

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Homemaker

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I moved to Hermiston in 2015. My then fiancé (now husband) worked at Union Pacific's Hinkle yard so I moved from Western Washington to be here with him.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
My favorite place to eat is Ixtapa. I can't get enough Mexican food.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I like to paint and hide rocks with my best friend, Sherry. We are part of the Hermiston Rock Hunt.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
I guess I'm surprised how everyone seems connected here, in one way or another. I'm from a much bigger, more populated area!

What was the last book you read?
Boy, I think the last book I read was "Hunger Games: Catching Fire" by Suzanne Collins.

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
Pinterest, definitely. I get a lot of art inspiration from there.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
If I could travel anywhere, I think it would have to be to Europe. Greece, France, Spain ... pick one!

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
I was in a store and I was going through the discount carts up by the registers. I found a pack of red meat at the bottom of one, and vocally expressed my disgust. Then a man came around the corner and stared at me. Apparently that was his cart. I laughed for days. Lesson learned: if you don't see clearance stickers, it's probably not part of the clearance...

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
One of my goals in the next 12 months is to move and get settled in Las Vegas. My husband recently started a new career there.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
My kids. They're pretty fantastic!

HERMISTON HISTORY



Joanne Dority, Vicky Mesteth, Mike Boedigheimer and Mike Frink (left to right) represent several local car dealerships that donated car seats for a drawing at First Interstate Bank in 1995.

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Tower urges to 'Watch Hermiston Grow'

25 YEARS AGO
Feb. 7, 1995

The sign on Hermiston's water tower says it all.

"Watch Hermiston Grow."
If local government officials and businessmen are correct, those watching in the next five years will see quite a lot.

With at least three natural gas-fired cogeneration plants in various stages of construction, a chemical weapons destruction facility of some variety certain in the Umatilla Depot Activity's future and rumors of a large retail distribution center thick in the air, Hermiston is set for what may be the strongest period of economic growth since the 1970s.

"I just added up the different projects, the cogen, the distribution center — the possibility of this thing, we're looking at upwards of around 4,000 to 4,500 interim people within our community," said Hermiston Development Corporation President Tom Gilleese.

The interim people to which Gilleese refers are construction workers and their families. He said those people, when done, will be supplanted by new, more permanent residents.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 5, 1970

A master key to 700 lockers and approximately \$200 in cash were taken from the Hermiston Senior High School office safe sometime between Thursday morning and Friday, according to Jack Jenkins, principal.

The items were taken from a walk-in safe used daily by office personnel. In addition to monies that are kept there, student files, confidential reports and other school valuables are lodged within the safe.

2) Oregon hunters were considerably more careful with firearms in 1969 than they have been for quite a spell and ended the season with the fourth lowest number of casualties in the past 12 years and the lowest number of deaths since 1951.

Records of hunter-caused firearm accidents in 1969 compiled by Cal Giesler, hunter safety supervisor for the Oregon Game Commission, show 67 casualties, six of which were fatal. The low point in the 12-year period was 62 casualties recorded in 1962. However, serious accidents were the highest that year with 15 fatalities recorded.

As usual, the records show that the hunter is his own worst enemy through careless mishandling of his own firearm. This carelessness resulted in 39



Jimmy Hatfield, age 10, shows the \$101 he collected for March of Dimes in 1945.

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self-inflicted incidents, two of which were fatal.

75 YEARS AGO
Feb. 8, 1945

Your government is interested in contacting persons who have lived in or visited enemy or enemy-occupied territory since 1935. Anyone falling into this category is asked to write U.S. Army, P.O. Box 951, Portland, Oregon.

2) The state house military affairs committee has introduced a bill in the legislature to let the people vote on a tax levy to construct armories in 20 Oregon cities. The bill provides for a 45 cent mill tax levy for 10 years, but the levy would be offset by surplus income tax revenues as long as they are available.

The state adjutant general will be in charge of acquiring armory sites, most of which probably would be contributed by the cities, and to let contracts and determine the priority for erection of proposed armories.

Should the people vote favorably, armories would be built in Baker, Bend, Corvallis, Forest Grove, Grants Pass, Gresham, Hermiston, Hillsboro, Hood River, La Grande, Newberg, Lakeview, Ontario, Oregon City,

Pendleton, Portland, Redmond, The Dalles and St. Helens.

100 YEARS AGO
Feb. 7, 1920

Think of the billions of dollars that are handled by American banks without the loss of a dollar to depositors. This is a record to be proud of and is in marked contrast to the banking business of the past.

Banking has been stabilized in this country until it is next to impossible to have a bank failure entailing loss to depositors. The rapid increase in bank deposits is largely due to the fact that the public is becoming convinced that modern banks are the safest places in which to keep money. The old shoe, the stocking and the tin can are going into discard.

2) The mild epidemic of what was termed the flu has moderated to such an extent that the mayor has deemed it advisable to raise the ban that had been placed on public gatherings. Therefore, beginning tomorrow (Sunday) morning, all religious, social and lodge meetings will again be permissible.

The public schools, which have been closed this past week, will also resume Monday.

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EO Forum focuses on mental health of youths

The Eastern Oregon Forum returns in February with a discussion regarding the mental health challenges facing children today.

The first forum of 2020 features Chris Bettineski, who holds a doctorate in education and works as the director of School Psychology & Behavioral Services for InterMountain Education Service District, and Micaela Cathey, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), who is an executive administrator with Lifeways.

The event is 7 p.m. on Tuesday in ST-200 (Science and Technology building) at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

Admission is \$5 at the door and free for students.

The Eastern Oregon Forum is a collaborative effort between BMCC, InterMountain ESD, the *Hermiston Herald* and *East Oregonian*, the American Association of University Women and Harriet Isom, a former United States ambassador.

Topics of upcoming EO Forums include:

- March 10, Climate Change from a Youth Perspective;
- April 21, Bees and Their Impact on Our Region's Agriculture; and
- May 12, LIKE: The Impact of Social Media on Our Lives.

For more information about the Eastern Oregon Forum, contact Shannon Franklin at 541-278-5951, sfranklin@bluecc.edu or visit www.facebook.com/EasternOregonForum.