

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



TEESIE HILL

Server at Pizza Hut and director of the Hermiston Warming Station

When and why did you move to Hermiston?  
I was born and raised here. I moved away for 18 years and came back with my family in 2015.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?  
Honestly, my tia Theresa Rodriguez's kitchen. My tio and tia make some pretty good food for the soul. It's more than just food, it's love, laughs, joy, tears, advice and hugs. You can't get that in a restaurant. She's more like a mom than an aunty. I also have a couple of favorite family kitchens in Stanfield!

What do you like to do in your spare time?  
I'm always so busy with different things and family that if I get spare time I'm usually taking a nap. Lol. Refresh the mind for the next big adventure!!

What surprises you about Hermiston?  
The growth. When I left there it was under 10,000 people.

What was the last book you read/are currently reading?  
"Deja Dead" by Kathy Reichs.

What app or website do you use most other than Facebook or Google?  
Play Music. I listen to a wide variety of music from Amadeus to Zeppelin.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?  
The southern parts of the Appalachian Mountains.

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?  
Probably when I had a cortisone shot in my spine. The nurse forgot to tell me there would be lidocaine added when we went over the paperwork. I had someone else driving me about half an hour home. By the time we got home, I didn't realize my legs were numb. I went to get out of the car and almost fell flat on my face. The way I had to walk had my family rolling with laughter. I'm so happy that no one had a camera.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?  
Finish upgrading my home. It was built in 1940 so there's a lot to do.

What is your proudest accomplishment?  
My family. I have amazing kids, some with special needs, and some without. But, without the support of my husband Justin, I wouldn't have the courage to do many of the things I do, like the Warming Station.

HERMISTON HISTORY



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Community Fellowship Dinner organizer Laurie Ball takes delivery of 100 pounds of peas from Hermiston Foods quality assurance manager Andy Horyza in 1994.

25 YEARS AGO  
NOV. 22, 1994

Hermiston Police Chief Grant Asher is calling it a career effective Nov. 30, citing the passage of Measure 8 as the primary reason for his retirement.

In a letter to city manager Ed Brookshier, Asher said the measure would cost him \$350 a month in retirement benefits if he stayed on the job full time.

"I'd like to have worked until June 30 of '96," Asher said. "I'd have about 30 years in."

Measure 8, passed by a paper-thin margin on Nov. 8, requires public employees to contribute six percent of their salaries to PERS. That six percent had previously been donated by the employers. The measure also prevents unused sick leave from being added to retirement.

2) A gunman holding two hostages kept police at bay for four hours Friday night at an apartment building on Southwest First in Hermiston.

Steve Lynn Weaver, 37, of Bakersfield, Calif., is in the Umatilla County Jail on \$60,000 bail facing kidnapping and firearms charges stemming from the incident.

Hermiston Police Sgt. Jerry Roberts said the incident began about 9 p.m. when a Umatilla County Sheriff's Office deputy attempted to arrest Weaver for pawning a stolen gun last week. Officers surrounded the complex when Weaver wouldn't leave the apartment.

Weaver's captives, Susan and Sandy Patterson, escaped unharmed after he fell asleep early Saturday morning. Police then moved in and arrested him without incident.

50 YEARS AGO  
NOV. 20, 1969

Matrons of the Hermiston Police Department are wearing new blue uniforms which have won the admiration of fellow workers at city hall.

With their new dresses, the matrons wear the same type of shoulder patches as the men, and also official badges.

Wearing the uniforms while on duty are Dolores Wilson, secretary-matron, who works days, and Mary Bloom, clerk-matron, on the swing shift.

2) A proposal to close the Oregon State Employment Office in Hermiston is meeting opposition of local civic leaders.

The move to protest the proposed



HH file photo

Jerry Smith, left, races to put a snow tire on a car at Les Schwab during the first snow of 1994.

action followed a Thursday morning meeting at Hermiston city hall when Robert Keilbach, district supervisor, and Gordon Clutter, manager of the Pendleton office, related plans to close the local office on a full-time basis January 1.

Lack of federal funds was given as a reason for the district move.

75 YEARS AGO  
NOV. 23, 1944

Anxious housewives who have been calling the Herald office asking about the next tin drive are informed that it is slated for Saturday, Dec. 2, in Hermiston. The Boy Scouts will collect the cans here and they will be taken to Pendleton by truck where a car will be loaded, according to Mrs. Walter Hamm, local salvage chairman.

Tin cans should be washed, mashed and put in boxes and placed on the curbing by 9 p.m. Farmers who are coming to town prior to that time may leave tin cans at the Cooperative Cannery and Laundry.

2) With the impetus given the west end of Umatilla by Stanfield's Sixth War Loan bond rally, solicitors are combing every corner of Hermiston for that extra dollar that should be working for Uncle Sam, according to A. F. Rohrman, chairman of the drive. In Hermiston, committees of business men began making their rounds Tuesday afternoon and reports

were that citizens were cooperating whole-heartedly in the campaign.

100 YEARS AGO  
NOV. 22, 1919

It has been a long time since the city jail has had an occupant. This condition of peace was broken Sunday, however, when a sheepherder who had broken into a farm home southeast of town terrorized the inhabitants, who telephoned to Hermiston for assistance.

Justice of the Peace E. P. Dodd received the message, and on account of it being Sunday could find no deputy, so he went out in his car and made the arrest, bringing his prisoner in safely and lodging him in the city jail.

2) There is much talk and conjecture going on as to what will happen between December 17 and 20. Astronomers claim that seven of the planets will come together and cause an explosion so huge that it will make a hole in the sun that can be seen with the naked eye.

It was cause on our Earth terrible storms, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and thunder, lightning and cold weather such as man has never seen the likes of. Such a conjunction of planets has never before occurred, and what will happen to us after or between the above dates will probably be aplenty if the astronomers are correct.

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Umatilla National Forest to offer permits online

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Christmas tree permits for the Umatilla National Forest are now available to purchase at forest offices, several local businesses and online.

The Umatilla National Forest is one of 13 national forests participating in a pilot program to offer permits online through the Open Forest system. The Open Forest program allows the public to purchase a 2019 Christmas tree permit from home, or by using a mobile device, instead of traveling to a Forest Service office.

Christmas tree permits purchased online at openforest.fs.usda.gov/christmas-trees/forests will have to be printed to be valid and can only

be used on Umatilla National Forest lands.

Permits cost \$5 each and are limited to one per household. Traditional Christmas tree permits will still be available at local Forest Service offices, or participating vendors.

Forest Service offices are open for business Monday through Friday at the four Umatilla Ranger District offices in Ukiah, Hepner, and Walla Walla, Washington, and Pomeroy, Washington; and at the supervisor's office in Pendleton.

Traditional permits are valid on National Forest System lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, state or other federally managed lands.



James Pooley and his son, Conner, carry the family Christmas tree during a past holiday season.

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