

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



ASHLEY SEIBEL

Dance Coach/Photographer

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston from Stanfield right after high school. I think I was looking for a town that was a little less small, and had a few more things. It's become my home, and I dread the thought of ever leaving this community.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Anyone who knows me would agree that it's La Palma. Every server who works there already knows my order when I go in, which I appreciate. I'm also a HUGE fan of Delish Bistro and Veg Out and Lawan's... I like to eat.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I spend my spare time in my yard with my hands in the dirt. Landscaping and gardening is my jam.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

I think I stand with everyone else when I say how fast it has grown. We now have some traffic during the evening and it's weird.

What is the last book you read or are currently reading?

I'm currently reading "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst, and "Altar Ego" by Craig Groeschel.

What app or website do you use most?

Amazon, YouTube and Instagram.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I've been trying to get to Punta Cana for a while... so there. Or the Maldives.

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

One time my husband sent me to Autozone for sailboat fuel additive...I'll leave that one right there. But in my defense it was during state dance season, and I was running on empty. My life is always funny thanks to him.

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

Expanding my photography business in all the ways.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Raising two kids who have the biggest, kindest, most generous hearts. They care so much about people. And if we are talking more recently, helping lead HHS Dance to a state title! Go team!

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo

David Kennard, right, then editor of the Hermiston Herald, gives a tour of the Herald's offices to Umatilla West ESD Migrant Education students in 1994.

City purchases future community center

25 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1994

After securing land to satisfy their own requirements for parking, the city of Hermiston has agreed to purchase the old Safeway building and surrounding properties for the purpose of creating a community center.

The council also allowed the Community Center Committee to use the city's credit to get front money to finance what will ultimately be a privately-funded remodel of the building.

"We kept on going, pursuing avenues, and we feel at this point in time that the parking has been resolved close enough," committee chairman Bryan Wolfe said.

The price of the building itself is \$450,000. The city further consented to purchase the vacant Sprouse building for \$45,000 and will buy a parcel now owned by Dr. John Page for a cost of \$49,000.

The next step is to find the money to turn the old grocery store into a community center.

50 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1969

No less than 16 hopeful candidates have thrown their respective hats into the ring as they contend for the four available positions on the Hermiston School Board.

Although there seemed to be few applicants interested in the jobs early last week, the pace quickened and last minute contestants flooded the school district clerk's office with applications last Friday and Monday.

2) Hermiston may see a peaceful student demonstration by Hermiston Senior High students if proper organization can be worked out in the next few days, according to Mike Garner, senior at HSHS.

Garner said he has checked with Police Chief Bob Adams and is now being advised by the Chief of the correct procedure to follow in staging such a public remonstrance in order to not violate city ordinances.

The march is in protest to the recent action by the Hermiston School Board in declining to renew the teaching and coaching contract of Arnold Owens, HSHS baseball coach.

Editor's note: Two weeks later



HH file photo

The Hermiston Community Center is pictured when the city of Hermiston purchased the building — a former Safeway — in 1994.

the Hermiston Herald reported the students had decided not to hold a demonstration after all at the request of Owens.

75 YEARS AGO

April 13, 1944

Just after last week's Herald announced that irrigation water would be available, a break in the newly-repaired K line just east of town washed away, causing a delay while new repairs are being made. Approximately 200 feet of newly-laid pipe washed away when someone turned water into the line sometime during the night. The fresh connections were not set enough to hold the strain.

Repairs are being rushed and it is thought that water will be available next week.

2) Ever since the construction of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, sand storms have been a problem — blocking highways, igloo doors, clogging locks on igloo doors, railroad switches and lines. Sand storms cause excessive injury to automobiles, trucks and portable light plants, and are a continuous source of discomfort to the workers, slowing up production and endangering the health of the workers.

Experts from various governmental departments have made a study of this subject. One suggested remedy would have cost approximately a half-million dollars. The remedy which is being tried and which it is hoped will overcome this menace will cost less than five percent of the above figure. Scarred areas will be seeded and in those sections of the greatest exposure to the wind, the seeds will be protected by a straw cover.

100 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1919

In filing its report with County Clerk Brown last week at the conclusion of its sessions, the grand jury recommended that the county poor farm should be sold and the inmates boarded or taken care of in some other manner.

The report reads: "The grand jury recommends that the county should sell or rent the poor farm to the best advantage of the county. It is evident that the manager who can be obtained at the present salary cannot give this farm the proper attention and at the same time give the patients the attention they deserve. The appearance of the farm generally is that it does not pay financially to operate it under the present conditions."

2) Owing to the war conditions which have prevailed for the past two seasons it has been difficult to secure high class road shows. As a matter of fact, many managers of traveling companies have been reluctant to venture on the road or to distant territories and have confined their operations to the larger cities of the east.

Since the war is over now the public in general is clamoring for amusement.

This is especially true of the west, where diversion has so long been denied the theatre-going public. A few of the producing companies have heeded the call and have taken to the road again.

The first of the better class attractions to play through this territory is the Frisco Follies company featuring the inimitable comedian Duke Westcott.

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one each in Stanfield and Umatilla, Irrigon and Pendleton. Tastiest Taco stamp books are available via www.umatillamorrow-unityway.org. Columbia Bank branches in Hermiston and Pendleton, Banner Bank in Pendleton, or the United Way office, 125 S.E. Court Ave., Suite B, Pendleton. For questions, contact Beth Harrington at 541-276-2661 or beth@uwbluemt.org.

Exalted ruler Emmet Wold of Hermiston Elks Lodge #1845 recently announced the 2018-19 special recognition awards.

Bob Schroth and Ernie Kern both received a Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Award and the Grand Exalted Ruler's special recognition pin. Kern was honored for



Contributed photo

Bob Schroth, left, received several awards of recognition from Hermiston Elks Lodge #1845, which were presented by Emmet Wold, exalted ruler.

his dedication to youths in the community, especially for his efforts with the Elks Youth Basketball Hoop Shoot Contest in the Northeast Oregon District.

Schroth, who also received the Distinguished Service Award, was recognized for his service to the community and his selfless service as chairman of the Camp Meadwood Springs Benefit Golf Tournament. Money

raised from the annual event benefits the unique summer camp experience for children/teenagers and their families impacted by communication and/or social learning challenges.

Alan Humphrey III was named Elk of the Year and Maxine Rice was recognized as the Officer of the Year. The Hermiston Elks Lodge is located at 480 E. Main St. For more information, call 541-567-6923.

Hermiston High School students will get a visit from Jaelyn Jenkins, the 2019 Hermiston High School Distinguished Alumna, on Friday.

Jenkins will meet with administrators and tour various classrooms and student-led businesses.

"I am excited to welcome Ms. Jenkins back to Hermiston High School to share all the changes

that have transpired since she graduated," Principal Tom Spoo said in a statement. "Ms. Jenkins has proven to be a very driven person. She is definitely an outstanding example for our students."

As she continues her duties as Distinguished Alumni, Jenkins will also be recognized at the school's Evening of Excellence on May 8 and be a featured speaker at graduation at 7 p.m. on June 6, at the Toyota Center in Kennewick.

The menu for the Harker Senior Activity Center for Thursday is chicken pot pie, fruit, salad and dessert. The menu for next Tuesday is taco salad, fruit and dessert.

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