

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
 My family moved to Hermiston in 1997 because my husband got a job with The Hermiston Herald, and we wanted to be close to our extended family.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
 My go-to places are Papa Murphy's and Safe-way deli's Chinese takeout. I like to grab something and take it home. I also like to hop across the street to Rio Express Mexican Grill for lunch when I get the chance.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
 I love to read, go for walks with my son, and go on crazy day trips around the Northwest with my daughter.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
 I would say our town's resiliency surprises — or impresses — me the most. We've weathered through some tough times: the loss of jobs due to plant closures, the depot closing and the like. I have some friends who have experienced hardships, as well. It's nice to be in a community where the people are so supportive of one another. We seem to come back even stronger.

What was the last book you read?
 "Communication Between Cultures" by Samovar, Potter, McDaniel and Roy. It was for a class that I was taking. I am currently reading "A Better Man" by Louise Penny.

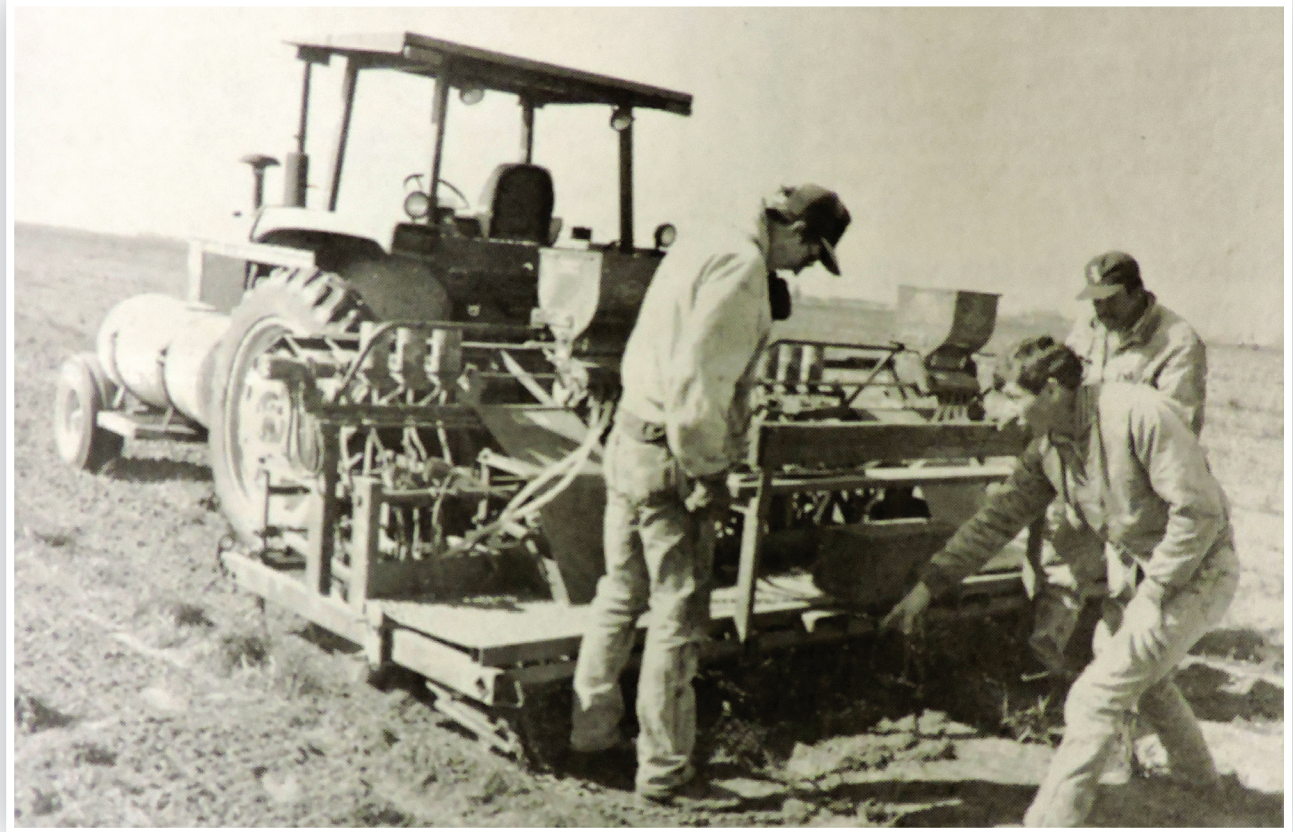
What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
 I use Hulu and Netflix to watch TV shows and movies. I also enjoy the Welcome to Night Vale and Mo Rocca's Mbituaries podcasts.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
 Anywhere! I dream of traveling to see both historic sites, and unusual and mystical places around the world.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
 What comes first to my mind was when I tried to operate a scissor lift two years ago for the first time while decorating for the Me and My Prince Ball at EOTEC. I had a hard time grasping how to steer it and I tended to brake too hard. My friend, Lyndsey, was on the platform with me, holding on for dear life. We laughed hysterically ... and so did everyone who was watching us.

What is one of your goals for the next 18 months?
 I want to scrape together enough money to visit my parents, brother and sister in Mississippi. I miss not having them here anymore.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Scott Cason, left, John Lloyd and Fernando Mendosa plant onion seeds in 1995.

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Houseboat victim found after 6 months

25 YEARS AGO
 March 28, 1995

Hermiston will have an Arby's and, very likely, a Burger King before the end of the summer. Elmer Alcorn, who owns the Arby's in The Dalles, said construction on a restaurant at Highway 395 and Elm Street should begin June 1. He said he has been looking at placing a restaurant in Hermiston for some time, and the boom the local economy is experiencing made him act now. "It's been in the last six months that Hermiston's been hot with development," Alcorn said. Pendleton will have to wait another year for Alcorn to set up a restaurant, he said. A new shopping mall slated for the town should spur growth there, he said. "Umatilla County looks pretty good right now, compared to what it was," he said.

50 YEARS AGO
 March 26, 1970

A 6-year-old Hermiston youth, Danny Ralls, was injured Saturday when he was thrown from a horse after it was hit by a car. Mrs. Gayle Ralls, Danny's mother, was driving south on east 10th and hit the horse her son was riding at a blind corner. Danny suffered a fractured leg and head lacerations. The horse received a cut leg. 2) The body of a 51-year-old Hermiston man was found about 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, near Blalock Island, according to State Police. The body of James Turk had not been recovered after a houseboat he and four others were in capsized last September. Paul Sampson, Prosser, discovered the body. Two other persons were killed in the accident, Marian Turk, 28, and Herbert K. Ramsey, 63, of Power City. Both bodies were recovered earlier. Two children, Melissa and Leanna Turk, were rescued from waist-deep waters on the Washington side of the river about seven hours after the accident.

75 YEARS AGO
 March 29, 1945

Extensive preparations have been completed by the United Drug Company of Boston and St. Louis to make the wonder-drug Penicillin instantly available to its distributors, the Rexall Drug Stores throughout the country on March 15 when the War Production Board authorized the general release



A truckload of flattened cars leaves Hermiston in 1970.

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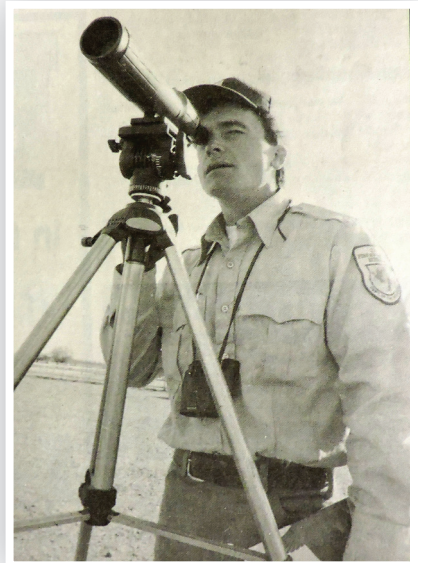
of this amazing drug for civilian use on doctors' prescriptions. Up to now "life-saving" Penicillin has been almost wholly reserved for the exclusive needs of our armed forces. However, production of the drug has advanced so rapidly in recent months that a limited amount can now be regularly set aside for use on the home front without endangering the supply going overseas. That is why the long-awaited date for its release by the War Production Board was history-making.

100 YEARS AGO
 March 27, 1920

Hermiston's first horse show, held Saturday of last week, was a success, both in the number of exhibits and attendance, being one of the most successful stock gatherings held in the county this year. Great interest was manifest by all horsemen in the county, and several auto-loads came from Pendleton, Umatilla, Stanfield and Butter Creek. 2) Plans are completed for the remodeling and improvement of the Lowman store rooms in the brick building on Hermiston Avenue on the west side of town. The property consists of a one-story brick structure containing five store rooms and has a frontage of half a block on Hermiston Avenue.

The property for several years past has been used for residence purposes and small stores, though at one time it was completely occupied with business concerns.

The local agent of the property,



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Kelly Moroney keeps an eye out for curlews in 1995.

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C.S. McNaught, has given notice to all tenants that they must vacate by the next thirty days, when the work of putting the building in shape will begin. The work, outside of remodeling the stores, will be the laying of a wide cement walk in front of the building. It is understood that all of the storerooms in the building have been spoken for.

Mr. Lowman of Seattle, the owner, was until a few years ago largely interested in project lands here with the McNaughts under the firm name of Maxwell Land Co., and still has considerable property interests in this city and vicinity.

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Many stores, restaurants and offices around town have been closed due to COVID-19. We have received notices of closures from stores such as the Hermiston Goodwill, as well as closures of the reception areas of offices such as Umatilla Electric Cooperative, which are still working behind the scenes but are no longer accepting walk-in foot traffic. We do not have a comprehensive list of all of them, but we encourage everyone to call ahead or check websites before

attempting to frequent a business or other organization, as it may be closed or be operating by appointment only. If you don't need to be somewhere in person, stay home to protect the health of our community. An update on COVID-19: As of Tuesday afternoon, the Oregon Health Authority announced that three more known COVID-19 patients in the state have died from the virus, bringing Oregon's total to eight deaths and 209 known cases. The New York Times database of all state announcements of COVID-19 cases reported 675 deaths and 52,215 confirmed cases nationwide.

The Oregon Department of Transportation announced Monday that the deadline for drivers to remove studded tires from their vehicle has been moved to May 1. The Department of Motor Vehicles has closed all but six of its offices in the state completely. The Hermiston office is one of the six that is not completely closed, but is only accepting customers for a commercial driver's license, and they must call 503-945-5000 to schedule an appointment. In Stanfield, anyone wishing to visit city hall or the municipal court must call ahead at 541-449-3831.

Utility payments can be left in a dropbox outside of city hall, by mail or online (there is a fee for online payments). Parks will remain open if social distancing recommendations are followed, but sport courts and playground equipment will be closed. The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center remains closed. Meals can be ordered for drive-through take-out or Meals on Wheels delivery on Tuesdays and Thursdays by calling 541-567-3582. — You can submit items for our weekly By The Way column by emailing your tips to editor@hermistonherald.com.

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