

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston from The Dalles in August 2013 to take a job as a reporter for the East Oregonian.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Delish Bistro

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like going for walks, reading, playing the piano and hanging out with friends.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

I'm always surprised by how generous the community is. I don't think people who grew up here realize how much longer most communities of Hermiston's size and economic makeup take to raise the kind of money Hermiston does for projects like Funland or Kennison Field.

What was the last book you read?

"Genuine Fraud" by E. Lockhart.

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

Spotify

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I would love to see Scotland and feel more in touch with my family's heritage there. Also they have really cool castles.

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

One time when I was a teenager my family went on vacation and one of my brothers came out of the hotel bathroom brushing his teeth. Another brother said, "Hey, that's my toothbrush!" and he responded "No, the red one is mine!" It turns out they had been using the same toothbrush for over a week after my mom took us all to the dentist. They were so grossed out, so of course I thought it was hilarious.

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

Start exercising regularly.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

I graduated from BYU debt-free, thanks to a combination of scholarships and hard work.

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HERMISTON HISTORY



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Students were honored by the Hermiston Rotary Club in 1969 at a banquet. Front row, left to right, are BMCC President Walla McCrae, Sandra Woolman, Ann Fowler, Denise Townsend, Janice Quick and Rotary Club President Henry Frischmuth. Center row are William Watson, Edward Cave, Thomas Jackson, Rebecca Lanham, Linda Shockman and Jeanne Goodwin. Back row are Vena Thompson, Connie Harmon, Tiah Stevens, Roberta Raymond and Juul Mostert.

25 YEARS AGO

MAY 24, 1994

The biggest surprise coming out of Tuesday's election is that Rep. Chuck Norris, R-Hermiston, will have a Democratic opponent in November's election.

Robert Jenson of Pendleton received 447 write-in votes — more than 50 percent of the write-in ballots cast.

This legally entitles Jenson a place on the ballot.

Umatilla County clerk Tom Groat said both Norris and Jenson had been actively soliciting write-in votes for the Democratic nomination.

Jenson, a retired U.S. history instructor at Blue Mountain Community College, said he had been thinking of making a run for the seat for more than a year, but missed the filing deadline while taking care of other matters.

50 YEARS AGO

MAY 22, 1969

The memorial plaque dedication sponsored by the local veteran organizations to be held Sunday, May 25 at 2 p.m. at McKenzie Park has been finalized according to Roy Penney, chairman of the committee in charge.

The huge granite rock will have a bronze plaque embedded on its face with the words engraved "In memory of all who served in the armed forces of the United States of America in defense of their country."

2) A Hermiston Marine, Lance Cpl. Richard T. Miller, 19, who was wounded three times in action since Oct. 1, was killed May 12 at Quag Nam, South Vietnam, according to word received May 15 by his mother Mary Weatherly.

The Marine was first wounded eight days after arriving in South Vietnam in October. He received wounds in action again soon after Christmas and again on April 9, according to his mother. He was home in November to attend a funeral service for his brother, Conrad, 20, who died in a truck accident in Portland.

A 1967 graduate of Hermiston High School, he was in Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. The message delivered to his mother said he died "as a result of receiving penetrating hostile small arms fire to the head on a company search and clear operation."

75 Years Ago

MAY 25, 1944



HH file photo

Dr. Ross Ronish leads a group in a Tai Chi lesson in the Staying Alive health conference at Hermiston High School in 1994.

Mrs. Rosa Webb of Route One, Hermiston, last week received a telegram that her son, Pfc. James R. Webb, who had previously been reported as missing, is now listed as dead by the war department. A letter came this week explaining the telegram more fully. It follows:

"It is with regret that I am writing to confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your son, Pfc. James R. Webb, Corps of Engineers, who was previously reported missing in action in the European arena.

"An official report has now been received in the War Department which establishes the fact that he died on November 27, 1943, as a result of the sinking of a troop transport at sea by enemy action.

"I know the sorrow this message has brought you and it is my hope that in time the knowledge of his heroic service to his country, even unto death, may be of sustaining comfort to you."

2) Two Hermiston ladies pleaded guilty Tuesday before Justice of the Peace E. P. Dodd on charges of disorderly conduct and contributing to the delinquency of a child. It was claimed that the mother and grandmother of the little girl had struck and whipped the child until stripes appeared on its body. The arrest was made by Chief of Police B.J. Nation. They were fined \$15 each and court costs and given

a 60-day jail sentence, suspended during good behavior for a year.

100 Years Ago

MAY 24, 1919

Because of the growth of the schools in the several districts of the Hermiston country and on the Western Land and Irrigation Company project, a movement has been started to establish a Union High School.

The school boards of the several districts have been considering the proposition for some time, and have recently circulated petitions to the District Boundary Board asking for the establishment of a Union High School, and calling for an election. The school districts interested are the Hermiston District, Columbia District, Minnehaha and Westland Districts.

2) The Farmers and Dairymen's Luncheon will be held at the Auditorium in Hermiston on Saturday, May 31. One of the objects of this meeting is to celebrate the starting of the Hermiston Co-operative Creamery, which will commence operations the morning of June 1.

The Dairy dinner, coming as it does just before the starting of the haying work of the season, should be, and the committee having the affair in charge hope it will be, attended by every Dairyman and Alfalfa grower who lives tributary to Hermiston, Echo, Stanfield, Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman.

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an Instagram account at @heppnerclimatestrike.

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McKenzie Hendrix recently sprouted a little green. The fifth grader won the Echo Arbor Day poster contest, cashing in with the \$30 prize. Other winners include **Khloe Spoon**, second grade; **Aislin McFarline**, first grade; **Lacy Jamison**, first grade; and honorable mentions went to **Sarah Thomas** and **Kohlvin Wyse**.

The contest was held in conjunction with the 30-year anniversary of Echo as Oregon's smallest **Tree City USA**.

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The **Second (Indian-head) Division** is searching for anyone who served in the **Army's 2nd Infantry Division** at any time. The association is hosting its 98th annual reunion Sept. 18-22 in Tucson, Arizona. It will be

based at the **Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites**.

For more information, contact **Bob Haynes** at 21dahq@comcast.net or 224-225-1202. For more about the association, visit www.2ida.org.

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As the weather continues to warm up, Oregon health officials say it's important for people to protect themselves from disease-carrying mosquitoes. One of the illnesses to avoid is the potentially deadly **West Nile virus**.

About one in five infected people may show signs of West Nile virus. People at risk of serious illness include individuals 50 and older, and people with immune-compromising conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

West Nile symptoms may include fever above 100 degrees and severe headache, stiff neck, mental confusion, muscle weakness, shaking, paralysis or rash. People should contact

their health care provider if experiencing any of these symptoms.

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The menu for the **Har-kenrider Senior Activity Center** for Thursday is baked potato, chili, salad and dessert. Friday is soup or salad with a half sandwich and dessert. Monday the senior center will be closed for Memorial Day. Tuesday is meat loaf, hash browns with gravy, vegetable, salad and dessert. Wednesday is dinner salad, meatloaf sandwich and dessert.

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Rain remains in the forecast for Memorial Day weekend.

Spring storms saturated the region Monday night into Tuesday morning and the forecast looks for more of the same through Memorial Day.

Rain accumulation at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport in Pendleton for Monday and Tuesday was .45 inches, Walla Walla

Regional Airport measured .23 inches, while the Hermiston Municipal Airport only received .15 inches.

Travelers on Interstate 84 east of Pendleton were faced with driving rain — Meacham received .6 inches while La Grande and much of the Wallowa Mountains measured more than .8 inches.

While the Weather Service no longer has a flood watch out for Northeastern Oregon, rain is in the forecast. The forecast for Wednesday and Thursday should be relatively dry, but getting into the weekend there is a 20 to 30 percent chance of rain showers and thunderstorms Saturday through Monday with high temperatures between 69 and 76 degrees in Pendleton, 71 to 79 in Hermiston and between 66 and 72 in Heppner.

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