

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



TERRY HAIGHT

Hermiston Assembly of God pastor

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
Sheri and I moved to Hermiston over 23 years ago in December of 1995 at the end of our term as missionaries in the Philippines, establishing and launching a Bible College. We moved here feeling deeply impressed to volunteer and serve the local pastor which happened to be of the Hermiston Assembly. Three years later we became the lead pastors. This past January makes 20 years as the lead pastors for us (1999-2019).

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Lawan's Thai Garden

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Reading. If I have additional spare time I like camping, fishing, drawing, hiking scenic trails and picture taking.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
Its tremendous growth and progress in the last several years.

What was the last book you read?
"I am Your Sign" by Sean Smith

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
Instagram

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Wow! Good Question! So many places...but I would like to tour parts of Southeast Asia for starters. (Give me a food tour any day anywhere; I love trying new foods).

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
I can't think of one at the moment...sorry.

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

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Seeing my four children (two boys and two girls) grow up healthy, happy and hopeful. My family has expanded with two beautiful daughters-in-law who love their husbands. Now I'm looking for two loving sons-in-law.

HERMISTON HISTORY



From left to right Dan Armstrong, Ed Brookshier, Tim Mabry, Bryan Wolfe and Cheryl Humphrey helped raise money to turn an old Safeway into the Hermiston Community Center in 1994.

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25 YEARS AGO
MAY 17, 1994

Rumors that as many as 40 Hermiston High School students tested positive for the HIV virus in the last blood drive are completely false, an American Red Cross official said.

Although 16 samples were rejected at the last drive, none tested positive for HIV. Samples from 85 people were accepted at that drive.

Nancy Gates, a donor consultant for the American Red Cross, said there are many reasons why blood samples may be deferred. Low iron levels, insufficient samples and hepatitis infections can all disqualify a donation.

There have not been any samples rejected because of HIV in the local area. Gates said HIV rumors are common at high schools across the country.

2) Last weekend's storm left about 2,800 Umatilla Electric Cooperative members without power. Most of these were concentrated in Morrow County, where lightning strikes left some customers in the dark for five hours.

50 YEARS AGO
MAY 15, 1969

C.N. Picard of 780 W. Pine had a fire in his garage on Friday, apparently caused by a blow torch, and on Tuesday another fire broke out in the garage, this time presumably caused by faulty wiring, says Hermiston Fire Chief Bob Russell.

Ed Lynch, assistant fire chief, fell through the weakened roof over the garage, but reportedly escaped serious injury. Smoke damage to the adjacent home was also incurred in the two fires, with losses estimated at several hundred dollars.

2) Jess Foster, president of the McNary Golf Club, says the newly completed



Summer Ederly, Tomy Gertsch and Jodi Kasperek spin on a tire swing at Busy Bee Daycare in 1994.

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club facilities and the additional nine-hole course will be ready for dedication May 30.

With the addition of the second nine holes, McNary Golf Club will now have the only 18-hole course in Eastern Oregon, and lineal measurement of the entire course is 6,000 yards.

75 YEARS AGO
MAY 18, 1944

By the time this paper gets into the hands of its readers, politicians and their friends will have completed their campaigns and the fate of the participants will be entirely in the hands of the voters. Although a light vote was predicted some weeks ago, last minute whirlwind campaigns have created considerable interest and it is thought that at least 50 percent of the voters will go to the polls Friday.

In Hermiston voters in Precinct 32 (west of First Street) will vote in the Jens Skovbo building near his

honey house north of the Tum-A-Lum. Precinct 33 voters (east of First Street) will vote in the basement of the library.

2) Numerous reports during the past several months have reached the Herald office of the general practice of dumping dead animals, or parts thereof, on public roads and highways. The most recent incident occurred on Rt. 2 Echo, and farmers in that area are quite disturbed over the matter.

Such a practice is strictly against the law and violators will be prosecuted.

100 YEARS AGO
MAY 17, 1919

Broad smiles illuminated the faces of all members of the Hermiston paid fire department at the regular monthly meeting last Monday evening when secretary R.A. Brownson delivered to them checks for their month's salary. This was the first pay day for the firemen under the

new system of a paid fire department.

After routine work of the meeting was finished, a motion prevailed that the department have another fire drill, and Chief Kingsley has designated next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock as the time for the drill and requests that every member be on hand to take part.

2) The bill authorizing \$2.5 million Roosevelt highway bonds is conditioned upon government putting up a like amount.

This means that Oregon would get a \$5 million road if the people vote the bonds and the automobile license would take care of Oregon's share. Millions of acres of new country would be opened up and Oregon would have a coast defense road connecting the ones being built by Washington and California.

Good judgment and not sectional jealousies should guide the voters in this election.

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na's Mexican Food was crowned the winner of the inaugural Tastiest Taco contest.

A fundraiser for the United Way of Umatilla & Morrow Counties, 10 local vendors offered up a featured taco as part of the competition. Located at 415 W. Hermiston Ave., the Hermiston restaurant gets to display a plaque designating them as the winner for a year — until next year's contest.

Beth Harrington, United Way's resource development coordinator, expressed appreciation to all the participants. She's looking forward to expanding everyone's taco journeys with even more vendors next year.

Money raised from Tastiest Taco provides crucial funds in supporting local agencies in need. For more about the United Way, call 541-276-2661 or visit www.umatillamorrow-unityway.org.

Local students S-P-E-L-L their

way to victory during the annual InterMountain Education Service District Spelling Contest. Competing in three divisions, first-fifth grade; sixth-eighth grade; and ninth-12th grade, the top spellers in each division may now advance to the state competition. That contest is Aug. 31 at the Oregon State Fair in Salem.

Local students advancing include: Adriel Ibarra (Stanfield Elementary School), Rafael Sepulveda (Windy River Elementary School), Stephanie Booher (Riverside Jr/Sr High School)

Others placing at the district contest were: Killian Clements (Clara Brownell Middle School), Jackson Hobbs (A.C. Houghton Elementary School), Gaven Harwood (Windy River Elementary School), Angel Flores Rosas (Riverside High School).

The Hermiston Downtown District is taking vendor registrations for Spudfest, formerly known as Funfest. The downtown festival will take place on July 13. Vendors must sub-

mit applications by June 28. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 1055 S Hwy 395 Suite 111.

The menu for the Harkenrider Senior Activity Center for Thursday is goulash, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Friday is soup or salad with sandwich and dessert. Monday is salad bar and dessert. Tuesday is pork chop, vegetable, au gratin potatoes, carrot salad and dessert. Next Wednesday is dinner salad, tuna salad sandwich and dessert.

The Hermiston city council will move its next city council meeting from Monday, May 27 to Tuesday, May 28 to avoid meeting on Memorial Day. The council meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at city hall, 180 NE Second St.

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