

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Special Education Facilitator at Hermiston School District & Educator of the Year nominee

**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**  
*I moved to Hermiston in 1985 after my husband and I graduated from college in LaGrande. I began my teaching career at that time. We owned a windshield business for 10 years and currently sell log homes.*

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**  
*I love to eat out in Hermiston and it is hard to choose a favorite restaurant. I am going to go with La Palma and the mole chicken enchiladas. Yum!*

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
*In my spare time I enjoy quiet activities such as reading books and watching movies. I also enjoy gardening and spending time with family and friends.*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**  
*Hermiston is a great community to live in. Like many people I know, it was easy for Hermiston to become my home. I am continually impressed with the growth Hermiston experiences, the progressive mindset and support of the community.*

**What was the last book you read?**  
*I am an avid reader and love the Friends of the Library's \$1-a-bag book sale in the fall. I read books like eating candy and enjoy mysteries and "CSI" type fiction.*

**What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?**  
*For relaxation, I sometimes daydream on Pinterest. You can find everything there!*

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**  
*I would like to travel to England, Scotland and Ireland.*

**What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?**  
*A few years ago my husband wanted me to plan to leave on our trip at 5 a.m. I adamantly refused to leave any earlier than 6 a.m.! The next morning the alarm went off and I proceeded to jump out of bed, get dressed, and happily jumped in the car and put my seat belt on. All was fine until I noticed the clock in the car showed the time of 5 a.m. It took me a few minutes to figure out that my husband had changed all the clocks in the house!*

**What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?**  
*In the next 12 months I would like to help my husband complete our log home in Sumpter, OR.*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**  
*As many other interviewees have stated, my proudest accomplishment has been my marriage of 37 years to the love of my life and raising two fantastic young men.*

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo  
**Jaycee Distinguished Awards winners in 1970 were, from left, Larry Keimig, Dick Green, A.F. Rohrman, Ray Woolley and Lee Baggett.**

Club's racist policy creates a stir

25 YEARS AGO  
 Jan. 31, 1995

Work on the Hermiston Community Center is making progress and could be done by mid-summer, city building official Hank McDonald said.

"Hopefully, if things go well, we'll be out of there early July," McDonald said.

Weather could delay the project, he said. A few good freezes could push completion into later that month. However, he does not see work dragging into August.

2) Jer Pratton said the relative lull in youth violence should not dissuade the community from tackling the tough issue.

"It's like popcorn — nothing happens when you first put it in the pan," said Hermiston's school superintendent and board member of Greater Hermiston's Chamber of Commerce.

Problems like drugs and alcohol, gangs and poor race relations threaten the entire community, he said, even when they lie beneath the surface. That is why Pratton is taking the lead to form the Youth Safety Task Force — a broad-based group designed to influence positive, safe behavior among our young people.

50 YEARS AGO  
 Jan. 29, 1970

A petition was filed this week by the city of Hermiston with the Federal Aviation Administration against the proposed construction of a 700-foot steel tower about a mile and three-quarters from the Hermiston Airport.

Proponent for the project is the Corps of Engineers, Seattle District. The tower is for Civil Defense radio networks.

A report was released from the FAA last week approving the structure, stating, "the structure would not be a hazard to air navigation ..." but airport officials feel differently.

Churck Rohrman, chairman of the Hermiston Airport Commission, asked the city council to file a petition with the FAA against the structure.

75 YEARS AGO  
 Feb. 1, 1945

A recent news item in the Pendleton *East Oregonian*, and given to the Associated Press from there, concerning action taken by the Pendleton post, Disabled War Veterans, "never to allow a Japanese or a colored veteran to become a member" traveled many miles.

The story was credited to Hermiston when the Pendleton post came to Hermiston to recruit new members and apparently made the announcement upon return to Pendleton.



HH file photo  
**Members of a Hermiston High School choir wait during a choir concert in Hermiston in 1970. Seated are Paul Kelly, left, and Geri Ulmer. Standing are Edith Weber, Mary Pat Montgomery and Larry See.**

Former residents of Hermiston have written many letters to local friends concerning the incident and newspaper articles and editorials have been sent to this office. A majority of the information received greatly deplores such an action during war time.

100 YEARS AGO  
 Jan 31, 1920

And now it develops that the Maxine Dempsey, who signed herself as the ex-wife of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion pugilist, in a scathing article appearing in daily papers the latter part of last week, in which she accuses him of being a downright slacker, is none other than former Miss Addie Cates of Echo.

Under this name she was known to many Echo, Stanfield and Hermiston people a few years ago. Later she changed her name to Maxine Cates. When she left Echo she went to Salt Lake, so the story goes, and there met and later married Dempsey.

It is a trite axiom, applicable in this case no doubt, that "hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." So for the present it would seem that her "tribute" will count for naught, for the "heavy" himself has asked for and is now undergoing investigation in San Francisco as to whether he was or was not a slacker during the war.

2) The report of the theft of a gold watch and chain from one of the business houses last Saturday evening was the incentive for Chief of Police C.J. Crandall to do a little detective work.

He had only a slender clue to work on; but nevertheless this led to success, and now the merchant owner of the timepiece is happy over its recovery, for on Wednesday the marshal turned the watch over to him. The name of the culprit is withheld in this instance, the merchant not wishing to prosecute the case.

There has been several thefts of a like nature in this city of late, all of which have been traced and the goods recovered. All these thefts were found to have been committed by minors, but owing to their youth, prosecutions have been withheld pending good behavior.

Stanfield library cashes in with Northwest FCS grant



Photo contributed by Deb Strohmaier  
**Darcy Sexson, (third from left) Pendleton branch relationship manager of Northwest Farm Credit Services, presents a check to Cecili Longhorn, Stanfield Public Library director, along with toddler story time participants. The money will be used to enhance the library's children's area.**

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An update to the children's area of the Stanfield Public Library is being made possible thanks to a \$1,000 grant from Northwest Farm Credit Services.

Library director Cecili Longhorn said money from the Northwest FCS Rural Community Grant Program is being used to purchase mobile shelving for the children's area. The updated materials, she said, will make it more exciting for kids who utilize the library space.

"We appreciate the support Northwest FCS has given us to help us better serve our community,"

Longhorn said.

Northwest FCS is committed to helping rural communities succeed, including through its grant program. In 2019, it provided more than \$237,000 for 190 projects in rural communities across Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington. Since the program's inception in 2007, it has awarded 1,182 grants totaling more than \$1.99 million.

The grant program deadlines are Feb. 1, June 1 and Oct. 1. For more information or an application for the Rural Community Grant Program, visit [www.northwestfcs.com](http://www.northwestfcs.com) and click on "Stewardship."

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