

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston in the summer of 2015 right after college. My family is originally from Weiser, Idaho, but due to the recession, they found new opportunity in Hermiston. Being the oldest of five, I wanted to be with my younger siblings and help my family succeed.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Tough question! I'd have to say a tie between Ruty's and Rio Express.

What do you like to do your spare time?

Anything sports or politics! I'm currently part of the HHS Baseball Program, and love coaching those young men.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

We're the biggest little city in Eastern Oregon, and still are continuing to grow! The vast amount of opportunities in this area continue to expand, and I'm happy to see the direction we're going in.

What was the last book you read?

Recently re-read "The Clash of Civilizations" by Samuel P. Huntington. Wanting to read "Becoming" by Michelle Obama, though. I'm a nonfiction reader.

What app or website do you use most?

Either Instagram or my News app.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Another tough question! I love to travel and see different ways of life. But probably Japan. I'm a huge anime fan and admire their culture.

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

When I was a freshman at Xavier, me and a guy in my hall challenged each other to an eat-off. Fifteen minutes: Eat everything off the McDonald's \$1 menu (including drinks). Everyone in our hall was there cheering both sides on. It was a wild finish and the inevitable happened. Needless to say, we became great friends after that.

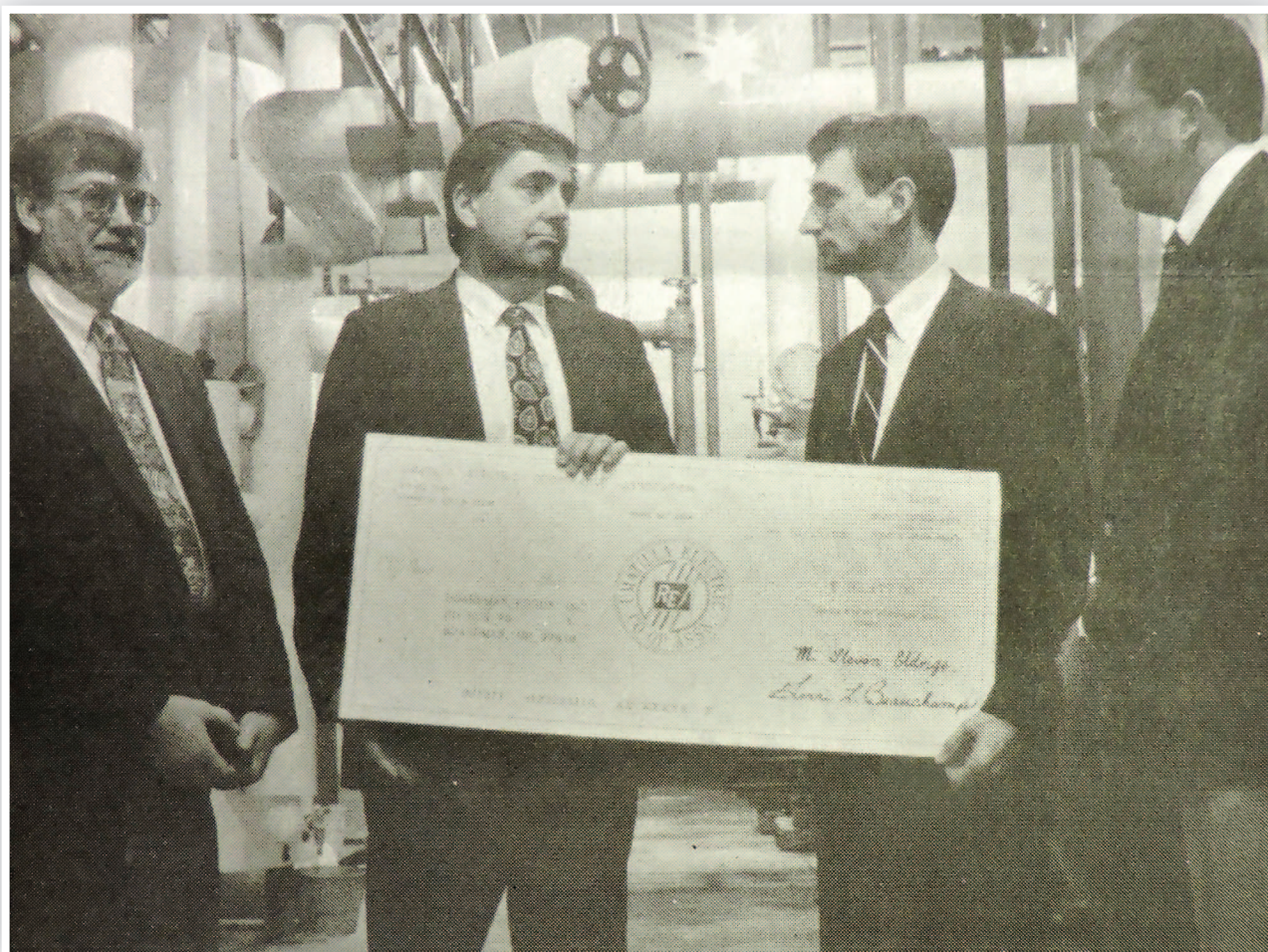
What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?

So many things to look forward to this year: council goals, baseball program goals, life goals, etc. But I would say my biggest goal is to enjoy life more. 2018 was a tough year, but the adversity made me grow and realize that I need to enjoy the little things more.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Being elected as YOUR City Councilor.

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo

Gene Ferguson (left), Steve Eldridge (second from left) and Lee Docken (right) present a rebate check to Boardman Foods president Brian Maag in 1994.

25 YEARS AGO

FEB. 1, 1994

There's nothing like a little Egyptian baseball to bring a school together.

Though it is not likely to become an Olympic sport any time soon, about 60 Hermiston High School students were putting all they had into the game.

"We have the goofiest games," Jose Hernandez, the game's creator, said. "We make them as goofy as possible."

However, neither Hernandez nor the students were interested in goofiness for goofiness' sake. Hernandez, a gang prevention officer, has serious motives. The games are an important part of his method of creating a bond between people who may not otherwise trust each other.

The game gives the group a common goal, and gives him an opportunity for him to check his work. The group of students has been working together to solve problems of racism and violence at the school and in the community for most of the year.

50 YEARS AGO

JAN. 30, 1969

The Hermiston City Council was in a garrulous, convivial mood during their Wednesday evening meeting as they consumed a varied agenda with much gusto and dispatch.

The areas covered by the council ranged from railroad crossings to mail service, with each subject taking its turn in running the gauntlet of close scrutiny by the city officials as they disposed of individual problems brought to their attention.

Approximately 103 new parking meters will be installed in Hermiston after July 1, as the city replaces the present automatic machines with the less troublesome manual units that will cost \$55 each (with trade) and should be self-monetizing at the rate of \$2 per month. The new meters will no longer take pennies, with nickels being the smallest denomination now acceptable.

The council decided that the regular meeting date of Wednesday would be changed to Monday, thus allowing the *Hermiston Herald* an opportunity to publish the news of the council meetings in the same week the meetings are held.

75 YEARS AGO

FEB. 3, 1944

One of the boldest robberies locally in some time was successful



From left to right: Bernie Carper, Robert Blessinger, John Walchli, Forrest "Woody" Starrett and Al Frost accept awards from the Jaycees in 1969.

early Sunday morning when entrance was made into Hale's Confectionary & Sporting Goods store through a broken glass in the front door. The pane in the door was broken accidentally Saturday evening and was boarded up by the management.

Sam Nye, proprietor, reports that he left the concern about 4:30 a.m. and the theft was noticed when employees came to work early Sunday morning. Mr. Nye reports that about \$1,020 in cash was taken.

2) It is now estimated that the war that was started by Germany will cost the world between \$600 and \$800 billion, besides the loss of life and the misery that is to follow. The damage to all other conquered territories is figured at about \$20 billion. To restore Russian alone to pre-war condition will take the labor of 10 million Germans working for 10 years. The cost is so stupendous that statesmen and economists are beginning to figure out what Germany and Japan should pay.

To take their countries from them and destroy their national existence would not pay the bill. Germany was assessed \$32 billion after World War I but paid only \$9 billion but could have paid more if she had not been permitted to spend her resources for 10 years in preparation for WWII. After that war Germany was unimpaired. Now it will be practically destroyed in physical wealth, at least if the war continues as long as predicted. She will also have millions of wounded, helpless and destroyed men. Japan will be helpless, and Italy will be a liability. In fact, all will be a liability to the recovery of

civilization.

This nation will not expect much in war penalties. It may in a course of years receive something from lend lease. Doubtful. Our only recompense will be in saving the freedoms of the world and, if possible, reducing the enemy countries to second and third rate nations to such a degree that they can never rise again to involve the world in another such carnage.

100 YEARS AGO

FEB. 1, 1919

Who knows of a man that has a folding bed in his home in this town? Well, it doesn't matter, only if you knew, this story would be all the funnier.

Late one night recently one of our local carpenters was awakened by the violent ringing of his telephone, and in giving the conversation that ensued between himself and the little lady on the other end of the wire we will have to use fictitious names, in accordance with our promise to the carpenter to have him appear incognito in this joke.

"Is that you, Mr. Johnson?" asked the small voice of a little girl. "This is Amy Jones. Mother wants you to come around right away and bring your tools. Father has met with an accident."

"You have made a mistake Amy," replied the carpenter on hearing the word "accident." "You want the doctor."

"You are the man we want, Mr. Johnson," insisted the childish voice. "Father is shut up in the folding bed."

BMCC announces president finalists

HERMISTON HERALD

After a nationwide search, a Blue Mountain Community College selection committee has lined up four finalists for its open president position.

BMCC will host each candidate on an individual visit in February that will include meetings with the BMCC Board of Education, faculty, staff, students, and the public.

Following the candidate visits, the selection committee expects to make a hiring recommendation ahead of the board's decision at its March 13.

All public forums with the candidates will be held

from 5:20 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Room 100 in Morrow Hall at the college's Pendleton campus.

Anthony Rosilez (Feb. 5): Rosilez is currently the executive director of the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, the agency that licenses K-12 teachers throughout the state. Prior to joining the commission in January 2018, Rosilez was the vice president of student and personnel services at Klamath Community College in Klamath Falls. He also has experience at the K-12 level.

Jeff Sherman (Feb. 7): Sherman grew up on a dairy farm in Eastern Oregon. He

went on to get a master's degree in agricultural education from OSU and eventually became an administrator for the university, where his official title is assistant director of OSU Extension Service-strategic innovation and statewide director.

Dennis Bailey-Fougner (Feb. 11): Bailey-Fougner hopped between Oregon and Kansas during his academic career, getting his bachelor's degree at the University of Oregon, his master's degree in education from Wichita State University, and his doctorate in community college leadership from Oregon State University. His biog-

raphy centers his professional experience around his time at Mesa Colorado University in Grand Junction, where he supervised the university's community college division as vice president of community college affairs.

George McNulty (Feb. 12): Currently the vice president of student affairs at Colby Community College in Kansas, McNulty has a Ph.D. in educational leadership from the University of Nevada, Reno. The biography describes his current job as involving facility development, teaching, institutional effectiveness, fundraising, and community engagement.

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