

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



LORI MONACO-MILLS

Principal at Sandstone Middle School

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I moved to Hermiston in 2016, however, I began working for the Hermiston School District in 2015 as the assistant principal at Armand Larive Middle School. I moved to Hermiston eager to seek new challenges in my profession.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
My favorite restaurants currently are Ixtapa and Lawan's Thai Garden.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I love to travel. I love listening to live music.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
When I moved to Hermiston I was surprised by how supportive the community is of the school district. I was also pleasantly surprised by how nice the people are that fill this community. My boys and I felt welcome and at home immediately.

What was the last book you read?
The last book I read was "School Culture Rewired" by Steve Gruenert and Todd Whitaker.

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
The Starbucks app; it helps my mornings run smoothly when getting my favorite drink, hot chocolate.

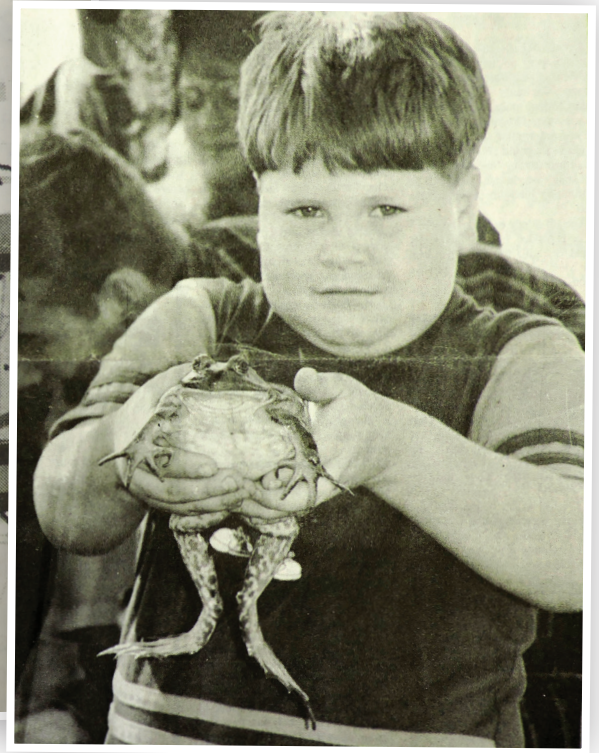
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
I would love to go to Brazil, Italy, Greece and Monaco.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
I don't know what the funniest thing to ever have happened to me, but I love to be around people who make me laugh. Laughter truly is the best medicine.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
My goal this year is to continue building a strong and healthy culture at Sandstone and support increased math scores.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
My proudest accomplishment in life without a doubt is having had two healthy and loving sons, Tabor and Trayson.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Left) A protester expresses his grim view of McNary Dam's juvenile fish facility as the dam's commander, Lt. Col. James Weller, officiates at its opening ceremony in 1994. Right) Tyler Cieneros, 8, of Echo, displays his frog handling skill during the frog jumping contest at the Umatilla Landing Days in 1994.

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25 YEARS AGO
 SEPT. 6, 1994

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officially unveiled its new juvenile fish facility Thursday at McNary Dam in front of an audience of about 150, including about a dozen protesters from several environmental groups. "Here's your door prize — a Corps of Engineers salmon," said Charlie Ray, of Idaho Rivers United, as he handed out rubber fish skeletons. The protesters focused on an incident in late July where warm water in the facility killed up to 90,000 fall chinook. One came dressed as the Grim Reaper with "Corps of Engineers" painted on the front of the outfit. "We're here to let the public and the media know the rest of the story about this proven salmon killer here," Ray said.

The facility is designed to take salmon from the McNary Pool above the dam through a series of pipes. The pipes empty into either the John Day Pool below the dam or into a barge. The barges will transport the fish to below Bonneville Dam — the last on the Columbia River.

50 YEARS AGO
 SEPT. 4, 1969

Hermiston School District 8-R public schools have a record enrollment of 2,435 students as of the first day of school, Tuesday, Sept. 2, Superintendent A. O. Larive announced.

This compares to 2,363 for the first day last year, or an increase of 72. By schools the first day enrollments are

as follows: West Park, 420; Rocky Heights, 273; Sunset, 512 for a total of 1,205 in the elementary schools. Junior High was 593 and Senior High 637.

2) The city of Hermiston is unable to get federal funds to help correct traffic problems because the government allocates the money only to cities of 5,000 or more, using the 1960 census as a basis, according to city manager Tom Harper.

If Hermiston qualified, it would receive \$1,900. However, the last official census of the city showed that in 1960 the local population was 4,402. The certified population of the State Board of Census listed 5,009 residents in 1966, and today Hermiston has about 5,300. However, it appears that such funds will not be available until the 1970 census is taken.

75 YEARS AGO
 SEPT. 7, 1944

T/Sgt. James M. Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Marshall, has been listed as missing by the War Department as of Aug. 16. A story about T/Sgt. Marshall appeared in the Herald two weeks ago telling how he heroically saved a B-24 Liberator by making repairs in mid-air while the pilot nursed the bomber to home base.

Marshall enlisted in the Army Air Forces in August 1941, and since then has seen considerable action overseas. He has participated in numerous raids over enemy territory. No definite word has been received by his parents except that he is missing. It is hoped that he is alive and has been

taken prisoner. 2) In what was probably the largest turnout of football aspirants in Hermiston history greeted Coach Frank Davison Tuesday afternoon when between 60 and 70 gridders requested suits. Included among the numerous hopefuls were a number of lettermen from last year.

Just what the prospects will be for a winning combination is somewhat problematic, but Coach Davison was willing to offer the word "fair" when approached for his viewpoint.

100 YEARS AGO
 SEPT. 6, 1919

F. A. Phelps has taken 70 tons of peaches off his 10 acre fruit orchard situated in the southern part of the city. The fruit was sold to The Dalles King Products Co. of The Dalles at \$40 per ton.

Imagine for yourself how the trees in a 10 acre orchard would look with 70 tons of peaches hanging from the limbs, and you will have a fair idea of how large and numerous they must have been in the Phelps orchard.

2) There seems to be a movement on foot to form a new political party, which, while being unique in a way, may prove successful in the end. It begins with a committee of 48, bodying representation from each of the 48 states in the Union, and is evidently making progress among the independent voters of the country through questionnaires. The replies to these from each of the 48 states seem to indicate that the people are lukewarm at least to a proposition of this nature.

Old Farmer's Almanac predicts snowy spring for Eastern Oregon

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It might be time to check that those winter jackets and boots are still in the back of your closet where you left them in the spring.

Or so says the Old Farmer's Almanac, at least.

According to the reference book's 2020 edition released last week, Eastern Oregon should expect colder temperatures with above average precipitation and snowfall this winter.

The almanac positions Eastern Oregon in the Intermountain region, which stretches as far south as Flagstaff, Arizona, and as far north as the U.S.-Canada border. In total, the region encompasses nine different states between the Cascade and Rocky Mountains.

For the 2019-2020 winter, the Intermountain region will reportedly be characterized by "low temps, deep powder." Across the country, the almanac is predicting "frequent snow events — from flurries to no fewer than seven big snowstorms from coast to coast."

In February, Pendleton recorded all-time highs in snowfall after being covered in 32.5 inches during the shortest month of the year. That's nearly double the previous record of 16.8 inches and, according to the



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A vehicle navigates a partially snow-covered road on Old Highway 30 on Friday west of Meacham in 2018.

National Weather Service, nearly 10 times the average snowfall of 3.4 inches for the month.

While the area saw some more snowfall in March this year, the Old Farmer's Almanac warns that Eastern Oregon and the rest of the Intermountain region should expect two big snowstorms as late as April next year.

The Wallowa County Chieftain reported last week that a University of Idaho study found that "consecutive low snow years may become six times more common across the Western United States over the latter half of this century."

The question is, will the Old Farmer's Almanac be

right? Founded in 1792 by Robert B. Thomas, the Old Farmer's Almanac provides information on weather forecasts, planting cycles, astronomical data, recipes and more. Using a secret formula derived from weather patterns, astronomical cycles, and sun spots, the almanac has published long-term winter forecasts for over two centuries.

Though these long range predictions are made up to 18 months in advance, the publication has long boasted an accuracy rate of 80% or above.

George Perry, general forecaster at the NWS's Pendleton office, said he doesn't pay much attention

to the almanac's predictions and can't say anything about its accuracy without knowing its method.

However, when it comes to the forecasts the NWS develops for weather 7-14 days in advance — the NWS's Climate Prediction Center produces forecasts as such as three months out — Perry said they use models to analyze and make predictions.

But still, forecasts one to two months ahead of time are "highly variable."

"You can get small changes in two days that may not do much at the time but could influence significant changes in 10 days," Perry said.

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