

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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What brought you to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston in 2005. My husband received a job opportunity. We both graduated college at Eastern Oregon University and knew we wanted to move back to Eastern Oregon.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

My favorite place to eat in Hermiston is Ixtapa.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time, I like to spend quality time with friends and family. I keep busy by being an avid sports fan of my boys and nephews.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

I am surprised by how much Hermiston has grown! I am also surprised with how close knit the community is. I grew up in a city; therefore, a small town is an amazing place to raise a family.

What was the last book you read?

It's hard to come up with the last book I read. I love to read books every day to my second graders.

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

Hmm, I would say Amazon and Pinterest. I love to come up with crafts and other ideas to do with my class or my own boys.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

If I could travel anywhere I would take another trip to Hawaii. I enjoy the ocean and sun.

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

That is a tough one. I'm a twin so I've had many twin stories that are funny in my lifetime. My twin also teaches second grade in a neighboring district. A student moved to West Park, from my sister's class to my class. When he saw me on his first day he said, "(My sister's name) you followed me to my new school." I said, "No I'm your new teacher." He did not believe me. It was so cute and funny. I wish I had a camera because the look on his face was priceless.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?

My goal is to continue to show effort and enthusiasm directly to my students. I want to continue to inspire students by demonstrating belief in my students' abilities and by providing the support students need to meet challenging academic demands.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My proudest accomplishment is being a mom. My boys are currently a sophomore and a fourth grader.

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo
Dustin Coughlin, 9, puts time allowed by a Hermiston schools' late start to good use by helping Quality Hair Design on Main Street dig out from a snowstorm in 1995.

Buried 'gold' presents mystery

25 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1995

The Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce will likely take on day-to-day management of the Hermiston Community Center.

The Hermiston City Council unanimously approved a management contract with the chamber last night. The chamber's board of directors will probably give its approval of the arrangement today.

"It's good to have two entities that can work together instead of hiring an outside private outfit," councilor Mike Boise said in support of the agreement, which will run until the end of June 1996.

As manager of the center, the chamber will maintain its offices in the building. It will be responsible for marketing, schedule, maintaining and overseeing the finances generated by the center.

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 12, 1970

Treasure hunters who have been visiting the "happy hunting grounds" near Umatilla will have to stop digging for artifacts. The Corps of Engineers have put a ban on further digging in the area.

Persons from both Oregon and Washington have done extensive digging around the Umatilla where it is believed that an Indian village once stood. The diggers have not covered their holes, resulting in a danger to people walking in the area.

In addition, damage has resulted to many of the trees in the area, because of their roots being chopped off, ruining the scenic value for people picnicking.

2) Food poisoning in the form of botulism brought death to nine-year-old Connie Schultz on Thursday and hospitalized four other members of her Hermiston family.

Herman Schultz, 39, and his wife Phyllis, 34, and two other children were rushed to Kadlec Methodist Hospital in Richland following Connie's death at Good Shepherd Hospital here.

The parents were listed in critical condition last Friday but are reported to be responding to anti-toxin treatment. David, 4, and Darrell, 7, are reported to be in good condition. A fourth child, Craig, aged eight months, is presumed to be not exposed to the disease due to his age.

Hospital diagnosis indicated botu-



HH file photo
Barbara Tipton and Harvey Jinks kiss while Audrey Floyd and other members of Hermiston choirs give them a singing telegram for Valentine's Day in 1995.

lism as the cause of death and Dr. Milton Johnson, Hermiston physician, reported that one of the symptoms young Connie was suffering from was blindness. Other botulism symptoms are convulsions, coma and sudden paralysis.

Exact cause of the poisoning was under investigation by Umatilla County sanitarian C. Evan Dillon. Reports said it was believed that home canned vegetables were the cause.

75 YEARS AGO
Feb. 15, 1945

Considerable excitement prevailed at the Frank Sargent place a mile north of town Wednesday when workmen who were plowing and leveling the field unearthed a package of yellow material. Upon examination, it was discovered that it was a brick of butter wrapped in strong paper which had deteriorated considerably.

Mr. Sargent took the package to the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery where it was examined by Herman Plass, manager. He believed it was homemade butter and might have been buried quite some time.

One thing is certain, however, either the butter was buried prior to

rationing or someone should have his head examined for burying butter these days.

100 YEARS AGO
Feb. 14, 1920

Even though there were not many rabbits slaughtered at the big rabbit drive last Sunday that was participated in by approximately 300 people, everyone had bushels of fun during the cross country run and at the finish of the hunt.

The day was ideal for such a joyous gathering, the weather being just right, with Old Sol shedding a radiance of good cheer over the multitude armed with clubs after having remained in hiding for so long.

On converging of the four wings of the drivers coming from the north, east, south and west, it was discernible that in the vortex thus created there were hundreds of rabbits, but for some unaccountable reason they disappeared as the wings closed in on them. Of course, there were many animals killed as they endeavored to escape through the lines, but the finish at the wire enclosure was not as exciting or successful as had been anticipated by the hunters or promoters.

Merle Comfort (Zone 5: La Grande, Imbler, Cove, Elgin). For more about IMESD, visit www.imesd.k12.or.us.

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The menu at the **Harker Senior Activity Center** for Thursday is ham dinner, yams, broccoli salad and a Valentine's dessert. Friday is tacos, chips and salsa, fruit and dessert. Monday is turkey sandwich with cranberry sauce, salad and dessert. Tuesday is chili, cornbread, fruit and dessert. Next Wednesday is chicken sandwich, potato casserole, beets and dessert.

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raised in Wallowa County but has lived in Hermiston since 1952, when she moved to the area with her husband, a teacher. She ran her own shop as a beautician for many years and also used her talents on the deceased at **Burns Mortuary**.

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More than three dozen piano students participated in the **Umatilla-Morrow District of the Oregon Music Teachers Association's Baroque Festival**. The Feb. 1 event, which was held in Pendleton, featured **Patti Robertson** of Kennewick as the adjudicator. Students performed

original keyboard compositions from the Baroque time period (1600 to 1750).

Local winners included, Ages 9-11: **Juliette Goyer-Rondon**; Ages 15-19: **William Kern** and **Hunter McDonald**.

Honorable Mention: Ages 9-11: **Marissa White**. Also, local piano teachers represented were **Sarah Milburn** and **Phyllis Peterson**.

Winners are eligible to perform at the State Baroque Recital at **Linfield College** in McMinnville on March 7. For more information, contact **Myrna Van Cleave** at myrna.vc@hotmail.com.

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The **Oregon School Boards Association** encourages people to recognize the efforts of unpaid elected volunteers who

serve on school boards across the state. **Inter-Mountain Education Service District**, which includes Umatilla, Morrow, Baker and Union counties, recently gave a shout-out to its seven board members during January's **School Board Recognition Month**.

They include board chair **Kelly Bissinger** (Zone 2: Hermiston), vice chair **Joe McElligott** (Zone 7: at large, Umatilla, Morrow, Union and Baker counties), **Ryan Neal** (Zone 1: Morrow County, Ione, Ukiah, Pilot Rock, Umatilla), **Verneda Wagner** (Zone 3: Helix, Milton-Freewater, Athena-Weston, Stanfield, Echo), **Steve Muller** (Zone 4: Pendleton), **Dale Bingham** (Zone 6: Burnt River, North Powder, Union), and