

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I grew up here.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
I really like Taste of Thai.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like a good Netflix binge.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
Probably the community involvement. Everyone really helps people in need in this community.

What was the last book you read?
The last thing I read was mortgage guidelines, honestly.

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

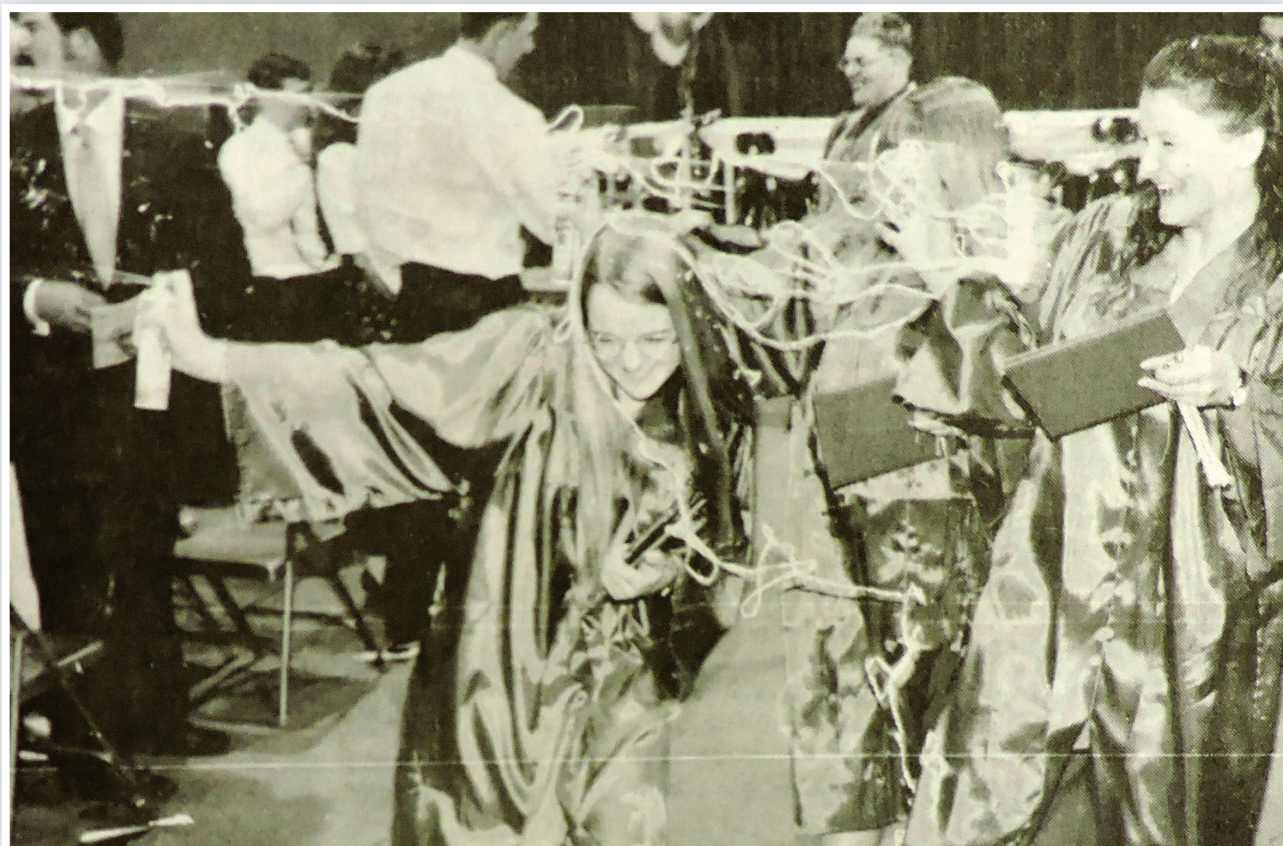
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
I would love to travel to Fiji.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
I can't think of anything right now.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
I'm a new loan officer, so I want to become more established and get my name out in the community.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Becoming a loan officer was a pretty big deal for me. I like being part of the downtown community.

HERMISTON HISTORY



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Stanfield graduate Amanda Denton, left, sprays attackers with silly string during graduation in 1994.

25 YEARS AGO
MAY 31, 1994

Two controversial books at the Hermiston Public Library have been reclassified from the children's and young adult's section into the collection for adults.

The library board recommended and the city council approved reclassifying "Forever" by Judy Bloom and "Daddy's Roommate" by Michael Willhoute, on the basis of requests from the public.

"Forever," popular among young adolescents since it was first published in 1975, contains descriptions of a teenage girl's first sexual encounter. The book may alert people to the consequences of sex, Elizabeth Collins of Hermiston, but "I believe this book is just too explicit."

The request for reconsideration for "Daddy's Roommate," a book aimed at children to explain gay lifestyles, was submitted by Anna Rademacher.

"The lesson that the book teaches is that homosexuality is okay, that it is 'normal' or 'natural' behavior," she said in her request. She recommended that parental discretion be used before children read the book, and that it be removed from the children's section.

Library director MLou Williams said the reclassification was a compromise that kept the books in the library.

50 YEARS AGO
MAY 29, 1969

The Hermiston city budget committee completed their work on the 1969-70 city budget Thursday.

The preliminary budget as submitted to the committee for deliberation was approximately \$75,000 outside the 6% limitation. The budget requirements submitted by various departments was such that the city budget officer found that drastic cuts would be necessary to meet estimated revenues. Under these conditions the budget committee then set out to determine, through several marathon sessions, if the required budget expenditures should exceed the city's 6% tax limitation.

The budget committee found that urban problems are not confined strictly to larger metropolitan areas. The city of Hermiston is finding it very difficult to cope with the ever-increasing financial requirements while its tax support base does not have sufficient flexibility to meet increased service demands.



Scott Duke prepares to launch a soccer ball at Rocky Heights Elementary School in 1994.

75 YEARS AGO
JUNE 1, 1944

Edward Gillam of Hermiston will get \$5,500 for injuries sustained in an automobile accident caused when an army driver crashed into the car in which Gillam was riding.

President Roosevelt approved a bill awarding him that amount. The committee said Gillam was left permanently disabled.

2) Two Hermiston restaurant and confectionary establishments changed hands during the past week in a general shakeup of business houses.

Ben Conner, an old hand at the restaurant business, is again in charge of the Pheasant Cafe. Mr. and Mrs. M.V. Hart were forced to give up their lease by the illness of Mr. Hart.

Clyde A. Belles of Pendleton, a brother of Claude Belles of Hermiston, is the new operator of the Union Bar, having purchased the lease from Miles V. Roudebush who has operated the business for some time. Mr. Roudebush has not announced his future plans but does expect to remain in Hermiston for the time being. Mr. Belles will sign a new lease with the Hermiston Carpenters Local 933, according to Roy White.

3) Something which is rather hard to explain occurred Wednesday evening during a rainfall. The awning of PP&L Co. office began to smoke and became serious enough to warrant a call for the fire department. The fire was extinguished before the

city equipment arrived, however, by passers-by. Apparently someone had flipped a cigarette up into the awning and it had found a dry spot.

100 YEARS AGO
MAY 31, 1919

The Decoration Day parade yesterday was stupendously grand. It was with pride that the few remaining Civil War veterans here took their place at the head of the procession. The boys' band under direction of Supt. Voelker was a pleasing feature; then came the Spanish-American war veterans, followed by a procession of school girls. Last came 30 autos decorated with bunting, flags and flowers, after which came patriotic speaking in the Auditorium.

All stores and other places of business closed during the day Friday, and services were held in the churches, with picnics here and there, and a ball game in the afternoon between the married and single men.

2) George Strohm is a man who will always try anything once even if he does get beat at it. The other evening he came downtown with a sack of potatoes, from the sale of which he was to purchase a few small articles for Mrs. Strohm. A storekeeper bartered him for a trade for bananas, and George took him up.

He claims he came out even on the deal, but Mrs. Strohm does not think so, for her better half forgot all about what she told him to get for her.

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With spring in full bloom, P.E.O. Chapter DR is cultivating final plans for the **Hermiston Garden Tour**. In its 17th year, the event raises money to assist women in realizing their potential through education.

The June 8 tour features six local gardens. People can purchase tickets for \$15 at **Cottage Flowers, Kopacz Nursery & Florist** or **Westwinds Nursery**, all of Hermiston. See the June 5 edition of the **Hermiston Herald** for a full story.

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The **Echo Public Library** recently added to its collection, thanks to several area residents. Donations in April included

books from **Bonnie Berry (3), Judy Webb (3), Jessica Holben (6) and Weeb Williams (13)**.

Library staff encourages people to stop in and browse, including checking out books and materials about gardening.

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The world premiere of "Life of Water," written by composer **Larry Nash Groupe**, is featured during the 20th anniversary reunion concert of the **Inland Northwest Musicians**. The Sunday, June 16 event will be held at 4 p.m. at the Hermiston Community Center. Although there is no admission charge, people need to call 541-289-4696 for seat reservations. For more information, visit www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com.

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The **Stanfield Public Library** is gearing up for its **Ready for School Summer Program**.

Kids who are age 4 or preparing for kindergarten are invited to attend a seven-week series that includes enhanced story times and weekly activities that focus on different school readiness skills.

The program is offered Mondays at 9 a.m. or Wednesdays at 6 p.m. There are slots available for 10 children during each session.

For more information or to register your child, call 541-449-1254 or stop by the library at 180 W. Coe Ave.

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The menu for the **Har-kenrider Senior Activ-**

ity Center for Thursday is oven-baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, fruit salad and birthday cake by Sun Terrace. Friday is soup or salad with a half sandwich and dessert.

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Third grade students from Rocky Height Elementary School will help bring history alive during a pair of performances of "The American Dream."

The public is invited to the shows Friday at 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. at Armand Larive Middle School, 1497 S.W. Ninth St., Hermiston. There is no admission charge.

For more information, call 541-667-6600.

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