

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



**BRANDI HOWARD**

Owner, Andee's Boutique

**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**  
I grew up here.

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**  
Probably Ixtapa.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
I enjoy watching my girls play sports and dance. I also enjoy time with friends and family.

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**  
The warm, generous hearts.

**What was the last book you read?**  
I honestly don't know.

**What app or website do you use most often?**  
Instagram

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**  
Some place without cell phone service where nobody would know me.

**What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?**  
We did an American Idol skit for the Chamber of Commerce secretary appreciation day, and I was Paula Abdul.

**What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?**  
To make happy memories

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**  
My four strong daughters

HERMISTON HISTORY



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Jamie Beinbauer, 8, is presented with a portable television set by the Irrigon Lions Club in 1968. He had just returned from the hospital after suffering a .22 caliber gunshot wound to the head while playing in the area where his older brother and a neighbor boy were shooting cans.

25 YEARS AGO

DEC. 21, 1993

Don Eppenbach remembers when he attended the old Irrigon High School.

Everybody was involved in sports — everybody.

"It was a small high school, but it was competitive," the man who is now mayor of the town says. "All the boys turned out for sports, and the one who didn't became the manager. We never won a whole whale of games, but we had a good sports program."

It is that degree of community pride that is one of the reasons a number of area residents want the city to get a high school separate from their neighbors down the road at Riverside High in Boardman.

A split between the two schools is dead, at least for now, after the Morrow County School Board voted to keep Riverside a grade 9-12 high school, with both Boardman and Irrigon students.

The split would have dropped the schools to about 200 students each, putting them back in the Class 2A Columbia Basin Conference. For the last three years, Riverside has been in the Class 3A Greater Oregon League.



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The grand champions of Echo's Christmas light contest in 1993 were Lorraine and Stu Bance.

such a decision after board members first failed to second a motion not to protest the project, then rejected a motion to pave the section from Gladys Avenue to Third Street.

The entire project under question runs from Second and Gladys northeast, then east to Wilshire and Fourth. School District 8-R is the largest property owner along this route and subsequently would have to come up with approximately \$14,000 as its share of the construction costs, according to estimates made by John Cermak, Elementary Education Director.

75 YEARS AGO

Dec. 23, 1943

The annual report of the Bonneville Power Administration, released by Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, urged early construction of a Umatilla dam and other projects to insure an additional power supply by 1946.

The report, by Administrator Paul J. Raver, said the combined capacity of Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams is expected to reach 1,316,400 kilowatts by next spring, and is now about 1,275,000 kilowatts.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 19, 1968

The City of Hermiston can expect at least one group to file a remonstrance against the proposed local improvement district paving project near the junior high school at the public hearing set for Wednesday, Jan. 8 at the city hall.

Surprisingly enough, that group is made up of School District 8-R board members who came to

control, has declared war on the pests — principally jackrabbits and gophers — and the modus operandi to be employed by him in their extermination is strychnine, which he will secure and distribute to ranchers. This he will purchase in large quantities, about three hundred ounces right away, from a revolving fund of \$500 apportioned by the county court for this purpose.

The territory to be covered includes Echo, Westland, Umatilla and Hermiston, and the first good snow will see operations begin in earnest. Therefore he would like all ranchers who want to secure their portion of the strychnine to leave word at Hitt's Confectionary when in town. The formula is once ounce of strychnine to 16 pounds of chopped hay. Dissolve the drug first in very hot water, stir up well and sprinkle over the hay.

2) It now looks as if Umatilla County is about to have the Columbia Highway completed from the Morrow County line to Pendleton, and it is expected that grading and graveling the road will start by Feb. 1. This good news was brought back by W. L. Thompson on his return to Pendleton last week from the state road commission meeting in Portland. According to Mr. Thompson, contracts are to be let by the state with a view of finishing the entire road from Pendleton to The Dalles in the coming year.

If the Columbia Highway is constructed in the coming year as outlined by Mr. Thompson — and there seems to be no doubt now but what it will — it will be a great boon to this and all other towns through which it passes.

100 YEARS AGO

Dec. 21, 1918

Col. J. F. McNaught, county leader of rodent

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