

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



MARYANNA HARDIN

Fifth grade teacher at West Park Elementary

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I was born and raised here. I moved away for a year my freshman year of college, to Mount Hood Community College because I originally wanted to pursue photography. I got homesick so I moved back, and I was going to pursue dental hygiene, but chemistry wasn't my jam. So I ended up going into elementary education at Eastern Oregon University.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

I love Rio Express. It's this little restaurant right across the street from West Park. It's family owned and they have really good tacos and quesadillas.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I love to travel. This past year, my husband and I went to Paris, London, Canada and Mexico. I like to hike, be outdoors and be out with my two corgis.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

Because I've been here for so long, nothing surprises me. But what I love is the diversity within our Hispanic population. I think that there is a large array of Mexican restaurants here, and I think that's because there's a large Hispanic population. I think we're able to bring our culture into the community, and I love that, also for the students in Hermiston, because it gives them a chance to be represented.

What was the last book you read?

I'm really not into books. I'm more of a podcast kind of girl. Right now I'm really into the "Road to Self Love" podcast by Paul Fishman. He brings on a lot of entrepreneurs and people who have been through traumatic experiences who have made something of themselves, so it's really inspiring.

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

I love Instagram. I recently bought a Sony A6000 which is a traveling, smaller camera. I love taking photos, editing them and posting.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I think my next destination is Pastino, Italy. It's the coast, and I would really love to go there. We just went to Paris and London, and it was very urban. I love being on the beach, and I want to see how Europeans do the beach.

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

My husband and I were on a road trip to California, and I was hiding behind an aisle at a grocery store to surprise him. But when I jumped up, I hit my nose on one of the shelves and ended up crying. It was embarrassing; we were dating at that time.

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

I'm starting my masters degree in strategic communications. I'd like to get halfway through my program and survive work. I love people, I love talking to people and I feel like I'd be able to take a creative aspect of a product or brand to promote it.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Being the daughter of immigrants, I would say receiving my bachelor's degree. It was the weekend of Father's Day, and I told my dad I forgot his present. That's when he told me that walking across the stage during college graduation was his present.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Emergency responders treat a man, suspected to be under the influence of drugs, who fell from the railroad crossing arm on Orchard Avenue in 1994.

HH file photo

25 YEARS AGO

OCT. 18, 1994

The departments of transportation in Washington and Oregon are seeking opinions on the proposed relocation of Highway 395.

Hermiston will have a chance to comment Oct. 25 at the Civic Recreation Center at 6:30 p.m.

The U.S. 395 Corridor Study group is considering nine routing options. The stated motivations behind the proposals are providing a more direct route between the Tri-Cities and Pendleton and removing heavy truck traffic from Kennewick's main north-south thoroughfare.

A straight south route from Pasco through Vansycle Canyon to Pendleton would bypass Hermiston. About half the alternatives entail moving the highway out of Hermiston, possibly swinging the road as far east as Walla Walla.

Much of the maintenance funding for Highway 395 comes from the federal government, but if the road between Umatilla and Stanfield is no longer a U.S. highway, maintenance will be left to the state.

50 YEARS AGO

OCT. 16, 1969

Hermiston city police investigated several accidents during the past week. On Saturday, Oct. 11, at 7:40 a.m., police investigated an accident regarding a station wagon driven by Sandra Sue Woolman and a car belonging to Daniel Stuart Rosriguez parked on West Orchard Avenue.

Miss Woolman told police that she was traveling west on W. Orchard and she reached over to pick up her lunch and looked up to find she had hit a parked car. Police measurements showed that the Rodriguez vehicle had been knocked 87 feet 4 inches down the street. Miss Woolman was cited for violation of the basic rule.

75 YEARS AGO

OCT. 19, 1944

The political campaign is growing hotter day by day and night by night. Ever since Roosevelt made his Teamsters Union speech, followed by Dewey's Oklahoma reply, the lid has been off for both sides to say what they please, in whatever language they choose.

The method dates back to the Cleveland-Blaine

days and other old time campaigns when the white heat of virulency was turned on every candidate, high or low, and argument and dignity were given minor places to appeal to prejudice and personal and factional interests.

The effect of such a campaign is usually very stirring and more voters of the indifferent class or doubtful mind are brought to the polls than usual. It is somewhat like a fight on Main Street when everyone rushes out to see who gets in the best blows. Then the onlookers go away and talk about it with keen interest, while the same people would pass up an argument on the corner involving leading principles of national welfare.

While the method cannot be wholly approved, the results of such a campaign, with its charges and counter charges, will uncover every feature of our national political affairs in such language that millions of voters will understand no other way. They will at least be made mad enough to vote, and lack of voting has been one of our greatest weaknesses.

100 YEARS AGO

OCT. 18, 1919

There is rumor current in Hermiston that Bert Ruthroff and his six children have fallen heir to close onto \$30,000 from the estate of his deceased wife. Verification of this is supposed to reach her in a few days from attorneys looking after the legal part of the estate in Van Buren, Arkansas.

2) "The Romance of Tarzan," a real sure enough romance after a life in the jungles, will be witnessed at The Movie this Saturday evening. The management has gone to a lot of extra expense to secure this excellent play. The reels are guaranteed not to break during the performance. Furthermore there will be special music for the occasion. Prices will remain the same.

3) Will the railroad officials ever wake up to the fact that for size, Hermiston is the best paying proposition they have on the whole eastern division, and will they ever come to a realization that it is about time that they paid a little more attention to the patrons who have made this condition possible?

They might at least go fifty-fifty with us anyway, and give us a little train service and a little better depot accommodations. Everyone, even the officials themselves, will admit the logic contained in the foregoing if they will follow for a month or two the tonnage that goes out of Hermiston over the O. W.

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She recently completed her geriatrics fellowship in New York City. She said she emphasizes caring for the whole patient and preventative care, with experience in treating patients from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. She is comfortable treating conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, gastrointestinal issues, hypertension, cholesterol problems and lung issues in geriatric patients.

To schedule an appointment with Tun, call 541-567-5305.

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Living Faith Church

is welcoming **Jesse and Melissa Mace** as their new youth pastors. The couple begins their ministry Sunday at the Hermiston church. The regular worship service starts at 10 a.m. at 1611 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. For more information, call 541-567-4486.

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Tickets are still available for **Altrusa International of Hermiston's** annual dinner and auction event. The **Altrusa Food Truck & Auction Extravaganza** is Saturday, Oct. 26, with the doors opening at 5 p.m. at the **Hermiston Community Center**. Admission is \$20.

Items up for bid include a two-night stay at the **Round Rock House**, the unique beachfront cottage

is located two miles north of Yachats; and a five-night stay at **The Oasis** in Palm Springs (valued at more than \$1,200). Also, raffle tickets are \$10 each for a \$2,000 Visa card.

Event tickets are available from Altrusa members or the **Hermiston Chamber of Commerce**. See next week's **Hermiston Herald** for a full story about the fundraiser.

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In recognition of **World Origami Days**, a special display is featured at the **Hermiston Public Library**.

The nearly three-week event is an international celebration of the art of origami. People are encouraged to stop by the library and check out the display.

The library is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave. It's open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday/Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For questions, call 541-567-2882.

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Thursday's menu for the **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** is beans with ham, cornbread and dessert. Friday is chicken salad sandwich, salad and dessert. Monday is goulash, salad and garlic bread. Tuesday is pork loin, scallop potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Next Wednesday is BLT sandwich, macaroni salad and dessert.

— You can submit items for our weekly *By The Way* column by emailing your tips to editor@hermistonherald.com.

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