

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



**JASON EDMISTON**  
Chief, Hermiston Police Department

**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**  
*Born and raised right here in Hermiston and very proud of it!*

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**  
*Walker's Farm Kitchen*

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
*Unfortunately, the longer I have been in law enforcement, the more introverted I've become but I enjoy traveling with family and close friends. Plenty of rock concerts still to be seen and places to visit.*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**  
*Nothing. This community is incredibly inclusive and willing to step up and make worthy projects come to fruition.*

**What was the last book you read?**  
*"Billionaire at the Barricades: The Populist Revolution from Reagan to Trump" by Laura Ingraham.*

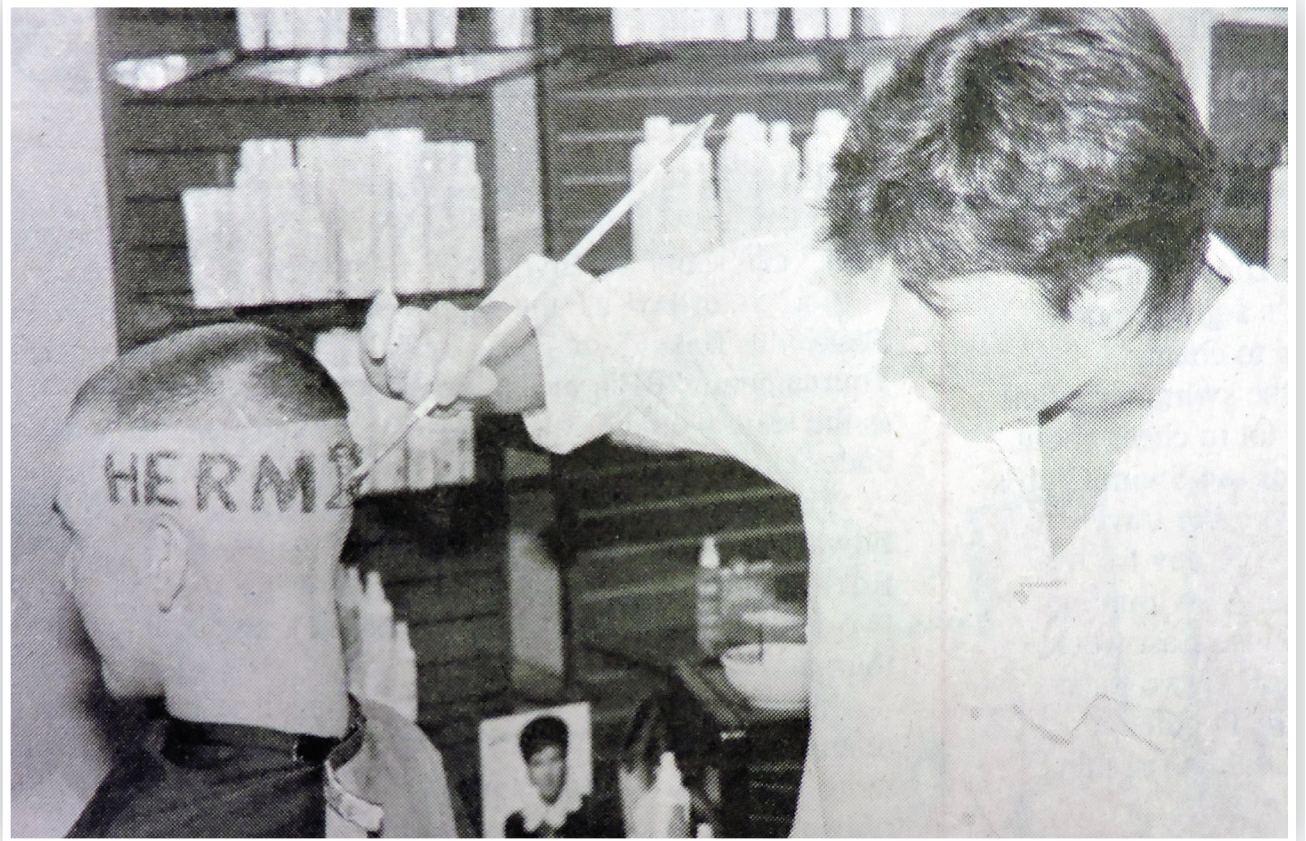
**What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?**  
*Yelp and Untappd. Look at me, I love to eat.*  
**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**  
*My wife and I have been blessed to travel throughout the United States, Mexico, and Europe. I have always wanted to visit Israel and experience the significant culture and history.*

**What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?**  
*In order to stay sane in this profession, there are plenty of funny things that happen around the station, but getting a speeding ticket going 96 km/h in a 60 km/h zone at the end of the Autobahn in 1999 ranks toward the top. The officers kept my passport and my wife, and sent me a couple of miles into a small town in southern Germany, Füssen, to get 180 Deutsche Marks since all we had on us were francs. After being gone for over an hour and it having turned dark, my wife was not amused. In my defense, this was before GPS and the autobahn is not supposed to have a limit.*

**What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?**  
*To finish my Master's of Business Administration degree. I have been working on it non-stop for the last year and I have five classes left.*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**  
*On the personal side, I would say staying married for 22+ years and raising a family. On the professional side, working in a challenging environment with some incredibly dedicated men and women is gratifying.*

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo  
**Josh Holland of Hermiston's Nationals Babe Ruth team gets some team spirit from Nancy Baker before the opening of the district tournament in 1994.**

25 YEARS AGO  
JULY 12, 1994

Dispatch services for the City of Stanfield could be directed through the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department as early as August.

Stanfield Police Chief Alan Humphrey and county police officials have negotiated a contract that would break off dispatch services with the Hermiston Police Department.

Humphrey said the new deal would cost less and eliminate radio interference in parts of Stanfield that makes police communication difficult.

2) If all goes well, the Umatilla Depot Activity should be free of conventional weapons about a month ahead of the Congressionally-mandated Sept. 30 deadline.

"They figure they'll have everything out of here by the 25th of August, except for the chemicals, of course," depot public affairs officer Donna Fuzi said.

She said about 90 percent of the igloos at the depot are empty. Much of the ordnance is in the process of being shipped to other installations and reserve units throughout "Operation Golden Cargo." What can't be moved — aging live rounds — is being detonated.

50 YEARS AGO  
JULY 10, 1969

Area population growth and the completion of Interstate 80N are the key factors to Hermiston's ever-increasing traffic pattern, and the resulting congestion is not unlike that found in major cities across the nation.

City officials are alarmed at the heavy traffic snarl that has developed on North First Street and Highway 32 but see no early solution to the problem.

At a recent meeting of the city council, L.T. Harper, city manager, was asked what progress was being made to get the Highway Department to start a four-lane improvement project on the street. Harper responded he had nothing new to report.

Under projected plans of the department, a four-lane road will be built that will most likely include curb gutters and possibly double yellow center lines. Such a program would improve traffic flow and permit turns only from spots designated for those purposes.

This would tend to reduce rear-end collisions, now a major cause of accidents on the street. Hermiston police note that during peak rush hours of workers, the traffic flow is often backed up three to four blocks waiting for signal changes.

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The **Hermiston Herald** office will be closed all day Friday as we get new flooring installed in our building.

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The local **Boy Scouts of America/Boardman Police Department Explorer Post** churned out their appreciation to the **Boardman Tillamook Creamery**. The youth program received a \$1,000 donation, which is being used to provide uniforms, equipment and sponsorship to the **Oregon Annual Law Enforcement Challenge**. Officer **Cory Rosen** said the group hopes to do well at the event, which is Aug. 1-4 at the **Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Facility** at Warrenton.



HH file photo  
**Mark Edwards of the BH team passes the ball during a three on three tournament at Spudfest in downtown Hermiston in 1994.**

75 YEARS AGO  
JULY 13, 1944

Two Hermiston young people are in a Walla Walla hospital as a result of summer vacation accidents.

Miss Hope Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smikley O. Bean, was taken to Walla Walla Sunday evening suffering from severe bruises as a result of falling from a horse earlier in the evening. She also suffered a sprained ankle and mild abrasions. Her condition was quite critical for some time but was considered some better by the middle of the week.

The other accident victim is Earl Miller, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hogan Miller. He, in company with Earl Fowler, Bob Phelps, Royal DeLaney and Tom Schoonover were starting out on a rabbit hunt south of Hermiston Tuesday afternoon, carrying .22 rifles.

The group reached the bridge across the irrigation canal near the H.G. Rankin home when young Earl Fowler stopped to pick a pebble out of his shoe. In laying down the gun, which was cocked ready for firing, he either jarred it enough or the trigger caught on something. The bullet entered Earl Miller's back and lodged

in the forepart of his abdomen. An operation, performed that afternoon, removed the bullet and it was discovered that fortunately all vital organs had been missed, although striking his colon a number of times. His condition was announced as quite satisfactory Wednesday morning.

100 YEARS AGO  
JULY 12, 1919

The latest estimates of the United States geological survey show that if gasoline continues to be used up at the present rates, all the petroleum fields now in use will be exhausted before 1950. Where, then, will the future supply of gasoline come from? Billions of dollars are involved in the question.

2) Sunday in a get-together quick game of baseball between Hermiston and Umatilla on the Umatilla diamond, the Hermiston boys showed up wonderfully well. In the fourth inning with our boys in the lead by seven to one the game suddenly came to a halt due to an argument between some of the Umatilla players. After the umpire, Mr. Payne of Boardman, called "play ball" several times Umatilla forfeited the game by not obeying the umpire's request.

**Michelle Gerber**, who works at the Boardman branch of the **Bank of Eastern Oregon**, recently cashed in on additional knowledge. She was among a class of 30 who recently graduated from the **2019 Northwest Bank Operations School**, held in Wilsonville. Presented by the **Oregon Bankers Association**, the March through June course focused on banking regulations, new accounts, sales culture, employee supervision, safety and security, and other topics.

**Linda Navarro**, OBA president and CEO, said effective operations is both essential to a bank and often what differentiates the customer experience. Based on the caliber of class participants, Navarro said the industry's future leaders are bright, engaged and motivated.

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The pre-registration deadline for

open class exhibits at the **Umatilla County Fair** is Wednesday, July 24. In addition to showing off your talents, exhibitors can purchase a fair season pass for the discounted price of \$20.

For more details, see next week's **Hermiston Herald** or visit [www.umatillacountyfair.net](http://www.umatillacountyfair.net).

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Thursday's menu for the **Harkenried Senior Activity Center** is roast beef, carrots and potatoes, and dessert. Friday is clam chowder, coleslaw, garlic bread and dessert. Monday is salad bar, garlic bread and dessert. Tuesday is spaghetti and garlic bread, tossed salad, vegetable and dessert. Next Wednesday is egg salad sandwich, salad and dessert.

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