

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**  
I moved to Hermiston originally on August 16, 1995 for my first teaching job (Intermediate Title I teacher at Sunset Elementary). I moved to Pendleton in 2008 for work and moved back to Hermiston and the district in 2016.

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**

I am a big fan of any food I don't have to cook, and I am not a picky eater, so you could probably catch me out for any meal. A few of my favorites are Veg Out, Walker's Farm Kitchen, The Gathering Place at Bellinger's, Lawan's Thai Garden, Delish Bistro, and I love a Midway burger.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

Who has spare time? For the last three and a half years I have juggled my time to complete my doctorate. I have two girls in high school, so you can usually find me at school events. I am a sports fan, and whenever possible, I am cheering on my DAWGS! When I have a few minutes, I like to spend them spoiling my dog, Kash.

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**

It doesn't surprise me anymore, but I was surprised at how welcoming this community was when I returned in 2016. I immediately felt like I was back home.

**What was the last book you read?**

"Leaders Eat Last" by Simon Sinek

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

Probably the Weather App on my phone, especially in the winter.

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**

This is a tough one. I don't really have a "bucket list" of places I would like to visit. I think it is more about the journey than the destination and more about who you are with than where you are.

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

Probably anyone who knows me could tell a story about something funny that has happened to me. Something that would be funny to see, that I can't seem to get away from is a split-door at the district office. The top is usually open and the bottom is closed. More than once when both parts have been closed I have opened the bottom and walked straight into the top.

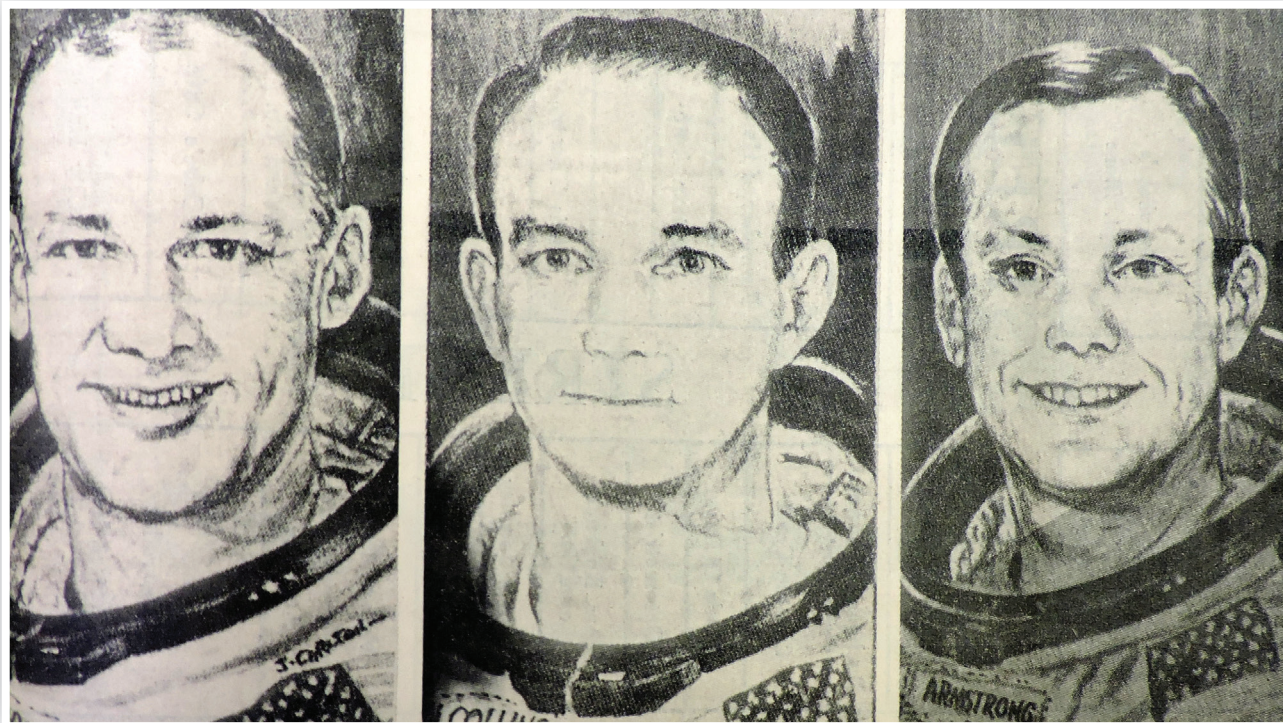
**What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?**

My goal for the next 12 months is to continue moving the Hermiston School District forward. As our community grows and changes, so does the district. I have a quote in my office that says, "Great communities have great schools," and I think Hermiston is great.

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**

Being mom to my girls, Kennedy and Kambree.

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo

These drawings of Buzz Aldrin, Michael Collins and Neil Armstrong appeared in the Hermiston Herald 50 years ago to announce that mankind had officially walked on the moon.

25 YEARS AGO  
JULY 26, 1994

The Salvation Army Thrift Store in Hermiston will be closing its doors at the end of this year.

Lt. John Watson, of the organization's Pendleton office, said sagging sales are to blame.

"We don't have enough money coming in that store to keep it going," Watson said.

He said the store has to make \$500 or more a day to remain viable. It is averaging less than \$300.

Watson attributed the lack of sales to several factors, including too little parking and restrictions on signage.

50 YEARS AGO  
JULY 24, 1969

The first men on the moon completed an historic scientific investigation Sunday night in a two-hour program which extended man's physical science frontier to another planet.

Neil Armstrong, a test pilot's pilot, and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, a doctor of science, scooped up 62 pounds of moon soil for analysis back on earth, set up two key experiments which began work immediately and proved that human investigators can operate efficiently on the lunar surface.

The small moonquake detector they set up began to register what appeared to be seismic activity as soon as the opened up its solar panels. A few minutes after they deployed a Laser mirror, astronomers at the Lick Observatory in California shot a beam of ruby light up to it and reported successful reflection.

It was the most remarkable and successful scientific expedition in the annals of science, equalling the technological achievement of the landing itself. It put Project Apollo in a new framework — as a transport system that would enable man to visit and explore the solar system.

At 10:56 p.m. EDT, Armstrong stood on the lunar soil which looked like powdered charcoal and he said:

"Here's one small step for man and one giant step for mankind."

75 YEARS AGO  
JULY 27, 1944

The intensity of the assault on the war fronts following D-Day was brought closer to home this week by the announcement of injuries to two of Hermiston's "home boys." Last



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Debbie Holden, left, and Sheri Konningrud show off Pea Ridge T-Shirts' new computerized embroidery machine in 1994.

week news of the fact that Lt. Alfred Emert, son of Mrs. W.A. Emert, is missing over France also shocked the community.

Sgt. W.C. (Chester) Dyer, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo G. Dyer of Hermiston, who landed under heavy fire on D-Day and was wounded at Saipan, after 10 days of almost continuous fighting on the front lines, writes: "We had heavy casualties on the beach. The Japanese covered the area with mortar and machine gun fire, mowing down many of the men in the first two waves.

"Mine was supposed to be a reserve outfit, but the fighting was so tough that we were in the advance ranks continuously. I was wounded on D-Day plus nine. I had been relieved and was catching some sleep. I awoke with a start and found a Japanese officers five yards from me trying to sneak behind our lines. I had no weapon, but I challenged him instinctively and warned my buddies.

"He fired with his revolver and hit me once. He ran and dropped a couple more hand grenades, wounding another Marine, but rifle fire killed him a second later."

Sgt. Dyer is now in the San Diego Naval Hospital for medical care. He is suffering from a pistol shot which entered his right side and came out his left, piercing his abdomen.

100 YEARS AGO  
JULY 26, 1919

The long dry spell this season has worked a hardship on the water being used for domestic purposes, it being mainly the cause for impurities appearing therein.

This was shown from an analysis of a sample recently sent to the state board of health by Water Superintendent Crandall at the request of the city council. As a result of this, City Recorder Jensen this week sent out notices to all domestic water users to use precautionary measures by boiling water before using.

It is not expected that this will have to be continued long, as it is presumed that with the first good rain atmospheric conditions will undergo a change that will clarify the water and keep in pure from the reservoir. But for the present everyone should follow the advice of the city recorder and boil water.

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**Publishing Group and Rhode Island Suburban Newspapers.**

The newspapers' parent company Western Communications filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy earlier this year, causing its papers to be put up for bid. EO Media Group already acquired the La Grande Observer and Baker City Herald out of bankruptcy for \$750,000 last month.

The National Weather Service's radar in Umatilla County is currently down as it goes through an upgrade.

This week through the end of July, NWS will take apart the red and white radar tower in Pendleton to thoroughly clean, repair and upgrade equipment in the radome and replace the pedestal. The agency uses

radar to track precipitation, wind and other weather elements.

Meteorologist Rob Brooks said even though the radar will be down, the weather service will be able to use radar readings from its neighboring offices in Portland; Medford; Boise, Idaho; and Spokane, Washington to see weather patterns heading into the area. The office will still have other tools, such as observations, spotter reports and satellite data, within the area usually covered by Pendleton's radar.

Echo resident Robert Peachey has been volunteering all summer long to spruce up his community.

He rolls through town in an electric wheelchair each day on his way to get coffee at the H&P Cafe, and said he started pulling small weeds in cracks in the road and sidewalk on

his way. He moved on to public parks and clearing out plants along the railroad tracks. He reported last week that so far he has pulled up and disposed of 185 30-gallon barrels of weeds, totaling 5,550 gallons.

"That's a lot of weeds!" he said.

The ALS Association of Oregon & SW Washington is hosting a town hall meeting.

"ALS: What it is and How we Can Help" is Saturday, Aug. 3 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Community Room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. The event is free and open to the public.

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS is also referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease) affects hundreds of people living in Oregon and southwest Washington. People are invited to learn

more about the regional ALS chapter, the work they are doing to support people living with the disease and how to work together as a community to find treatments and a cure for ALS.

For more information, contact Cassandra Adams at cassy.adams@alsoregon.org, 503-238-5559 or visit www.alsa-or.org.

The menu for the Harker Senior Center for Thursday is baked chicken, red parsley potatoes, corn, fruit salad and cake. Friday is build your own tacos and dessert. Monday is salad bar, dinner and dessert. Tuesday is taco salad, fruit and dessert. Next Wednesday is chicken salad sandwich, salad and dessert.

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