

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



DANIEL ALLEN

Music teacher at Sandstone Middle School

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I moved to Hermiston in the summer of 2015 to take over the music teacher position at Sandstone Middle School.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Walker's Farm Kitchen. Ruty's or Quizno's are my go-to places for food on the go.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I do a lot of woodworking and I also like to get out on my sailboat when the weather is nice.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
This community has a strong commitment to excellence. We have been state football champions, dance champions, the storied wrestling program... this is a hard-working town.

What was the last book you read?
"The Culture Code" by Daniel Coyle — a must-read for anyone in a leadership position! I reread it every summer to help me brainstorm ideas for the upcoming school year.

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
I have a flip phone, so I don't use apps. I do use music/video streaming computer programs like YouTube, Spotify, Netflix, etc. frequently.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
When it comes to travel, I think the company matters more than the location. With that said, I would love to go to space! I am also a huge Mariners fan and I love traveling to see my beloved M's on the road. It is a great way to see the country. It is a goal of mine to make it to all thirty big league ballparks.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
I teach middle school — every day there is a new "funniest thing"!

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
I don't really care so much about "winning" the older I get, but it would be a lie to say that the kids and I aren't hungry to collect a few more accolades this year. Ultimately, though, I want my students to understand their potential and realize that they are in complete control of how well they accomplish any task, whether it be musically related or not. Excellence is a choice. I also want to grow the music program at Sandstone. We are close to 400 students enrolled in music ensembles. It would be really cool to hit that 400-mark!

What is your proudest accomplishment?
*Professionally the best thing is when a student with a previously questionable work ethic catches the bug and really starts to dig in and see how hard work leads to sweet rewards. Last March we placed first in a competition consisting of 32 middle school bands in the Columbia Basin. We also had two students place first in woodwind solo and brass solo, respectively, at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival last year. That festival involves thousands of students from all over the United States and Canada. My students give me a lot to be proud of.
 My proudest personal accomplishment is how well I have developed the art of practicing. I have really gotten good at the art of reflecting, developing efficient drills/exercises, and improving at any task very quickly.*

HERMISTON HISTORY



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Susan Myrick, left, and Gloria Skuzeski of the Girls League of Hermiston Senior High School sell booster buttons to raise funds for scholarships in 1969.

25 YEARS AGO
 SEPT. 13, 1994

A small vapor leak was detected in three projectiles containing nerve agent at Umatilla Depot Activity Wednesday.

None of the liquid agent escaped, and there is no danger to the public or to depot personnel, said depot spokesperson Donna Fuzi.

"They found it the day it started," Fuzi said.

The 155mm projectiles contain Agent GB and are stored in one of the depot's two igloos designed for leaking ordinance. These igloos are monitored daily.

2) More than half a dozen homes in the upscale Dickerson subdivision west of Hermiston have had to deepen their water wells by as much as 300 feet in the past month.

After his faucets started spitting air, Don Armstrong sunk his well down to 525 feet. He said he is confident the deepened well will last him a lifetime.

"I'm glad it's just my lawn and not my living," he said. "I guess I have a little better feel for what our farmers are going through."

50 YEARS AGO
 SEPT. 11, 1969

A soldier in the army just returned from Vietnam on leave, John Swanson, 22, Umatilla, was arrested in the early hours of Sept. 4 by Officer Greg Pierce of the Hermiston Police Department after receiving information from the Oregon State Police and the FBI that he was suspected of being in possession of large quantities of marijuana.

Police reported that Swanson was found to be in possession of about \$900 worth of marijuana, which is believed to have been intended for sale in this area.

2) Mayor Walter Pearson has called for a special meeting of the Hermiston city council for 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, to be held at the C.R.C. The purpose of the meeting will be to decide how to proceed regarding eight paving projects as the result of inflationary costs that have caused bids to be much higher than the city engineer's original estimates.

City engineer John Morgan informed the council at this week's meeting Monday that low bid received at the Aug. 25 meeting was \$107,873 from Percy Jellum, with Schnell and Kalal bidding \$110,139. This is 17% higher than previous estimates made some time ago.



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Jan Zita of Echo models a turn-of-the-century outing dress at a vintage fashion show at Fort Henrietta in Echo in 1994.

75 YEARS AGO
 SEPT. 14, 1944

J.H. DeMoss of the Columbia district reports that a bomb fell approximately 150 feet from their home last Thursday about 5:45. The missile was apparently dropped by mistake from one of the many bombers flying over this region. The bomb made a hole about three feet deep and three feet wide.

Mr. DeMoss thinks they should be more careful.

2) Bill Roberts, who recently operated the Temple Cafe, states that the Union Club Cafe will open for business Saturday morning. The rooms have been redecorated and new equipment installed.

Mr. Roberts expects to carry a full line of dinners, luncheons, soft drinks and other refreshments.

100 YEARS AGO
 SEPT. 13, 1919

It was paynight for the Hermiston Fire Department at the regular monthly meeting last Monday evening, each member receiving a check from the city for \$1, this amount rep-

resenting the monthly salary of all those who did not renege from their duties during the 30 days prior to that time.

There were only nine members responded to roll call at the meeting, and through that act of disobedience the absent ones will come up minus their one plunk when next payday rolls around, for an absence means forfeiture of the monthly salary.

2) After being on the mat working like tigers for a hammerlock, half-nelson toe and scissor-hold for 24 minutes and 30 seconds, so evenly were they matched, Young Robinson of Portland lost the first fall to Vernon Davis of Pendleton in their wrestling match at the Hermiston Auditorium last Friday evening before a good-sized audience.

Both men were clever, and each tried every trick of the wrestling game in the way of holds to gain the ascendancy. The 24 minute struggle for supremacy in the first bout, however, weakened Young Robinson to such an extent that it only took the more strengthly Davis 10 minutes and 55 seconds to pin his shoulders to the mat, thereby gaining the second fall and winning the bout in two straight.

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School football game.

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 The Buttercreek Boys are back. Offering toe-tappin' music, the seasoned musicians are resuming performances at a new venue.

The group will play the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at Sun Terrace Hermiston, 1550 N.W. 11th St. There is no admission charge.

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Esmeralda Horn, the city of Umatilla's development and recreation manager, was appointed to serve on a new state **Task Force on the Outdoors**.

The one-year task force was created by **Governor Kate Brown** to develop a report making recommendations on boosting economic development to ensure equal access to the outdoors and increasing outdoor participation, while balancing the

improved access with environmental protection.

Horn said she is excited to represent Eastern Oregon on the task force. She has worked for the city of Umatilla for two years.

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 Congratulations are in order to **Nicholas Lemmon** of the **Umatilla Police Department**. He recently graduated from the 391st Basic Police Class, a 16-week **Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training** course.

A graduation ceremony was held Sept. 6 at the **Oregon Public Safety Academy** in Salem. Chief **Robin Sells** of the Gresham Police Department served as the special speaker.

Eriks Gabliks is the director of the academy, which is nationally recognized for its innovative training programs. For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/dpsst.

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Cecili Longhorn, director of the **Stanfield Public Library**, just

returned home after spending the first week in September in New England. She flew across the country to attend the **2019 Association for Rural & Small Libraries Annual Conference** in Burlington, Vermont.

"It is amazing to be able to share ideas with small libraries from all over the United States," Longhorn said.

She called the trip a "bucket list item," which was made possible thanks to a scholarship from the **Oregon Library Association**. In addition to attending the conference, Longhorn did some sight-seeing, including visiting numerous local libraries.

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 The menu for the **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** on Thursday is tuna noodle casserole, salad, vegetable, fruit and cookies. Friday is clam chowder, dinner roll, coleslaw and dessert. Monday is chicken cordon bleu, salad and dessert. Tuesday is tater tot casserole, salad, fruit and dessert. Next Wednesday is two slices of pizza, salad and dessert.

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