

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



ROB SCHAEFER

Owner,
Horace Mann Insurance
in Hermiston

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
My parents moved us here when I was five and I've been here basically ever since, except some time I spent in the Air Force.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Probably La Palma and Walker's Farm Kitchen.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Well, I spend a lot of time with my family. I like to golf when I can.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
The community is a welcoming community. People support each other here. We're unique that way. You see the same people every day, and I've grown up here so I know most people.

What was the last book you read?
I don't have a lot of time to read, but I would have to say parts of the Bible.

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
I use Google. We were in Iceland and I wanted to know where the closest restaurant was, and I Googled and it took me right there.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
I would love to go to Thailand someday. I've seen pictures of the beaches and that's something I look forward to.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
I'm sure if you asked my wife that question she could answer it.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
I have a daughter who is going to be a senior. I guess my goal is to get her graduated and spend more time with family.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Other than my kids, and my family, I would have to say building this business over the last 15 years. It's been my greatest achievement. I was inducted into my company's hall of fame a little while ago too, and that was a great achievement.

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HERMISTON HISTORY



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Police help a pedestrian hit by a car on Main Street in Hermiston in 1969.

25 YEARS AGO
JULY 12, 1994

Eugene attorney Ken Morrow said his client, John Crespin, was under extreme emotional distress when he shot and killed Joe Perez.

However, Judge Warner Wasley appeared not to buy Morrow's argument and ordered Crespin held without bail until his trial Oct. 24.

Perez and Dale Crespin had allegedly been romantically involved four years ago in Idaho. They briefly resumed their relationship in the month Perez lived with the Crespins, prior to his death.

After learning more about their guest, the Crespins sought to remove Perez from their house by alerting Umatilla County Sheriff's deputies to his location. The morning of the shooting, Perez had allegedly forced Darla at knifepoint to drive him around Hermiston. She escaped and reported the incident to Hermiston Police, but not before Perez threatened her and her family.

It was in a rage response to all of this that John Crespin shot Perez, Morrow said, and therefore is guilty of manslaughter and not murder.

"The difficulty I saw in that argument is that he chased the guy all over town for hours," deputy district attorney Robert Hill said. "Obviously, he was angry. If anger was a defense, we wouldn't prosecute many murders."

50 YEARS AGO
JULY 3, 1969

Two young people playing with homemade smoke bombs Tuesday afternoon set fire to a car belonging to David Lieve on East Punkin Center Road. The older model vehicle was considered a total loss.

2) A Vancouver, Wash. woman has enlisted the help of the *Hermiston Herald* in trying to locate her mother and grandmother, who may be in the area.

Mrs. Claudia Johnson said the last communication she had from either of them was a Christmas card from her mother, Mrs. Vada Doyle, at the time living in Stanfield.

Mrs. Johnson said her grandmother has married and she does not know her new name and it is also possible, she stated, that her mother has since married also.

75 YEARS AGO
JULY 6, 1944

An argument which started "over nothing" early Sunday morning



HH file photo

Jason Richardson performs bicycle tricks at Spudfest in downtown Hermiston in 1994.

resulted in the fatal shooting of Ronald L. Coffman, 32, on Second Street near Hermiston Transfer & Storage.

In the hospital is Francis A. Flynn, 39, a truck foreman at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot suffering from severe facial and head bruises as a result of the fight.

The entire affair began as a social evening. Witnesses at the hearing Wednesday stated that everyone was having a fine time until Mr. Flynn and Mr. Coffman began to "have some words" in the kitchen. When asked by District Attorney A.C. McIntyre what the argument was over, the witness declared, "Over nothing." The debate became more heated, however, and Flynn, Coffman and Mr. Russell D. Patton went to the back door of the Flynn home.

Coffman attempted to strike Flynn, only tearing his shirt. Patton attempted to settle the argument but was only knocked down by Coffman for his efforts. Soon after Mr. Clifford Bice attempted to make peace but he was also beaten down for interfering.

Flynn was attempting to get Coffman to leave his premises because of the trouble he was causing. Coffman, who was brandishing a gin bottle over

his head, dared anyone to make him leave. The argument became rougher with several blows being struck.

After several more minutes of heated words, with both sides slinging a heavy board at each other, Phillips was struck down by the timber during the fray. At this time Coffman struck Flynn a solid blow with the bottle and the latter opened fire with his pistol which had been in evidence for several minutes.

100 YEAR AGO
JULY 5, 1919

W.T. Roberts, well known rancher north of town, is pining for a summer vacation on the seashore, but being strong and healthy can't find any excuse to go on such an outing. He feels, however, that if he could only beg, borrow or steal for this season only one of the "complaints" that make people hike for the beach this time of years he could make the journey alright. If there is anyone having such a disease that they would be willing to lend him by means of inoculation for a month of six weeks, he promises to return it in as good condition as possible on his return home from the outing.

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ers Correctional Institution in Umatilla last week.

Sherry Isles, the prison's public information officer, said the problem was caused cut line in the area owned by Centurylink, which provides service to the prison.

Ingoing and outgoing calls were disrupted from Monday through Thursday afternoon. Inmates were still able to make calls using Telpmate services.

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The **Hermiston Herald** offices will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday and be closed all day on Thursday to celebrate the **Fourth of July** holiday. Our reporting staff will still cover

holiday activities taking place in Hermiston and Stanfield on Thursday, however, so keep an eye on www.hermistonherald.com for photos.

We are also excited to announce that we are preparing to launch a mobile phone app for the Hermiston Herald soon, featuring faster download times, customizable newsfeeds and other perks. Check out the **East Oregonian's** new app, which went live this week in app stores across platforms, for an idea of what the new app will offer.

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The **Hermiston Herald** received a follow-up letter from a student in **Ms. Lyons'** class at **The Langley School** in McLean,

Virginia.

Andrei expressed appreciation for the response to her request to send items and information about the state of Oregon for her school project. She was pleasantly surprised to hear from 16 people.

"I was so excited when packages started arriving from different places in Oregon! I received a China plate, brochures and maps," Andrei said. "This project could not have been the success that it was without YOU! I am so grateful."

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Hermiston's annual **Funfest** is changing its name back to the original title of **Spudfest** this year. The family-friendly downtown celebration,

which will include a variety of vendors and entertainment, will take place throughout the day on July 13. See next week's **Hermiston Herald** for more information.

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The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Fourth of July holiday. The menu for Monday is salad bar, dinner roll and dessert. Tuesday is pulled BBQ chicken, broccoli salad and granola parfait. Next Wednesday is tuna or grilled cheese sandwich, salad and dessert.

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

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