

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



TERRI "MAJENTA" HYMAS BECKER

Owner at Buttercreek Salon

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I've lived here my whole life.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Ixtapa

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like going to the movies. Movies are the best! I last saw Aladdin.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
How much traffic there is.

What was the last book you read?
I really don't like to read books, I only read books if I'm laying by the pool.

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
Google. I'm mostly just on Facebook.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
To Italy. I've only been there once. I love traveling, and when I do I want to go anywhere and everywhere.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
I have no idea.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
To remodel my salon.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Being a good person and owning a business. I've owned my business for eight, but I've worked here for 28 years.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Letty Solis feeds an infant at a temporary Head Start daycare for children of migrant workers at Hermiston Junior Academy in 1994.

25 YEARS AGO
June 14, 1994

A week after Hermiston's first homicide since the mid-1980's, investigators still have more questions than answers.

Jose Tigerino Perez, 36, originally of Lubbock, Texas, died from gunshot wounds from a .22 caliber revolver.

John Ralph Crespin, Jr. is in custody at Umatilla County Jail for first-degree murder. He is expected to plead not guilty to that charge at a plea hearing June 20.

Hermiston Police Det. Panfilo Rios said Perez had an address at the Crespin home under an assumed name, presumably to shield himself from outstanding warrants out of Texas.

"I know the family knew Perez, but to what extent, I don't know," Rios said.

2) Last Monday's chase that ended in the death of Joe Perez ran through the halls of Armand Larive Junior High School.

School Principal Shannon Gorham said in a letter to parents that students were kept in their classrooms while Perez and Crespin were in the building. No students had contact with the men.

Nearly all Hermiston Police units available were mobilized as soon as they received word of the chase.

50 YEARS AGO
June 12, 1969

A vicious series of widely-spread thunderstorms played havoc around the Hermiston area Saturday night and again Monday evening, leaving a trail of heavy crop and property damage and disrupted utility services.

Accompanied by pelting rain, blinding lightning and deafening thunder, the storms tested old timers' memories to recall when more fury had been released for so long.

Residents had barely recovered from the Saturday weather upheaval when another devastating storm followed on its heels, bringing new misery and undoing what had been cleaned up from the first blow.

An irrigation ditch broke at the Joe Ramos Echo area ranch Saturday from flood water and debris sweeping down a draw. The canal was repaired Sunday but the deluge Monday again took it out.

Like on many area farm lands, Ramos lost grain and hay fields. Flooding of homes, farm and busi-



Wil Phinney, left, Jerry Chatwin and Bill Dorran had their picture in the Hermiston Herald in 1969 after winning a Little League candy sales contest.

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ness buildings was a common experience throughout the district.

Extensive storm-caused damage to the James McRae home, two miles west of Irrigon, resulted Saturday night when it was struck by lightning, setting it afire.

75 YEARS AGO
June 15, 1944

A number of German prisoners of war are now stationed at the Stanfield CCC camp, under the command of Lt. Harlan M. Bones of the Military Police. The men this week began work in the Smith Pea Cannery in Pendleton. Other German prisoners of war are working the pea harvest at Athena.

The Herald was given the following information Wednesday by Bones:

"The camp at Stanfield is under the close guard of the Military Police Corps. Most of the men of this guard are highly trained men in this line of work, with several of them having seen actual service in the present war.

"The moral of the P/W's is very high in this camp and they all tell the same story of liking this country and the people that they have come in contact with. This camp is very fortunate in having as the German Sgt./

Major a non-commissioned officer of the old German army, who handles all of the little troubles that arise in this type of camp."

100 YEARS AGO
June 14, 1919

At the annual school meeting on Tuesday, the voters of Districts No. 8, 14, 112 and 115 will have the privilege of voting on the question of creating a Union High School, composed of the four districts mentioned above.

This is considered a very important move for the patrons of these districts. Practically all of the high school pupils of these districts attend the Hermiston high school at this time, but the management is entirely in the hands of the Hermiston school board. Under the Union High School plan, the board will be composed of a member from each of the districts, giving each district representation.

2) The strike of the telegraphers belonging to the Postal Telegraph Co. that went into effect all over the country Wednesday has to some extent interfered with the Associated Press reports.

Pendleton reports the walkout of one operator in the Western Union office there. The Portland offices also reported being tied up more or less.

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CORRECTION

The June 5 article "Umatilla County Fair Board Chair pleads guilty to elk poaching" incorrectly stated Gay Newman's title. He retired from the board at the beginning of 2019. The Hermiston Herald sincerely regrets the error.

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Go forth and conquer while minimizing student debt

After turning the tassel, area graduates are looking to the future and what's next — joining the workforce, entering the military or going to college.

For many, it's a tough decision due to rising tuition costs. After adding books, various fees and living expenses, going to college can be costly.

While help is available with scholarships, grants and work-study programs, many fear being saddled with huge student loan debt.

Growing up money was tight, which provided perspective about going off to college. I was on a journey to continue my education, not embarking on a four-year all-inclusive stay at a five-star resort.

Although I didn't get my first vehicle until I was a senior, I didn't have to trudge a mile in snow and ice to get to class. And, I didn't have to eat copious amounts of Top Ramen because I couldn't afford food.



Tammy Malgesini
INSIDE MY SHOES

I paid cash for a used Honda motorcycle, which was cheaper to maintain than a car. Also, my roommate's parents farmed in Idaho, supplying us with ground beef and potatoes.

In addition to campus work-study, I did lots of odd jobs (some odder than others). Utilizing entrepreneurial skills, I hawked crabs on the street corner, sold others' used textbooks on a commission basis and typed term papers for a fee. I also painted houses, weeded gardens and oversaw recreation league volleyball and basketball games. And, I received reduced rent at a farmhouse in exchange for feeding goats and chickens.

I received a few scholarships and grants, but also accrued student loans each year. Sometimes it was hard, but after writing a check for \$80.11 each month for 10 years, I paid them off.

According to an inflation calculator, that's now equal to about \$214.11.

The hourly wage I received back then would be equivalent to \$8.29 in today's dollars — substantially less than the current minimum wage. I stretched my earnings to meet basic needs while still chipping away at my student loans.

I urge those heading to college to budget your money, don't assume extra loans just because a lending institution is willing to give you more and be diligent in re-paying the money. The availability of student loan programs for future generations will only continue if people are responsible.

You might not land a job making big bucks right after college. And the chances of a big windfall are even less likely — even with "Paid Off." The TruTV game show features college grads answering trivia questions.

The show says it tests the value of the education contestants received (if trivial knowledge is truly valuable). Prize money comes in the form of paying off student loans. The show recently added a new

twist. In addition to awarding more than \$1 million in prize money to players, viewers can call in and answer questions for a chance to win up to \$3,000 to apply toward student debt.

When heading to school, it's helpful knowing what you want to study — changing majors can be costly. Also, students attending community college can meet basic requirements at lower tuition rates. If you're still in high school, inquire about opportunities to earn college credits.

Joining the workforce and working a few years before going to college can help with future expenses. In addition, it might alleviate the need to haul dirty duffel bags of laundry home for your mom to do during the holidays. Best wishes to the class of 2019.

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