

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## MIRANDA HUNT

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## When and why did you move to Hermiston?

*I am a Hermiston native, born and raised here. I left for 4 years to go to Western Oregon University and came back for a while. Most recently, I came back after being in Denver for two years where I completed my master's degree.*

## What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

*About eleven years ago, I was diagnosed with Celiac disease and have to eat gluten free. Eating out is a challenge. I really wish that there were more gluten-free options in Hermiston! Fortune Garden does make a mean steamed vegetables, rice, and chicken and lets me bring in my own gluten-free soy sauce.*

## What do you like to do in your spare time?

*I love to go on walks with my dog Rudie, reading of course, and in the summer time I enjoy lap swimming. I do like to play the occasional game of golf, garden and hang out with friends.*

## What surprises you about Hermiston?

*Why does Hermiston still not have a golf course? More seriously though, the growth. I know everyone says that, but it is true. Lots of changes from when I was a kid!*

## What was the last book you read?

*Ummm how to answer that... I am always reading since I am a librarian. Right now, I am re-reading books from the Oregon Battle of the Books competition for school, since battles will start soon. I just read "Edge of Extinction: The Ark Plan" by Laura Martin. It ended on a cliffhanger so I had to get the sequel! The kids have really liked that one too. I do read adult books on occasion and the last one I read was "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern. It was fantastic! Highly recommend! Fiction is my favorite.*

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

*I use the GoodReads app a lot... Not surprising I know. But it is very helpful when looking for book recommendations, what book is next in a series and read-alikes.*

## If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

*Right now, high on my list is Australia or anywhere tropical. I am all about warm tropical places with a nice beach!*

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

*This is both funny and embarrassing and I haven't really told anyone this before. I was home from college one Christmas break and I had borrowed my parent's car to go to Tri-Cities and go to the mall. I parked, went in, did my shopping and when I came out I couldn't find my parent's car. I panicked, and thought it was stolen. I reported it to the mall security and eventually the police. I cruised the parking lots with the mall security and we didn't see it. About an hour later, a Mall security guard found it. It hadn't been stolen, I just had parked in a different place than I usually park at the mall and hadn't paid attention. I was so embarrassed!*

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## HERMISTON HISTORY

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1994

Though it seems that Scrooge himself wouldn't stoop so low, some home Christmas decorations have suffered at the hands of vandals.

Several homes on or near West Highland have had lights ripped down. A reindeer display in that neighborhood was run over with a car.

Acting Hermiston Police Chief Jerry Roberts said the best defense against vandalism is to keep an eye on displays throughout the neighborhood and to call police if any suspicious-looking persons are around.

2) State liquor commission officials are holding firm on their decision to deny a liquor license for the Riverside Restaurant and Lounge.

After reviewing a letter challenging the grounds for denial, liquor commission staff decided it presented no information that would require a renewed investigation, said James Miller, a liquor commission investigator.

Attorney Don Roach wrote the letter for restaurant owners Edward and Sally Dufloth, who first applied for the license in April. After a lengthy investigation, officials concluded there were questions about who had a financial stake in the restaurant, which created grounds for denial.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 18, 1969

The Hermiston teachers' consultation committee, meeting with the board of directors of District 8-R Thursday night, requested a base pay raise from \$6,400 to \$6,784, six percent cost of living increase.

Altogether, the request by the teachers would mean an increase of \$107,095.

2) Appearing in Section Two of today's *Hermiston Herald* is a map showing free city parking lots in downtown Hermiston. The lots are in the right place, but the Herald's map-maker goofed and showed the one-way alleys between Main Street and Gladys Avenue going the wrong way.

City officials today assured the Herald that anyone caught driving the wrong way because of our map would get off Scot free — not even a warning.

Sorry about that!

75 YEARS AGO

Dec. 21, 1944

Probably the first Hermiston boy to completely circle the globe while serving with the armed forces is Sgt. Stuart Rankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Rankin of Hermiston. He



HH file photo

Jeff Sanders, playing a wise man, shops for gold, frankincense and Myrrh from Audrey Draper, playing a merchant, at a "City of David" living nativity event at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1994.



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Armand Larive Junior High band members perform on Main Street in 1994.

recently landed on the west coast about 27 months from the time he "shoved off" from the Atlantic coast. Upon his return to the States he went to Salt Lake where he met his wife and 20-months-old daughter, Carol Jean, who did not know her Daddy as she had never seen him.

Sgt. Rankin, who has not seen another man from Hermiston during his travels, entered the armed forces in October, 1941. He was sent overseas in September, 1942, going to England. He then spent 18 months in the European theatre of war, seeing Sicily, Italy, Egypt and other places.

Being attached to the medical corps, Rankin was then transferred to the Asiatic theatre, spending nine months in India. He estimates he has traveled about 25,000 miles and has changed his watch a total of 24 times,

at one time spending two successive Tuesdays.

Of course, the biggest thrill of his homecoming was his little daughter, but he is overjoyed by receiving a delay en route and may receive a furlough when he reports January 16.

100 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1919

The C.S. McNaught Co. has shipped in a car of machinery for the installation of a molasses alfalfa meal plant. For the past year and a half the company has been making dry alfalfa meal and shipping it principally to the molasses mixing plants at Portland and Seattle.

With this new equipment they will be able to the trade lots molasses alfalfa meal, which is so highly prized by the dairymen of the Willamette Valley and Puget Sound country. It is the belief that the mixing of the molasses with the alfalfa meal in a plant situated in the heart of the best alfalfa production in the Northwest will give greater confidence to the dairymen who are users of this product, and will assure them of getting nothing but No. 1 alfalfa hay in the mixed feed, with no adulterations.

2) Present indications are that Hermiston will have a hospital that will be equipped in the most modern style, and the equal of those found in larger cities. This will be brought about by a movement started at the Commercial Club luncheon at the Hotel Hermiston Tuesday noon, and the hospital committee selected some time ago are now working out the details incident to starting a subscription campaign to raise from \$3,500 to \$5,000 to finance the institution.

## River Point Farms harvests donation for cancer fund



Photo contributed by Emily Smith

Tracee Marks, (third from right) oncology manager at CHI St Anthony Hospital, accepts a donation from River Point Farms representatives, (from left) Lynn Larsen, senior controller; Monte Gray, pack plant manager; Dave Osborne, spot sales manager; Traci Jensen, director of operations; Amber Martin, human resources generalist; and Kaylene Hankinson, spot sales representative.

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Hermiston-based River Point Farms plowed through the month of October — Breast Cancer Awareness Month — raising \$16,000 for the CHI St. Anthony Hospital Cancer Fund.

The money was raised through proceeds from the sale of special pink-labeled onion bags. In addition, the generous total included donations from employees, said Emily Smith, a St. Anthony employee.

The Cancer Fund at the Pendleton hospital is used to support the Cancer Clinic and includes direct patient assistance and program support for patients with various cancers.

For more information about the Cancer Fund, including ways to give, contact Smith at 541-278-2627, emilysmith@chiwest.com or visit [www.sahpendleton.org/en/foundation](http://www.sahpendleton.org/en/foundation).

## Community Fellowship Dinner serves holiday cheer



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Dallin Smith, 10, and his older brother carry leftovers to diners at the 2018 Community Fellowship Dinner on Christmas Day. This year's free meal is Wednesday, Dec. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hermiston High School.

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The second Community Fellowship Dinner of the holiday season will set the table on Christmas Day.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the free meal, which is served Wednesday, Dec. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the main commons at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St. Also, transportation to the meal, food delivery service and take-out orders are available by calling or leaving a message at 541-371-9772.

For more than 30 years, the meal ministry has provided a free holiday dinner to anyone that wants to attend. In addition, there are many opportunities for people to volunteer to assist with the effort. People are needed to help with food preparation, as well as venue set-up, greeting guests, serving, delivering meals and cleanup.

Volunteers generally work one-hour shifts. For specific tasks and time slots, be sure to contact organizers as soon as possible.

The holiday-season meals were started more than 30 years ago to provide a place for people to enjoy a good holiday meal with others. The first dinner included about a dozen couples and several individuals. Over the years it has grown to feed upwards of 700-900 people. Gary Humphreys, CFD board chairman, said they will maintain the effort as long as interest continues.

For more information or to volunteer, contact 541-371-9772 or [cfthermiston@gmail.com](mailto:cfthermiston@gmail.com). Also, information about the meal is available by searching Facebook for "Community Fellowship Dinner." Financial donations can be sent to Community Fellowship Dinner, P.O. Box 1551, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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