

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I moved to Hermiston a few months ago from Portland to work at the Hermiston Herald.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Nelly's Super Tacos, but I'm taking recommendations.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like writing poetry, reading books and exploring all of the different cities in Northeastern Oregon.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
There is a lot of effort put into celebrations. During Halloween it felt like everyone in Hermiston came together for trick-or-treating. That didn't really happen in Portland.

What was the last book you read?
I just finished "Know My Name" by Chanel Miller.

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
Sadly, I am addicted to Instagram.

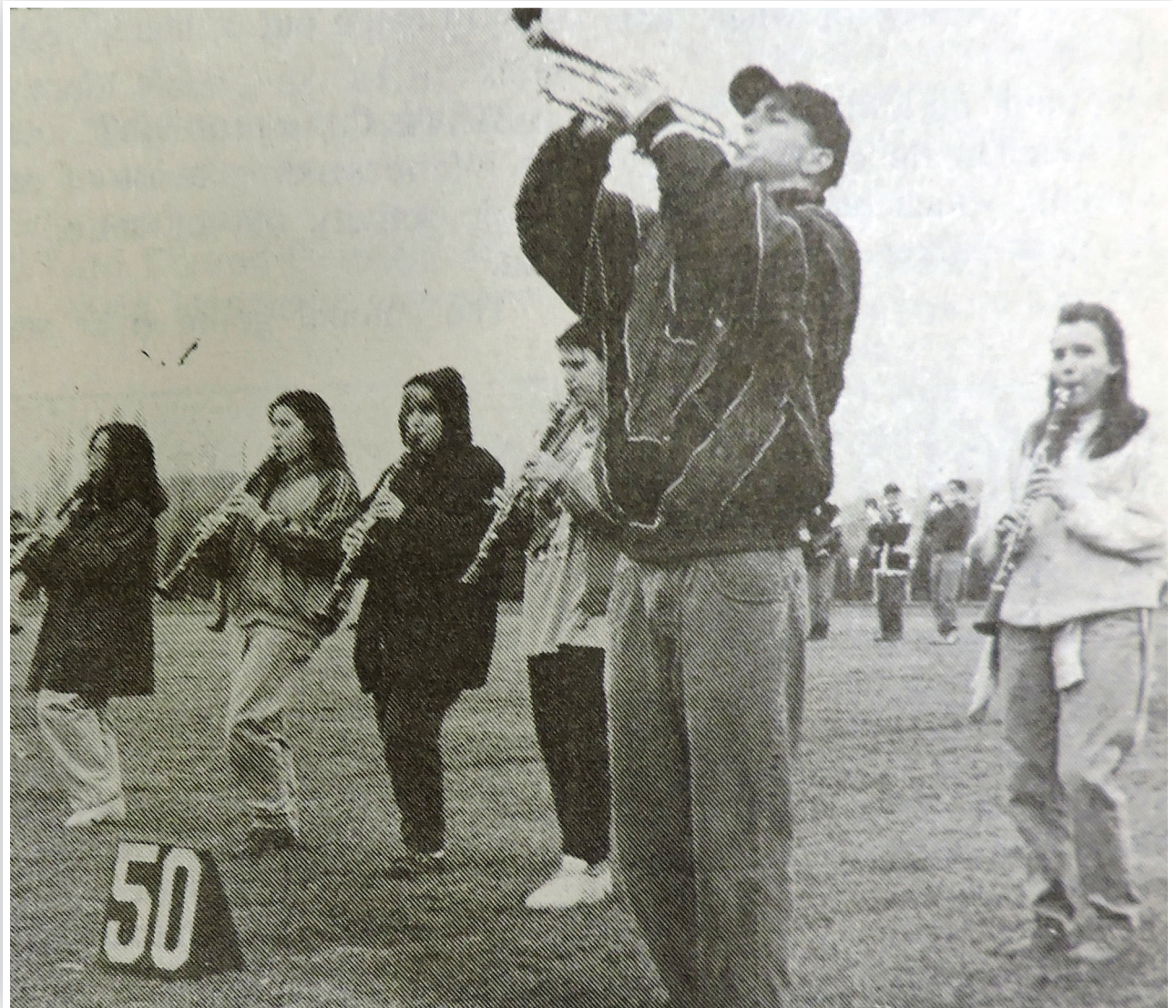
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
I would like to see Italy, Spain, Kenya, Mexico and Cuba. I haven't left North America before, so the list is long.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
Right after my eighth birthday in the middle of an August heatwave, I left two full cups of milk in my room before leaving on a two week vacation to California. When I came home, they were totally curdled. I was wearing slippers as I carried them both down the stairs, and I slipped on the third step. I slid down the whole staircase and both cups of milk spilled upwards, splashing onto my head. Both my parents were talking near the bottom of the staircase and looked at me in disgust. What followed was the worst shower experience of my life and I didn't eat cheese for the next 10 years.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
To make some friends here in Hermiston!

What is your proudest accomplishment?
I'm not going to lie, I'm pretty proud about working at a newspaper. Graduating from college was pretty neat too.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Hermiston High School band members rehearse in 1994.

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25 YEARS AGO
NOV. 15, 1994

In recent times, it has been the rule that there are generally more workers than there are jobs for them to fill.

Lately, though, Hermiston has been the exception, especially in lower-skilled positions.

"We really have very, very full employment out there," said Mike Stipe, owners of Express Personnel Services in Hermiston. "If people aren't working, they're choosing not to work."

Stipe said his company places about 500 workers in mainly food-processing jobs during the peak times of year. Even then, jobs are going unfilled.

Construction supervisors believe they are back on schedule to complete the new Hermiston middle school by the end of next summer.

Work started about a week late in October, but Assistant Superintendent Earl Torres said contractors have made up the time.

General contractor Dale Ramsay must have the new school complete enough to occupy by August 1995.

50 YEARS AGO
NOV. 13, 1969

Future industrial development for the Port of Umatilla was assured at the regular monthly meeting of the Port commission Monday at McNary.

Port Manager Walter Peters told the commissioners: "We currently have more sincere interest in our industrial site at McNary than at any time since I took this position in July, 1968. Six different firms are considering our industrial site."

He said that he could not announce the names of the firms or type of industries at this time.

Colonel Charles R. Norris has announced that 36 civilian employees have received notices that their jobs at Umatilla Army Depot are to be terminated on Jan. 9.

All but one of the personnel affected had term appointments not to exceed four years in duration. The one exception was a career employee.

The UAD Commanding Officer said more than 60 other employees have been offered position reassignments within the depot organization, some to lower grade and pay, others to salary grade on par with their current rates.

75 YEARS AGO
NOV. 16, 1944

Women of Umatilla County can "mine" tin sufficient for 96 Flying Fortresses this year.

These figures were compiled by J. A. Stewart, vice president of the American Can Company, on the basis of canned foods consumed by civilians in the county during 1943. On the basis of last year's consumption, civilians will open 2,319,276 cans of food this year, he said.

According to a table recently issued by Washington, 24,000 cans provide tin sufficient for one Flying Fortress.

Meanwhile, the armed forces consumed approximately three billion cans of food during '43 and needs for the current year are expected to rise to three and a quarter billion cans, Mr. Stewart said.

He pointed out that with a greatly increased number of the armed forces in overseas duty, more canned foods will be needed because the can has proved the most practical container for the shipment of food abroad.

100 YEARS AGO
NOV. 15, 1919

The first anniversary of the closing of the great world war was fittingly observed in Hermiston as well as elsewhere throughout the United States and foreign countries. Of course it may have been on a little smaller scale than New York, Portland or Seattle, but nevertheless the patriotic spirit was 100 per cent loyal and strong on this project.

All stores and business houses in this city closed Tuesday in respect of the anniversary, and many had windows decorated in red, white and blue. But the dance in the auditorium in the evening given the honor of the American Legion by the Red Cross was the crowning event of the close of what is hoped to be a new national holiday. The hall was gorgeously decorated with streamers of vari-colored crepe paper running from the center of the room to the walls, thus forming an effective and attractive circle. Emblazoned on a banner over the stage was the inscription "American Legion," with American flags making up a beautiful background.



Jim Hudson of Hermiston works on constructing what would become Sandstone Middle School in 1994.

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Hermiston Herald. If you have a question about law, submit it to editor@hermistonherald.com by Nov. 20 and we'll pick out a few of the most interesting ones for him to answer.

For those looking for volunteer opportunities or ways to spread cheer during the holiday season, see next week's **Hermiston Herald** for information about Hermiston's **Community Fellowship Dinner**. Also, other local organizations hosting a holiday meal are encouraged to provide

information by Monday to Community Editor **Tammy Malgesini** at tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com or 541-564-4539 if they would like the information included in the newspaper.

A spaghetti feed fundraiser will benefit the **Stanfield Community Center**. The event is **Saturday from 5-7 p.m. at 225 W. Roosevelt** in Stanfield. The cost is \$6 per person. For questions, call 541-449-1332.

Area residents who enjoy science fiction and fantasy books won't want to miss a book sale in Walla Walla. Hosted by the **American Association of**

University Women, the event is Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the former YWCA Ice Chalet, 213 S. First Ave., Walla Walla.

About 3,000 books, ranging from **Isaac Asimov** to **Roger Zelazny** and everything in between, will be available. Prices range from \$2.50 to \$4. Credit/debit cards, checks or cash will be accepted.

The local AAUW branch donates thousands of dollars each year for women's scholarships and small grants to local non-profit organizations. For more information, contact **Kay Raddatz** at markkay@charter.net or 509-522-5240.

Thursday's menu for the **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** is hamburgers, potato salad and pudding. Friday is tacos, fruit and dessert. Monday is tuna sandwich, cottage salad and dessert. Tuesday is beef stroganoff, peas and dessert. Next Wednesday is tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich and dessert. On Nov. 21 the senior center will be celebrating Thanksgiving a week early with turkey, stuffing with gravy, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Lunch that day will be \$4.

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