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A handful of local law enforcement personnel will graduate from the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

**Itzel Sanguino Clausor** of the Umatilla County Department and **Dalton Garcia, Taylor Wasserman** and **Thomas Way**, all of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, are finishing up with the 16-week Basic Police Class. The ceremony is Friday at 11 a.m. at the academy in Salem. The public is invited to attend and congratulate the members of Basic Police #BP383. A reception will follow.

The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training course includes such topics as survival skills, firearms, ethics, cultural diversity, community policing, elder abuse and drug recognition. For more information, visit [www.oregon.gov/dpsst](http://www.oregon.gov/dpsst).

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Holiday cheer and 719 meals, including 122 deliveries, were served during the Community Fellowship Dinner held on Thanksgiving Day in Hermiston.

Board chairman **Gary Humphreys** said the effort featured more than 110 volunteers. Also, he said generous support, both financial and in-kind, was received by numerous individuals, churches and businesses.

Humphreys gave a shout-up to sponsors, including **Reser's Fine Foods**. Headquartered in Beaverton, its Pasco facility donates mashed potatoes for both holiday meals. Leftovers, Humphreys said, are donated to the local **Open Table** program that provides lunch to those in need.

Other CFD board members include **Jan Cassens**, vice chair/kitchen manager; **Heather Smart**, secretary/assistant kitchen manager; **Makayla Humphreys**, treasurer/volunteer coordinator; **Amber Ruiz-Burleson**, **Tom Marks**, **Cathy Stolz** and **Joe Kiser**, event founder.

The second free din-

ner of the season will be served **Christmas Day** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Hermiston High School commons. For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, contact 541-371-9772, [cfdhermiston@gmail.com](mailto:cfdhermiston@gmail.com) or search Facebook.

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**Deputy Mike Cahill** of the **Morrow County Sheriff's Office** was recently honored for his swift actions in saving a suicidal woman from drowning Sept. 10 in the **Columbia River** near Boardman.

The **Oregon State Marine Board** recognized Cahill and other marine law enforcement officers from across the state for water-related rescues during the **Marine Law Enforcement Conference**, held Oct. 16 in Redmond. The event also highlighted individuals for outstanding service that went above and beyond in helping improve boating safety on Oregon's waterways.

That wasn't the only time during the summer that Cahill assisted in saving someone. On July 31, Cahill and other Mor-

row and Umatilla county first responders received a report of a boat fully engulfed in flames on the Columbia River near Irrigon. The boat's operator, **Raymond Howey Jr.**, was treated for burns on his legs.

The board is funded by registration, title fees and marine fuel taxes paid by motorized boaters. For more information, visit [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com).

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While attending the Dec. 1 **Festival of Trees** at the Hermiston Community Center, **Destiny George** ensured herself a spot on **Santa's** nice list this holiday season.

After winning the **Hermiston Kiwanis** raffle tree, the Hermiston woman and her significant other, **Matt Johnson**, decided to pay it forward by donating all the toys that were scattered under the tree to the **Hermiston Police Christmas Express**.

Money raised from the raffle tree ticket sales is being used to upgrade "Kiwanis Falls," a Highway art feature near Umatilla, said **John Spomer** of the Hermiston Kiwanis.

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