

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## CORI APPLGATE

**Eighth grade language arts and leadership teacher at Armand Larive Middle School**

**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**

*My first teaching job was in Pendleton. I was trying to get back "home" to Ellensburg, Wash. The closest I ever got was Hermiston. Charlie Stine met me in Prosser, Wash. to interview me and hired me on the spot to teach sixth grade at West Park Elementary school. That was in 1984 and I never made it any closer to "home".*

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

*I do a lot of cooking at home but when we do treat ourselves, it is usually Ixtapa, Chen's, or Kobe Sushi.*

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

*I don't have a lot of it but when I do, I enjoy gardening, reading and watching my boys rodeo and play lacrosse. Anytime we spend time together as a family is a great time! If I have a longer time to get away, I love going to the beach.*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**

*All the changes that have come with the growth. I am amazed how Hermiston continues to grow!*

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

*I am reading "Forty Autumns" by Nina Willner. It is a family's story of courage and survival on both sides of the Berlin Wall. My mom and her family grew up in that era and I have always found it fascinating. She recommended the book to me because it is so similar to her growing up. Having been to Berlin numerous times, some of the places mentioned are familiar to me.*

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

*Several weather apps...so we can "try" and plan for the weather when we travel for rodeos and games. I also use PowerSchool a lot checking on my kids' grades and YouTube to fix almost anything!*

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

*I would love to go back to Germany. I still have family there. When I taught sixth grade, Egypt always fascinated me so that is on my bucket list also.*

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

*There are always amusing things that happen to you when you are a teacher, from falling out of your chair to mispronouncing words, to learning all the new dance moves at middle school dances. I think the funniest thing lately was the pie in the face for our ALMS fundraiser we held in April. I was one of several teachers to have the "honor" of a pie in the face. By the time students "pied" us, the whipped cream was total liquid and went everywhere! It was totally disgusting but fun and for a great cause.*

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

*There are going to be a lot of new challenges this school year and I want to be the best I can be to support my students. Building relationships with them is most important because when you have that, anything is possible.*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**

*Personally; my family and the growth my boys have shown as they continue to grow and mature. It isn't always easy being a teenager today but they have grown into respectful responsible young men and you can't ask for any more than that! Professionally; I am proud of the relationships I have built with my students. They continue to stay in contact long after they were in my classroom. I received the Geny Award (students nominate teachers who they feel have been instrumental in their success in academics in preparation for college) and awards that come from students are the best! It validates that my job is important and I can touch lives for the better.*

## HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo

**Hermiston High School football players start practice for a new season in 1994.**

## 25 YEARS AGO

AUG. 23, 1994

Proposed annexation of property into the City of Hermiston may clear the way for a new motel on the south end of town.

City councilors initiated the process for public hearings on the annexation at their Monday night meeting.

Vijay and Jaswanti Narain have consented to the annexation process for a 4.62 acre parcel of land at the corner of Highway 395 and East Airport Road.

Background information compiled by city staff indicates one and a half acres of the property is proposed for a 35-unit motel.

According to Mayor Frank Harkenrider, the owners will only say the motel will bear the name of a major chain.

The property, located across from Hermiston Foods, is within the urban portion of the urban growth boundary, which meets zoning requirements for annexation.

## 50 YEARS AGO

AUG. 21, 1969

What many local residents thought was an earthquake and others thought was a sonic boom Tuesday at about 10:30 p.m. actually was a plane crash at Boardman's Bombing Range.

Oregon State Police of the Hermiston office reported that the crash, which took two lives, was four miles southwest of the main tower at the Boardman Bombing Range.

Further information obtained by the *Hermiston Herald* indicated that the two men killed were in a Navy jet intruder fighter on a routine training flight. The men were identified as Commander Richard Walls, the pilot, and Lieutenant Denny Cochran, bombardier-navigator. Both lived at Oak Harbor, Wash., and were attached to Attack Squadron at Whidby Island Navy Air station.

Cause of the crash was unknown. An investigation is underway.

## 75 YEARS AGO

AUG. 24, 1944

Effecting temporary repairs to aileron control cables, Sgt. James M.



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**New students Jerry Humphreys, left, and Bill Swadley, second from left, register for class at Hermiston High School in 1969. Sitting across from them are boys' counselor Jim Engum, girls' counselor Jan Schulz and vice principal Dale Gaylord.**

Marshall of Hermiston enabled the flak-battered B-24 Liberator "Midnight Choo Choo" to land without mishap after a recent bombing mission over enemy territory.

Nazi anti-aircraft batteries scored a direct hit on the bomber just after "Bombs away," and although it hit no one, flak severely damaged the control cables and severed hydraulic lines. The pilot, 1st Lt. Gayle H. Miller of Montgomery, Ala., peeled out of formation and nursed the crippled Liberator along as Sgt. Marshall worked.

2nd Lt. James W. Abell, the navigator, of Chicago, had been blinded by hydraulic fluid, but managed to direct the Midnight Choo Choo on its homeward flight.

As a result of Sgt. Marshall's quick repair job, Lt. Miller was able to pilot the crippled bomber to its home base and land it successfully, instead of bailing out and abandoning it.

## 100 YEARS AGO

AUG. 23, 1919

Congress has put the kibosh on the daylight savings act. This was done by both houses this week after President Wilson had vetoed the act repealing the rule, in which he gave as his principal reason the need of

increased food production.

This is the first time Congress has passed a measure over the president's veto. Evidently a majority in both the House and Senate looked at the daylight saving act as only a war measure, which it was, and that the time had come to change the old clock back to normal. Most people think they were right in their deductions.

2) Leave it to B.S. Kingsley and H. Hitt, fishermen of repute, to give us a little variation from the time-worn phrase of "we caught a whopper so long."

On Sunday last at Cold Springs reservoir these gentlemen while casting about for a "big whopper" spied a pelican near the shore line, and knowing that the bird had an appetite for fish steered their boat close and cast a line with a live minnow on the hook toward the fowl.

It took the bait, and after a little judicious maneuvering, it was landed in the boat unhurt, save where the hook had caught.

These disciples are now being termed the "Pelican Kings" by their friends, having furnished indisputable evidence of their prowess by bringing the pelican alive and placing it on display in the pond in the city park.

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from happening again, and the city will keep the public updated as soon as they know for sure when the pool will reopen.

A banner advertising a "Store Closing" sale at **Bealls** had Hermiston residents worried they were losing one of their few clothing stores, but the change is more of a re-brand than a closure.

**Stage**, the Bealls parent company, confirmed the company will be converting the location into a **Gordmans** in spring 2020.

Gordmans is an "off-price" retailer, similar to **Marshall's** or **Ross**, which offers lower than usual prices on brand name clothing, footwear, home goods, fragrances and more. Such stores often do so by purchasing goods that are available for lower prices due to being overstocked, at the end of their season or for other reasons.

According to the company, the store will be closed for less than two weeks in the spring before re-opening as Gordmans. All current Bealls employ-

ees will be offered jobs at Gordmans, and more will be hired early next year.

The granddaughter of **Robert and Serena MacPherson** of Stanfield received a \$1,200 scholarship from the **Oregon State Association of Emblem Clubs**. **Margaret A. MacPherson**, a junior at **Washington State University**, is majoring in elementary education with endorsements in special education. Her parents are **Shawn MacPherson** and **Melanie Wheeler** of Camas, Washington.

**Hermiston Emblem Club** president **Teresa Moncrief** shared that Margaret's goal is to eventually teach children whose first language isn't English.

The **Big River Golf Course Ladies Club** recently led off for its championship. The club gross champion was **Jessi Edwards** (178) and second gross was **Sharla Barber** (180). First net was **Shawn Lockwood** (141) and second net **Stacey Lerten** (142).

The ladies enjoyed a slice of weekend fun. A potluck was held after-

wards at **Bev Miller's**.

For more information about the club, contact **Megan Olsen** at 541-922-3006 or [megan@golfbigriver.com](mailto:megan@golfbigriver.com).

The menu for the **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** for Thursday is baked fish, tater tots, coleslaw and dessert. Friday is hamburger, salad and des-

sert. Monday is salad bar, garlic bread and dessert. Tuesday is German sausage dogs, sauerkraut, Waldorf salad, baked beans and dessert. Next Wednesday is meat loaf sandwich, salad and dessert.

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