

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Dean of Students at
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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston four years ago when my husband got a job at the high school as an assistant principal.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Shiki Hibachi Sushi

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Watch my kids play sports

What surprises you about Hermiston?

How much I love it here! I was born and raised in Pendleton and the colors purple and gold were not allowed to be worn. There may be some deep-rooted rivalry I grew up in, so now I love saying, "Go DAWGS!"

What was the last book you read?

"Culturize" by Jimmy Casas

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

Amazon and Walmart Grocery Online

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Pretty much anywhere tropical and warm. This morning I looked into Belize and the year-round average high temperatures are upper 70's to mid 80's. I'm ready to go teach there for the winter months!

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

I asked my family if they could come up with a funny story about me and their funny stories are terrifying to me, which I guess is why they are funny to them. I have a slight phobia of snakes almost to an unhealthy point, I hate to admit. Once when our kids were a little bit smaller we were playing around in the North Fork in the Umatilla National Forest. I happened to step on a water snake and I screamed and ran away, leaving behind my kids to fend for themselves. My husband tells it a lot better, but to me it was terrifying and everyone else thought it was funny. We also have a few snakes where we live and my husband and our neighbor get a kick out of having me come to look at something, and that something being a snake. It scares me so badly!

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

To slow down and enjoy my family. Time seems to be going faster and faster and before I know it my kids are going to be off to college.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My three children Jacob, Sydney and Carson.

HERMISTON HISTORY



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Officers of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4750 and the Auxiliary present a plaque to Good Samaritan Center in 1969. Left to right are Mrs. Don Day, Mrs. Clarence Martin, Russell Morris, Clarence Martin and Al Frederickson.



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Saul Castro, co-owner of Maria's Panaderia in Hermiston, makes tortillas in 1994.



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Hermiston High School counselor Jan Levy, right, trains students to be "natural helpers" to their peers in 1994.

25 YEARS AGO
Nov. 8, 1994

Three property owners along the transmission line route for a new power plant may go to court to settle compensation for use of their land as an easement.

Umatilla Electric Cooperative has filed suit at the circuit court in Pendleton to begin the process of condemning the land.

Allan Lambert, Bruce Scott and John Shafer are the last property owners along the line who have not settled with the co-op. They say the utility has not offered them fair compensation for the land.

Use of their land is needed to meet national safety requirements for power lines.

2) An environmental special interest group has filed objections to the City of Hermiston's application for a permit to pump water from a city well it has been recharging for several years.

Officials from WaterWatch, a Portland-based group, told the state's Water Resources Department the permit application is technically defective and the proposed use is detrimental to the public interest.

The city has been using water from one of its shallow wells to recharge its deep well near Newport Park. The recharge project has been going on since 1988, at a cost to the city of nearly \$177,000 in engineering fees alone.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 6, 1969

A feasibility report on water capability given by City Engineer John Morgan at last Wednesday night's

Hermiston city council meeting showed that the city has ample water supplies.

Morgan said that the city's wells have a capability of 4,000 gallons a minute or 5,760,000 gallons per day. The city's wells have a pumping capacity of 1,087 gallons for each person in the city per day, compared to the national average of 100 gallons per day, Morgan related.

Opening bids to re-roof the reservoir on Hermiston Butte was postponed from the previous meeting because only one bid had been received and it was returned unopened.

75 YEARS AGO
Nov. 9, 1944

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bellinger west of Hermiston was completely leveled by fire Tuesday morning, including all household effects. The fire started while Mrs. Bellinger was away from the house doing chores. When she returned the interior was all in flames, too late to save one single item.

Neighbors were summoned to the scene but nothing could be done to stop the fire. There was no insurance on either the house or the furniture, leaving the Bellinger family quite destitute.

2) The largest vote in the history of Hermiston voting was cast at the election here Tuesday with 698 voting in Precinct 33 and 662 in Precinct 32.

When last minute efforts failed to locate a voting place at the town of Ordinance, a bus was chartered from O. O. Felthouse and residents of that city who were unable to drive to town were given free transportation. This greatly added to the number voting in

Precinct 32.

Local betting was at its lowest ebb in recent years when very few citizens were willing to go on the line for a Republican victory. (Those who did brave thin ice, of course, lost.)

Apparently influenced by the Ordinance voters, Hermiston for the first time in recent years went Democratic in voting for President Roosevelt, giving him a plurality of 67 in those two precincts.

100 YEARS AGO
Nov. 8, 1919

Tuesday while playing on the school grounds, little George McKenzie, son of Mayor and Mrs. F. C. McKenzie, was kicked by a horse belonging to one of the scholars. The boy was injured severely, and he is now in a plaster cast extending around his body and one limb. In this he will have to remain for five weeks. While there was a fracture of the hip bone and slight internal injuries, it is thought by the attending physician that no permanent disability will result.

2) P. B. Sisco moved his confectionary and ice cream establishment Wednesday evening into its new home in the building just completed for it between the post office and the Oregon Hardware & Implement Co. store.

Besides catering to the public with his usual line of confectionery, soft drinks, stationery, cigars and tobacco, Mr. Sisco has decided to give patrons who so desire a little recreation, having added a pool hall in the rear of the store in a room partitioned off for this purpose. The new quarters are light and airy, and makes the place a civilized establishment.

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Marlette Homes employees fundraise for two causes

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When workers at Marlette Homes realized that October was both Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, they didn't choose just one cause. Instead, they raised over \$1,000 for each.

The company presented two checks Monday morning totaling \$1,013.84 each for the Tri-Cities Cancer Center and for Pendleton-based Domestic Violence Services Inc.

"It's been a really fun month," said Erinn Gailey-Genack, human resources coordinator for Marlette. "Both are seen as women issues."

It's the first time employees in the company raised money for the cause of domestic violence.



Staff photo by Jessica Pollard

Marlette Homes in Hermiston presented checks Monday totaling \$1,013.84 each for the Tri-Cities Cancer Center and for Pendleton-based Domestic Violence Services Inc.

"It's an issue close to my heart," Gailey-Genack said. "There was a lot of pink and

purple (last month)." National Domestic Violence Awareness month,

represented by a purple ribbon, was started in the 1980s by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. National Breast Cancer Awareness month, represented by a pink ribbon, is organized by several breast cancer charities.

The company held raffles and bake sales for employees to raise the funds. But the most popular event by far, Gailey-Genack said, was the pie-in-the-face event, where employees could use pocket-change to vote for which manager would get "pied" in the face with a plate of whipped cream.

Marlette Homes is a mobile-home manufacturer, which originally opened in Michigan in 1953. The company currently employs more than 200 people in Hermiston.