

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I was hired as the HR Director for the Hermiston School District in October of 2017 and my wife and I moved to Hermiston in April of 2018 after selling our home in Milton-Freewater.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
There is a lot of variety and great places to eat in Hermiston and we are still working our way through all the options. It is difficult to choose one, but if I had to choose, I'd say the Delish Bistro. I end up going there one or two times a month and the food is always fresh and tasty. I do find it difficult to resist their gelato.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Since we moved relatively recently, we are still spending a lot of time finishing up small projects around our house and trying to get rid of stuff we still have in storage. We are not doing that, we love to go to the movies and visit our daughter in La Grande. I also try to go skiing and hiking with my daughter as much as possible.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
Having lived over 20 years in Milton-Freewater, I didn't know what to expect when moving to Hermiston. I have been pleasantly surprised at how welcoming the community has been. Other than the challenge of finding a new home, Hermiston has been an easy community to become a part of.

What was the last book you read?
Simon Sinek's "Start With Why." The book offers some great insights as to what helps to make an organization exceptional. I also am finishing "The Deepest Well" by Nadine Burke Harris. This book delves into the connections with adverse childhood experiences and long-lasting and often surprising impacts. Thankfully the book provides numerous examples of how communities can successfully support families to break the adverse cycle. I also will hide away for a weekend each time the new Clive Cussler book comes out.

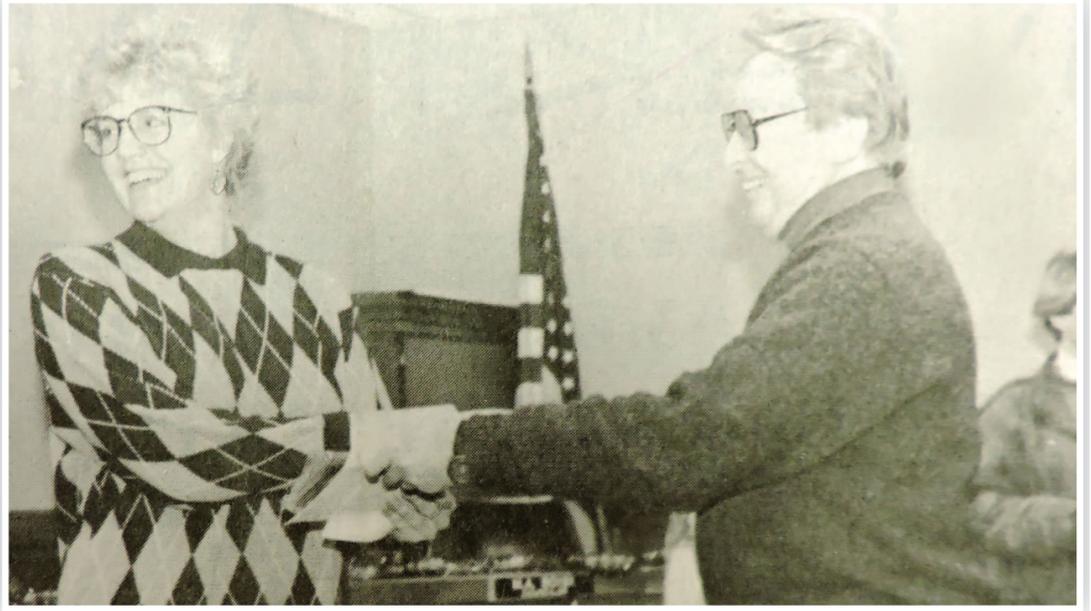
What app or website do you use most often other than Facebook or Google?
I have to admit that I am a little bit addicted to Pinterest. No matter what your interest, there is tons of information and ideas about it. It is a great resource for your hobbies and interests. Of course it can be a little bit of a time vacuum as well.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Tibet and Nepal are fascinating places. The combination of dramatic scenery (tallest mountains in the world) as well as ancient cultures is very intriguing. I hope to travel there at some point.

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
I'm not sure this is the funniest thing, but it popped into my mind first. Years ago when I was teaching high school, one of my students was the daughter of a colleague. During class, I asked the student a question but inadvertently called her by her mother's name. Needless to say, the student was not happy by the slip and the rest of the class thought it was quite amusing. Thankfully the student was not scarred for life by being called her mother's name and has gone on to a successful career in the medical profession.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
So far, I would say that seeing my daughter walk across the stage to receive her bachelor's degree at Eastern Oregon University tops the list.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Kristine McCullough, left, is presented with an "Employee of the Year" award by city manager Ed Brookshier in 1993. McCullough served as executive secretary for the city.

25 YEARS AGO
DEC. 28, 1993

The city of Hermiston is prepared to go to the mat with the state over who is to control 911 services. As it exists, the city provides emergency response communications. However, the state wants to take the reins and consolidate 911 services county-wide into a central dispatch point in Pendleton. The state would use the telephone tax money that pays for the services, and propose to put before voters the creation of a taxing district to help pay for it as well.

"To me, this is a classic case of 'I'm going to take your dollar out of the community, take it to a distant point, and give you back less than you had to begin with,'" City Administrator Ed Brookshier said.

Oregon Emergency Management — a division of the state police — recently released an efficiency report that calls for limited primary dispatch centers to one per county. That means 911 calls from Hermiston, Umatilla and Stanfield would go through a dispatcher in Pendleton.

50 YEARS AGO
DEC. 26, 1968

Transportation Secretary Alan S. Boyd announced last week that a 28-mile highway through the Tri-Cities area was included in the release of money for 1,500 additional miles of the interstate highway system. These funds would provide additional money in routing Interstate 82 from Prosser through the Tri-Cities area and hence into Oregon south of the Tri-Cities.

Norm Schroth, president of the Northeast Roads Association, said if the extension from Prosser to the Tri-Cities is indeed merely as a spur from the proposed route across the Horse Heaven Hills to the Umatilla crossing, then that is the State of Washington's business. However, if there is some intent to bypass the proposed Umatilla crossing, then that is our business and our group has been in contact with our Congressmen to see that we don't get maneuvered by the Washington representatives.



Six-year-old Toni Pulley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pulley of Hermiston, enjoys a pre-Christmas talk with Santa at Stewart's Market in 1968.

From an op-ed by Roy White, business agent: It has been the pleasure of the little town of Hermiston to have lived in a long dream that the Umatilla dam will be constructed. The Umatilla dam question today is the heading of the list of post-war activities by the government. Today it is nearer to becoming a reality than ever before.

Let us not sit idly by and continue this dream. Let us get busy and prepare for the incoming conditions that are bound to come after this war. Let the world know that we in our community, no matter how small, are alive and active — on our toes — ready for any changing conditions. When we do this, instead of seeking investments, investments will seek this community.

A year or so back, if you recall, housing conditions in Hermiston were bad. Some live-spirited businessmen were called together by the Chamber of Commerce and the outcome of this meeting resulted in a great deal more spirit of action and along with it a gambling spirit, so

to speak. They had planned to build houses, it required government approval, it required money. No individual was able to finance such a project.

100 YEARS AGO
DEC. 28, 1918

After having been fairly well immune from the influenza epidemic that broke out in the state of Oregon in the fall of the present year, the city of Hermiston is now in the grip of the disease, with a sprinkling of pneumonia thrown in. Isolated cases there have been all along, but early precautions taken by the city authorities by the placing of the city under rigid quarantine regulations had cleared up the flu situation, and it looked as if the town was going to get by without an epidemic.

A week ago health prospects were rosy, there being very little sickness in the community at the time. But with one fell swoop influenza broke out and spread with alarming rapidity, until now there are many cases reported here. President of the Council J.D. Watson is doing all he can to alleviate those in need of medical attention and nurses, and he has able assistants in Marshal Crandall, Alvine Barnes and Geo Holland. Many women have volunteered their services in the past day or two, and present indications are that the sick people will be well cared for.

The disease had gained such headway by Tuesday that at a conference of the council it was decided to place the city under strict quarantine regulations again, and as a result the flu ban went into effect at noon on Christmas day.

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 26
STORY TIME, 2-3 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Stories and activities for developmentally disabled children and adults. Free. (541-567-2882)

FIDDLER'S NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Avamere Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Join the jam session, or just listen. Light refreshments included. Repeats Thursday. (Laura Mecham 541-567-3141)

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