

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



JENNA WALLACE

Future Farmers of America Hermiston chapter president

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I was born and raised in Hermiston and I've absolutely loved it! It's a great town and I'm thankful for our supportive community, especially as an agriculturalist.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Nookie's makes a mean Caesar salad and I love heading there with my friends for the great atmosphere!

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I spend all of my free time in the Ag Room. Agricultural Education and FFA is my future and I have the best mentors to learn from, Shandie Britt and Leah Smith. I also enjoy raising and showing cattle from my own registered herd of Angus. Any free weekend I have I love heading out to the gun club and shooting some trap!

What surprises you most about Hermiston?

I'm really surprised by how fast Hermiston is growing. Growing up here, I've been able to see all of the new buildings and houses popping up over the past 16 years and it's been such a cool thing to watch.

What was the last book you read?

"How to Win Friends and Influence People" by Dale Carnegie, in preparation for a fun year full of personal development. I really enjoyed reading the specific examples that illustrated his key points in the book.

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

Instagram is my go-to social media platform when it comes to my personal account and the Hermiston FFA account. I love that it's very interactive and easily able to reach the younger generation.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Switzerland, hands down! I have researched different cities throughout the country and I have fallen in love with each of them.

What is the funniest thing that ever happened to you?

The funniest thing that's happened to me lately is visiting a college I truly didn't think I was going to be interested in, only to fall in love with it! Falling in love with a college that wasn't even on my radar shows me how funny life is and all of the hidden opportunities there are if you just uncover them.

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

One of my goals over the next year is to better myself for the FFA organization. I hope to make a bid for running for State FFA Office in the spring so I can focus on the members within our state and the love they have for our organization, just as I have had over the past four years!

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My proudest accomplishments come from my time in the FFA. In May, my Food Science team and I had the opportunity to compete at State for the chance of going to Nationals in the fall and we earned the right by place first. I was also fortunate enough to place first individually out of a competition of over 100 individuals. I'm truly blessed for the opportunities granted to me through the FFA.

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo

City officials wave from the back of a fire truck during the Umatilla County Fair parade in 1994.

25 YEARS AGO

AUG. 9, 1994

A 17-year-old Hermiston youth is in the custody of the county's Juvenile Department after allegedly stabbing a rival gang member in the leg Saturday evening.

The victim, also 17, was treated and released from Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

According to police reports, the suspect was in the parking lot at Northwest Sixth and Hermiston Avenue with family members when they were approached by the victim and two friends. One of the victim's friends and the suspect's uncle allegedly began arguing.

At that point, witnesses told police the suspect knelt behind the victim and stabbed him in the back of the leg with a fist-grip knife.

The suspect was cited last week in a hit-and-run accident that began last Sunday's drive-by shooting at Northwest Sixth and Madrona Avenue.

According to Hermiston Police, both the suspect in the stabbing and the driver of the car in last week's shooting were in the vehicle involved with October's drive-by shooting at the Hermiston Plaza.

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 7, 1969

All is in readiness for the Umatilla County Fair, with official opening Wednesday, Aug. 6 and a wide variety of events attracting thousands of visitors to the fairgrounds, some every day and many for at least one day.

Fair Board President and Manager Bob Cooper is enthusiastic about the outlook for success of the fair, starting under bright, sunny skies. All members of the fair board, department heads and committee chairmen have been working for weeks toward the goal of a successful fair, he said.

75 YEARS AGO

Aug. 10, 1944

Daniel C. Bartlett, Inspector, Umatilla Ordnance Depot, received serious injuries and is in the McCaw hospital in Walla Walla following a mishap while attempting to destroy unserviceable ammunition at the ordnance depot last Friday morning.



HH file photo

Manuel Lopez shows off his new Hermiston watermelon at a fruit stand in 1994.

Robert W. Bailey, munitions handler, received minor burns and returned to work. Mr. Bartlett's condition is considered excellent, according to reports received here this week.

A post card from Mr. Bartlett to the Herald Thursday morning had this to say: "Improving steadily from shock. Will be seeing you soon... I wish to publicly express my sincere appreciation to Col. A.S. Buyers, the surveillance section and many other true friends for their expressions of sympathy and condolences since the unfortunate and painful accident last Friday morning. Your kind acts will always be remembered."

2) O.W. Pedigo, Hermiston, received a letter from his brother, S/Sgt. Ernie Pedigo, this week stating that he had recently received a shrapnel wound in his face. He writes, "They grafted on new skin and you would never notice it." About a year ago a piece of shrapnel went into his right side and out the left. At that time he spent six weeks in a hospital.

About the latter incident he writes, "I came out of the hospital as good as new but a lot madder. The hospitals are the best in the world. Each one specializes in one kind of wound. Last month I directed artillery fire and counted 32 dead. So I guess I got

even. It wasn't nice to see so many dead but I wish there had been more."

100 YEARS AGO

Aug. 9, 1919

Rotten mail service by the routing of trains No. 1 and 2 over the Coyote cutoff in a change of schedule was the all-absorbing theme among the 21 persons that attended the Commercial Club dinner at the Hermiston Hotel last Tuesday.

Not alone has Hermiston's mail service suffered by this abominable change, but also the express business that has been carried on between here, Irrigon, Boardman and other points. At the dinner it was claimed that the railroad administration by this act had taken away a hereditary right from the people of the project, from the fact that these local trains have been on this run for a long time.

Most of those present wanted to know why in thunder the aforesaid administration did not route passenger trains No. 18 eastbound and No. 17 westbound, over the cutoff, and leave the standby trains to follow their local schedule. As the schedule now stands it can readily be seen by the following summary that it is the worst service we have had since Hermiston was in its infancy.

DHS rocks spring horse fundraiser

Tickets available at this week's fair

By TAMMY MALGESINI
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The Department of Human Services Child Welfare program is roping in another fundraiser to help support its foster parent and child fund. Money raised will be used for Cabin Fever for Kids, a foster child/family event in February.

The unique raffle offers people an opportunity to wrangle in one of two heavy-duty spring rocking horses. Marvin Hamilton, a DHS certifier, said the spring horses were created with small children in mind. They can accommodate kids weighing between 40-110 pounds.

Brando, last year's raffle horse, brought in nearly \$900. The inaugural Cabin Fever for Kids event, held this past winter in Hermiston, drew 140 foster par-



Photo contributed by Marvin Hamilton

The Department of Human Services Child Welfare program is selling raffle tickets for a pair of heavy-duty spring horses. The fundraiser benefits the foster parent and child fund.

ents, children and volunteers. They enjoyed food, educational booths and indoor activities.

"The horse ruffled off last year was such a success that we made two this year for the raffle," Hamilton said. "The horse paid for everything for our Cabin Fever event."

The spring horses include "Princess Unicorn Pony," which features long flowing pink hair and golden hooves. The second is "Mini Mustang Pony," brown and white and sporting long brown hair.

Hamilton said the project was a community effort. Parts were donated from the

Hermiston Goodwill store and labor was provided by Hamilton, his DHS co-worker, Jason Bremner; Bremner's son, Gavin Payne; and Lani Hamilton and Tile Poumele, members of the Firestarter Youth Group from The County Church.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. They can be picked up at the DHS fair booth this week at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. Look for Booth 32, which is located in EOTEC's main building. In addition, tickets can be purchased from certifiers at DHS offices in Hermiston, Pendleton and Boardman, or by calling 541-564-4484.

The raffle drawings for "Princess Unicorn Pony" and "Mini Mustang Pony" will be held after Pendleton Round-Up in mid-September. For more information, contact Hamilton at 541-564-4484 or marvin.hamilton@dhsosha.state.or.us.

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