

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



DOUGLAS SANDERS

Owner at
Tech Tech Goose Gaming

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I was born and raised here. I joined the National Guard when I was 17, and traveled there. I came back and got married when I was 20. I was a corrections officer at Two Rivers for 17 years. It's just home.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

That's a tough one. The place we go out to eat most often would be the Golden Palace. I feel loyal to there because I worked there as a teenager.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

There are a couple things I like to do. One, I like to go camping with my family. Two, I like riding my Harley. Three, I like to go panning for gold. A lot of people don't know, you can find gold in pretty much any river in Oregon.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

How well the community gets along. Everyone has been very supportive of [Tech Tech Goose Gaming]. The community is willing to get behind small businesses with such passion. It's also a place that's growing fast. When I was growing up, Hermiston was basically just Main Street. In 20 years, I wouldn't be surprised if it was as big as the Tri-Cities.

What was the last book you read?

It was a book about how to run a small business. Usually, I'm more into Sci-Fi. J.K. Rowling is one of my favorite authors, and Tolkien too.

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

YouTube. A lot of YouTube, a lot of how-to videos.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

The Vatican, or the Holy Land. I'm a devout Catholic, so I would love to see either of those places.

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

I'm kind of a goofball. Just yesterday, my mother-in-law made me a cupcake with lots of chocolate frosting for my birthday. While I was holding it, my daughter tapped my hand and the cupcake flew into the air and landed directly on my head.

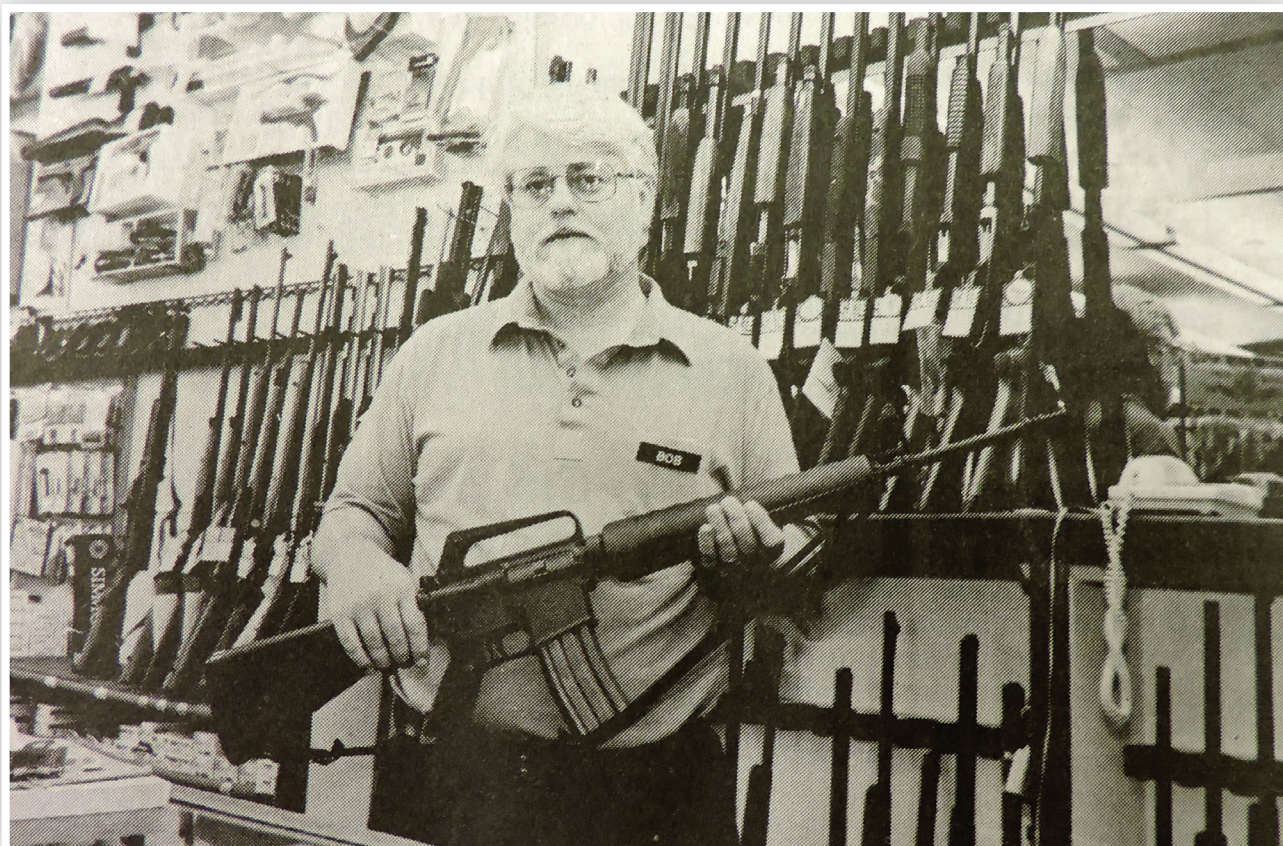
What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?

To make this store self-sufficient. To let people know that I'm here to help kids in the community, and that this is a place for adults too. I'd like to make enough money here to not have to pay the bills for this place out of my own pocket. I've always wanted to give back to Hermiston, and there's nothing for kids to do in this town. People say I should turn this into a bar at night, but I'm not going to go that route. Here, kids play for free and can hang out and make friends.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

I got a daughter who is an A-plus student in high school. You know how kids tend to rebel against their parents? She rebels against the thought of rebelling. I'm proud to have a happy home for my daughter and wife. When I think of all the things that I've done, I think that having a happy family you can provide for is a real challenge.

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo
Bob Henry, manager at Columbia Outdoor and Surplus, holds a Colt AR-15, one of the guns banned by a crime bill, in 1994.

25 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 20, 1994

Two days after President Clinton signed into law a crime bill that bans the manufacture, sale and possession of 19 models of "assault weapons," a Colt AR-15 sits on the sale rack of Columbia Outdoor and Surplus in Hermiston.

The soon-to-be-banned rifle has a \$1,899 price tag.

"Seven or eight months ago, AR-15s were selling for \$600. Yesterday, I sold one for \$1,600," said Bob Henry, the store's gun manager.

Henry has two banned guns in stock — the Colt and a Cobray M-12 .380 caliber pistol.

He also has two Chinese SKS rifles. The ban on import of that make of rifle was signed by President Bush, but they can still be sold and owned.

Of all the guns to be banned by the crime bill, he has sold about half a dozen in the past year, he said.

50 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 18, 1969

A Umatilla County Circuit Court jury acquitted John Gifford, Hermiston, late Tuesday afternoon of a charge of manslaughter in a case involving the death of John David Boyd, Jr.

Gifford had been accused of striking Boyd over the head with a sawed-off pool cue in a local tavern during an altercation last February. Gifford was working as a bartender there at the time. Boyd died 40 days later, March 10, in Good Shepherd Hospital.

2) In an informal discussion after the regular agenda of the Hermiston District 8-R board meeting, the subject of sex education in the schools was brought up.

High school principal Jack Jenkins said: "We have no sex education as such, except as it is touched upon in biology and health education classes."

The discussion followed a statement by board member Leland Baggett that a group in town had talked to what he termed the local council of church concerning the sex education in local schools.

Superintendent Armand O. Larive replied that a committee from the Hermiston Ministerial Association had met with him and when he had reviewed with them what the district is doing in regard to sex education "they didn't take offense to it."

Dr. Wendell Ford, a member of the board, said that when he was practicing



HH file photo
West Park Elementary students Veronica Saucedo, right, and Lisha De Mill examine the dress of Nicole Willis, winner of the Junior Indian Pageant, during a field trip to the Pendleton Round-Up in 1994.

medicine in Nebraska he taught sex education for 10 years in the high school.

"Our young people are entitled to premarital training. The young people want to know," he said.

75 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 21, 1944

Plans for an assemblage one hour after official confirmation of Germany's defeat are being completed here under the sponsorship of Hermiston Post No. 37, American Legion.

Tentative plans are as follows: When official news has been received by Col. A.S. Buyers, commanding officer at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, confirming Germany's surrender, he will notify Legion officials in Hermiston. Immediately there will be three long blasts of the city fire siren. Within one hour the high school band will assemble at the flagpole at the west end of Main Street. This will be a signal for an assemblage of all residents in this area.

A parade will form and will march to the lawn at the front of the high school where a short program will be held. Included will be short addresses by clergy, U.S. Army officials, Legionnaires, Mayor F.C. McKenzie and possibly others. Group singing and music by the band will be featured.

The above program should not be mistaken for an occasion of hilarity and fun-making but rather a period of

rededication and reconsecration for the tasks that still lie ahead. Dr. F.B. Belt, local post commander, American Legion, states that the war is still far from over, even with Germany's capitulation. However, the occasion should be remembered with renewed vows for the future. The time to celebrate will be when Japan and Germany have both fully surrendered.

100 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 20, 1919

H. Spinning returned last Saturday from a month's visit to Tacoma and other coastal points. He remarked one evening shortly after his homecoming that Hermiston had by far the worst streets and sidewalks of any of the little towns he had visited in his journeys.

He offset this, however, by the statement that for liveliness and vim, this city had them all cheated, and if only we had streets and sidewalks to correspond with the upward trend Hermiston would have no equal for its size anywhere in the west.

2) Wade Noble was in town on business Monday from his ranch in the east end, and took home with him a few "No Trespass" signs with which to post his place. He is doing this, he says, not to protect the game birds on ponds and in the enclosure from sportsmen, but to protect his dairy herd from getting their hides full of shot from the gun of a possible erratic or irresponsible hunter.

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and Morrow county are Ready 2 Learn participants. They offer programs for children starting at birth and provide education to parents about the importance of reading and playing with their children.

For more information, visit www.ready2learnoregon.weebly.com, search Facebook or stop by your local library.

Parents with students in kindergarten through sixth grade can receive help with homework at the **Umatilla Public Library**. Carole Deich is available each

Thursday from 4-5 p.m. to answer questions or provide assistance. The local resident has more than 19 years of teaching experience. The library is located at 700 Sixth St., Umatilla.

For more information, call the library at 541-922-5704.

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The Irrigon Chamber of Commerce is looking for a new home and new director.

Their previous offices were recently sold to a new owner and they are looking for office space to rent in Irrigon.

The group has experienced rapid growth over the past few years, jumping from six members to about 70. The increased revenue means the chamber

can afford to hire a part-time director to spend about 20 hours a month answering phones and emails and organizing chamber events.

For more information about applying to the director position or for tips on available office space, call **Phyllis Danielson** at Stokes Landing Bed & Breakfast at 541-922-3857.

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The menu for the **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** on Thursday is beef stew, salad and dessert. Friday is salad bar, garlic bread and dessert. Monday is build your own tacos and dessert. Tuesday is ham and yams, vegetable, fruit salad and dessert. Next Wednesday is tuna salad sandwich, salad and dessert.

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