

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I actually never moved to Hermiston formally. I started my teaching career at Umatilla School District and transitioned to Hermiston SD in 2015. I grew up in Washington in the small agricultural town of Bridgeport, which sits on the Columbia River and is home to Chief Joseph Dam. I was initially attracted by the geographic similarities, but have come to appreciate our area for its small town feel.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Hale's Restaurant. We really enjoy their family atmosphere and abundance of fries.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I enjoy spending my spare time fishing or just doing something outdoors. Having the Columbia River fishery is an open invitation to fish whenever I find myself able to fish.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
Something that has pleasantly surprised me is the outpouring support of our community for people in time of need. Whether it's financial, volunteering of time or attending events, people step up to help when possible.

What was the last book you read/are currently reading?
Currently I am reading "Grading Smarter, Not Harder: Assessment Strategies that Motivate Kids and Help them Learn" by Myron Dueck.

What app or website do you use most other than Facebook or Google?
Lately I've been spending a lot of time browsing the AllTrails App. It's great for looking up trails and their difficulty. I especially enjoy reading others' reviews and looking at the photos posted of their trips.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
I would say Iceland; the picturesque scenery draws me in.

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
My first year teaching ever, I was walking down the hall the week before school starts. This was during the teacher in-service time and I was walking to my classroom. As I walked down the hall, a janitorial staff member stopped me and asked me who I was looking for, when I said no one in particular I was asked to leave the building and return when school started. I did clear things up and inform them that I was a staff member myself.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
I hope to start my masters program and spend more time with my family.

HERMISTON HISTORY



(LEFT) KOHU announcer Alfredo Aceves interviews singer Norma Alicia Ochoa at the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Hermiston in 1994. (RIGHT) Ana Lopez and Camilo Cardenas dance at Hermiston's Cinco de Mayo celebration at McKenzie Park in 1994.

HH file photos



25 YEARS AGO
MAY 3, 1994

Controversy erupted last week when Umatilla residents discovered that a new restaurant planned to feature "exotic dancers."

Riverside Restaurant and Lounge owners have said there will be topless dancing in the lounge, which opened Friday.

"My view and that of people I have talked to is that this just doesn't fit in our community," said Joe McConnell, pastor of Umatilla Baptist Church and a father of several school-aged children.

Other Umatilla ministers, parents and local restaurants have criticized the bar.

2) Several hundred people came to McKenzie Park Sunday to dance, eat and have a good time at Hermiston's Cinco de Mayo fiesta.

They were treated to live music from two ensembles, Group Carcicia and Banda 660; the crowning of Sirita Hispanidad 1994; and a presentation by Hermiston's renowned folk dancing group, Quetzalcoatl.

50 YEARS AGO
MAY 1, 1969

Fred Reeves, Hermiston Postmaster, says at least two different publishing firms have been flooding local postal patrons with printed materials in the past 30 days that is, in many cases, highly objectionable to the parties receiving it through the mail.

Reeves advises the public that anyone may have their name taken off the sender's mailing list by simply filling out and mailing P.U.D. form No. 2150, which is obtainable at any U.S. Post Office.

The literature that has been turned into the post office, says Reeves, has both pictures and words that numerous postal patrons find revolting, and is generally sent as first class mail. Several of the irate patrons have referred to the literature as lewd, obscene and pornographic, says Reeves.

2) Hermiston city officials met with representatives of the Stadel Pump Company and GATX Corporation last Friday to inspect the work accomplished on the city's new one million gallon storage tank and adjacent deep well in the south part of town.

The tank has recently been painted, inside and out, and on the exterior boasts the Hermiston Senior High School colors of purple and gold, with a large bulldog painted on the west side of the tank.

75 YEARS AGO
MAY 4, 1944

Margaret E. McCourt, former employee of the Umatilla County Ordnance Depot, has joined the ranks of the women marines. Miss McCourt enlisted April 27 through the Portland recruiting station and is now awaiting orders to report for "boot camp" at Camp Lejeune, N.C. training base of all women marines.

Private McCourt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. McCourt of Stanfield. Her brother, Corporal Francis H. McCourt, is a marine paratrooper. She has been employed at the Ordnance Depot for the past 17 months.

2) A new business enterprise is being launched at Hermiston this week with the establishment of a second hop yard to be known as the Hermiston Seedless Hop Yard No. 2.

What was last week the Joe

Baumgartner dairy farm is now being plowed under to make the new yard. It is planned to put in only 25 or 30 acres of hops and during the winter months another 25 acres will be planted.

100 YEARS AGO
MAY 3, 1919

During the month of April Hermiston property has changed hands more rapidly than at any time since the palmy days of the beginning of the town two years ago. It is apparent on every hand that Hermiston has come back.

When the first building boom struck 12 years ago last fall, hundreds of lots were sold and nearly one-half million dollars were invested within less than two years time. During that period not an acre of ground was developed throughout the irrigated district tributary to the town. It was soon found that the town could not develop without agricultural development nearby. Property values came to a standstill. Scarcely a sale was made for years.

But the country for miles around has been developed into prosperous farms and has finally grown beyond the town as far perhaps as the mushroom period grew beyond the country. Conditions in Hermiston have been improving greatly for two or three years, but this spring has witnessed the most positive developments toward future building of the city, which was hoped for years ago.

Not only has farm development added to the resources of the town but the building of the Columbia Highway, on which work is now being done on both sides of Hermiston, has added materially to the confidence of the city's future.

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is grabbing the spotlight for May. Today's edition features an interview with a science teacher, information about the FFA's plant sale and a Girls Night In hosted at the high school for incoming freshmen.

Hermiston Emblem Club #215 recently was visited by Gaile Schmidt, state Emblem Club president; Sandra Goodwin, state marshal; and Judy Coleman, state treasurer — all from Coquille Emblem Club #266.

The group feasted on a Mexican dinner and a cake decorated with the Emblem Club seal. Teresa Moncrief, Hermiston Emblem Club president, shared that the Hermiston club placed second for outstanding club for the second time in a row.

Gaile expressed gratitude to local members Carol Goin, first vice president; Coyla Bedord, recording secretary; Michele Dickmeier, corresponding secretary; Sheryl Goin, fifth trustee; and Maxine Rice, second guard, for serving on the Oregon State Association of Emblem Clubs. She also acknowledged supreme elected and appointed officers: Bedord, supreme deputy; and Angel Smith, supreme press.

For more information about the local club, call Moncrief at 541-564-0887.

Officer Alexander Jensen of the Stanfield Police Department and dispatcher Hannah Foster of the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office are graduating from the Oregon Public Safety Academy, 4190 S.E. Aums-

ville Highway, Salem.

Foster, a member of #BT114, finished the Basic Telecommunications three-week course. The graduation ceremony is May 3 at 11 a.m. Jensen will finish with the 16-week Basic Police Class #387 during a May 10 ceremony at 10 a.m. Both ceremonies and receptions that follow are open to the public.

The courses are presented through the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/dpsst.

The public is invited to watch steer wrestlers with the Northwest Pro Rodeo Association during a local qualifying event for The American Rodeo. Contestants will compete Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Umatilla Sage Riders Arena at 81907 Highway 395, located between Hermiston and Umatilla.

There is no admission charge and concessions will be available for purchase. Those attending might want to bring a lawn chair as seating is limited at the arena. For more information, call Tammy Campbell at 541-922-8526.

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Wednesday is salad, sandwich and dessert. Thursday is clam chowder, half sandwich, salad and dessert. Friday is soup or salad, half sandwich and dessert. Monday is salad bar and dessert. Tuesday is tuna rice casserole, vegetable, pea salad, fruit and cookies.

You can submit items for our weekly By The Way column by emailing your tips to editor@hermistonherald.com.

Summer institute offers hands on learning

A week-long residential field studies program for high school students is accepting applications.

Offered by Eastern Oregon University, the Cottonwood Crossing Summer Institute takes place along the John Day River at Cottonwood Canyon State Park. The program, which is available to 25 students, runs June 16-21. The cost is \$160 and students receive college credit.

Participants work with regional professionals conducting research and completing projects on various topics related to the natural and cultural resources of Eastern Oregon. This year's program includes field research techniques applied to wildlife and macroinvertebrates, designing and building solar solutions to modern problems, researching how the human body responds to the environment, and practicing the fine art of writing nonfiction about nature.

For more information or to apply, visit www.eou.edu/cottonwood-crossing. For questions, contact M.J. Heather at heathe3@eou.edu or 541-962-3316.

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