

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



STACIE ROBERTS

Principal, Armand Larive Middle School

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

We lived in Goldendale, Washington. My dad was in a supervisor position [at a saw mill] at that time and they moved him to Port of Umatilla, where they put in a chip facility. I was here for all four years of high school. I played sports and graduated in 1994. I went off to college, Columbia Basin College and St. Martin's, and played volleyball and basketball. When you graduate in December, there's not a whole lot of people looking for teachers. I went home, did some long-term subbing, and then the next thing I know, I had a sixth grade teaching position at Sandstone Middle School for the following year.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

My family rotates. We love Thai, so we go to Lawan's. We love Chinese, so we'll do Chin's, mostly because of the history. We taught their children. And then, Delish Bistro of course. We love both sushi places in town, and Ixtapa.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spending time with friends and family.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

Growth. When I reflect back to when I thought 'Why do I have to move to Hermiston?' as a freshman in high school to now thinking I'd never want to leave, when I see the growth, it just floors me.

What was the last book you read?

"Stronger Together" by Terri L. Martin and Cameron L. Rains. It's about collaborative leadership.

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

Snapchat. In previous years, I'd do a video clip or a picture to let staff know about donuts in the break room with those funny filters.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Greece and Italy, because of being a sixth grade teacher, and teaching about ancient civilizations. I want to see the Colosseum, and go to the island of Crete.

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

Last year, during a fundraiser for the Kindness Club, we had mini-rewards for students if they hit a certain amount of money raised. I let them do my hair and makeup. I had all this makeup stuff they could use, and I was absolutely hideous. All the kids were like "You look horrible!" It was one of the funniest things to happen to me recently.

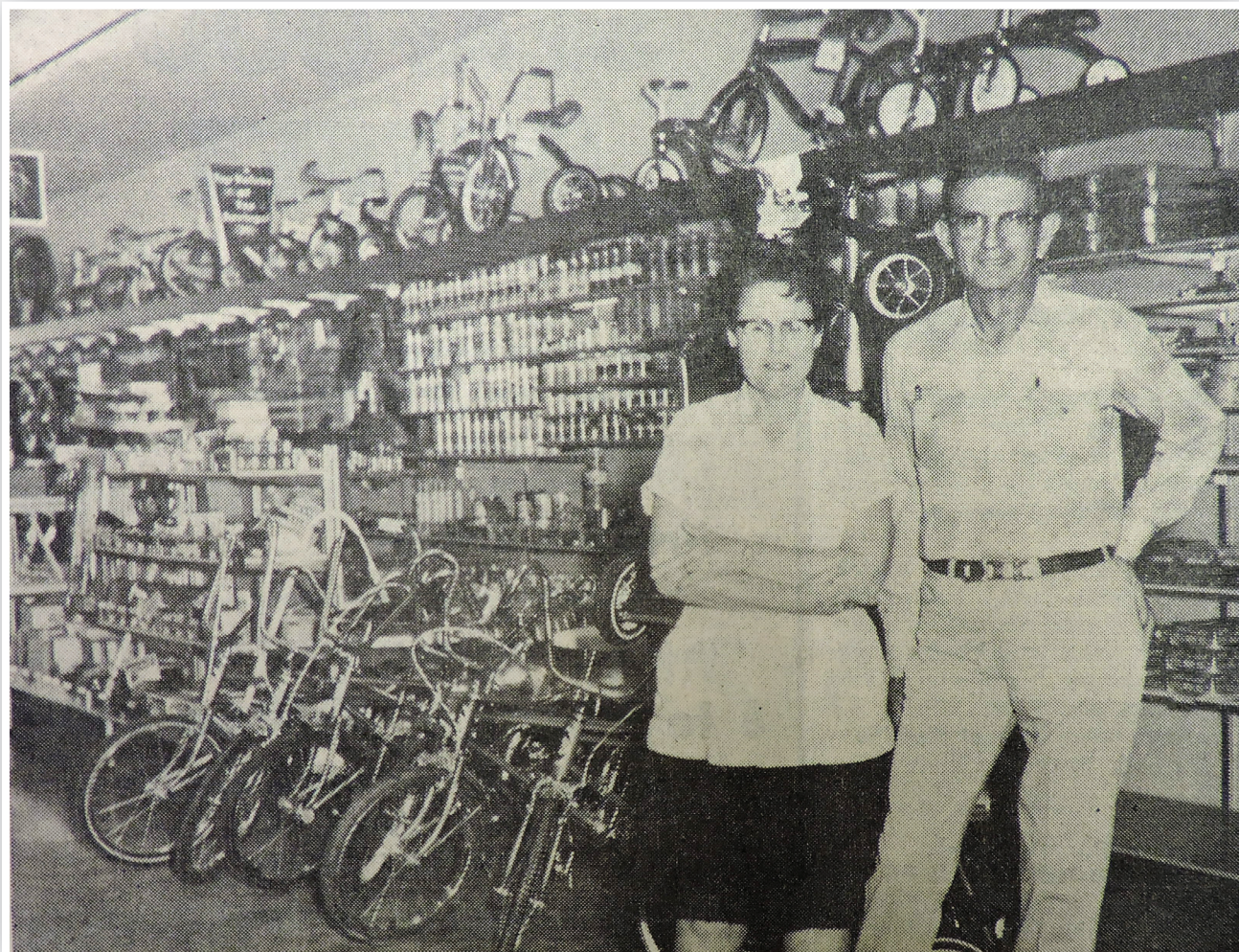
What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?

I have teacher and student goals. My goal for my students is growth, building skills and character and social emotional growth. For my teachers, it's their strategies and the support I can provide them. I know they're big goals, but that's my opportunity to get to be a piece of the pie.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My children. My son and my daughter. If you would have asked me years ago though, it would probably be when I got teacher of the year at Sandstone Middle School.

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo

Cleo and Dennis Gett, owners of Western Auto Store, show off their new line of bicycle merchandise in 1969.

25 YEARS AGO

AUG. 16, 1994

Arlin Phillips and his diving crew at Northwest Metal Fabricators found a surprise in the Columbia River last week.

Diver Kevin Brown discovered a safe, containing some dissolved paper, a key and 27 cents in change, a few feet from an irrigation intake east of Hat Rock State Park.

"It looked like someone had thrown it off the pump station," Phillips said.

The safe, its door removed, had in it a 1990 penny.

Hermiston Police Chief Grant Asher said the most recent safe heist he recalls happened in 1987, when a "big José of a safe" was stolen out of the Hermiston Tri-Cinemas.

This safe, a "Century Supreme," was small by comparison. Phillips said it was of the type found in a home or small business.

50 YEARS AGO

AUG. 14, 1969

A total of 17,500 persons passed through the gates at the Umatilla County Fair, surpassing all previous records, based on unofficial figures by John Cermak, ticket sales department head. An official tally is yet to be made.

This was greater than anticipated and considerably greater than the 16,000 attendance a year ago. Cermak said his figures included paid attendance as well as those entering the gates on passes.

Fair manager Bob Cooper, president of the fair board, was jubilant over the success of the fair, as were other officials. Warm, pleasant weather prevailed, without a sign of rain. The evenings, when the Junior Rodeo was held, were particularly balmy.

2) Robert Shannon, chief of police at John Day, has been appointed new police chief for Hermiston succeeding Robert Adams, who resigned July 1.

City recorder Mathilda Russell related that Shannon, 38, had previously served with the Oregon State Police from 1955 to 1964, part of that time with the Pendleton office.

75 YEARS AGO

AUG. 17, 1944

A Pendleton boy, young Eugene Fiedler, 15 years of age, was instantly killed on the Oregon Trail highway near milepost 200 last Friday morn-



HH file photo

Bert and Brent Stanley keep Bert's market hog, Patch, company during the 1994 Umatilla County Fair.

ing when he was run over by a passing motor vehicle as he lay asleep on the edge of the highway.

Chief of police B.J. Nation and state policeman Don McConnell were called to the scene immediately. The fatal automobile did not stop and to date no clues have been picked up.

The following story has been reconstructed. Eugene and his brother, Aaron, 16, had been visiting at Kennewick and were hitch-hiking home. They became tired after leaving Hermiston and decided to stop for a rest. Apparently they fell asleep with Eugene lying partly on the highway. Sometime later the latter was run over by some vehicle but his brother was not awakened and did not discover what happened until he tried to awaken his brother sometime later.

Police are of the opinion that the passing motorist might not be aware of the accident as numerous pieces of slab wood were on the highway and he might have thought he struck one of those.

100 YEARS AGO

AUG. 16, 1919

The Hermiston Fire Department members are not such a bad lot of

fellows, and really deserve a banquet or at least a few bouquets handed to them for the valiant service done Wednesday evening by getting out and obliterating the chuck holes and smoothing the portions of the city streets on Gladys Avenue and First Street.

A few couplings of the hose onto hydrants, plenty of water, and ingenuity with shovels on the part of the fire laddies did the trick that vanquished declivities in those places which have been the cause of auto drivers and teamsters many times within the past two months voicing sentiments in language that would not look well in print.

2) Col. J.F. McNaught is justly termed the alfalfa kind of Eastern Oregon, and it is now conceded that this honor should be extended to cover all western states where this kind of hay is grown, for be it known that it has been said by experts that he undoubtedly has the best alfalfa ranch in the whole United States.

That would seem to be so when it is taken into consideration that the hay harvested from the big ranch of 228 acres here this season will run between 1,100 and 1,200 tons, with 20 acres of it new seeding at that.

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Believin'" as they perform the songs of **Journey**. The group will take the stage Saturday, Aug. 24 from 7-9 p.m. at **Chute 8 at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center**, Hermiston.

Tickets are \$10 each, with kids under 3 admitted free. Advance tickets can be purchased at **Eastern Oregon Physical Therapy**, 1050 W. Elm Ave., Hermiston, or **www.paper-tickets.com**. Also, tickets will be available at the gate. See next week's **Hermiston Herald** for a full story.

Rep. **Greg Smith**, R-Heppner, is inviting the

Hermiston community to a block party on Sept. 12.

The party, which will include free food and drinks, will take place on Main Street from 4-7 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity for friends, family, and neighbors to come together and enjoy a meal," Smith said in a news release. "The people of this community are the absolute best and I want to thank them for their continued support."

For more information, email electgregsmith@gmail.com.

A support group for adults impacted by grief will be presented at **Cason's Place Children and Family Grief Recovery Center**.

The **Walla Walla Community Hospice Bereavement Team** will facilitate the weekly sessions using the book, "Understanding Your Grief," by **Dr. Allan Wolfelt** as a guideline. The adult group is available to anyone who has lost a loved one or a friend. The group will be closed to new members when it is filled or after the second session.

The first session is Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Cason's Place, 1416 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. It costs weekly through Nov. 13. There is no cost to attend. To pre-register, call 509-525-5561.

For more information, contact brad@wwhospice.org or visit www.wwhospice.org.

We're spotlighting **Armand Larive Middle School** for the month of August, so check out page A2 for a Three Minutes with Armand Larive's principal and A6 for a story about the Kindness Club's new Buddy Benches.

The menu for Thursday at the **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** is spaghetti and garlic bread, vegetable, tossed salad and dessert. Friday is chicken salad sandwich, salad and dessert. Monday is salad bard, dinner roll and dessert. Tuesday is meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetable, fruit and dessert. Next Wednesday is BLT sandwich, salad and dessert.

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