

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**  
*I am a lifelong resident of Hermiston. We have stayed here to be near both of our families.*

**Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**  
*Oh hard choice, I would have to say La Palma or Delish Bistro*

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
*Binge watch all my favorite shows like Tiger King. But the real question is, did Carol Baskin kill her husband?*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**  
*I would have to say the most surprising thing about Hermiston is how big and diverse we have gotten over the years.*

**What was the last book you read?**  
*The last book I read is the Pharmacy Certified Technician Training Manual. Not much of a reader; if it isn't on Instagram I don't read it.*

**What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?**  
*I am not on Facebook at all. My go-to app is Instagram.*

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**  
*My dream vacation is to Bora Bora.*

**What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?**  
*On our wedding day it was time for my husband to do the garter toss. My dad's response to this moment made me laugh hysterically. Let me start by saying my dad is one of the quietest, most reserved men in the world. My husband was slinking his way up my dress. He had only made it half way up, when my dad came rushing over arms in the air yelling, "No, no, stop, stop!" At first everyone thought he was serious and didn't know how to act. However, he began laughing and at that moment we all joined him in laughter.*

**What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?**  
*My husband and I would like to start a family within the next year.*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**  
*My proudest accomplishment was buying our first home.*

## HERMISTON HISTORY



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Osborne cousins Lucas, 4, Dustin, 3, and Caleb, 2, eat snow cones at a carnival in Hermiston in 1995.

## Umatilla man attributes escape to angels

25 YEARS AGO  
April 25, 1995

Angels are alive and active, according to a Umatilla man.

Dean Black, 40, attributes his escape from what could have been a deadly accident to his angel.

Black, a welder for Jones-Scott Company, jumped into a plugged-up sand and gravel hopper to free the machinery feeding rocks to the washer.

Sand and gravel began falling on Black, covering his body.

"Except for my arm sticking up out of the sand, I couldn't move," Black said. "I was trying to get the sand out of my face when I lost it (fainted)."

Still running, the machine pulled Black to the bottom of the hopper with fine rock engulfing him. One leg made it through an outlet in the base of the large machine.

Three men working nearby pulled on Black's leg, removing him from his entombment.

"I was glad they were there to get me out," Black said. "I never would have made it out without them."

Miraculously, besides a bruised and sore body, Black escaped with only a dislodged hip.

50 YEARS AGO  
April 23, 1970

"Eastern Oregon is facing a slowly eroding economic base and declining population," state treasurer Robert Straub told a gathering of Democrats here on Friday.

Straub, Democratic candidate for the nomination for governor, was guest speaker at a potluck dinner sponsored by the Umatilla County Democratic Central Committee.

The need for a rural renewal program and small industry financing were cited as important goals by Straub. "I am working with several others at the present time on a long-range plan that would be beneficial to Eastern Oregon," he said.



HH file photo

Michael Fisher, 6, carries a bag of cotton candy at a carnival in Hermiston in 1995.

2) The number of display booths and spaces at Hermiston's Expo-70 has grown to well over 80 with merchandise and services of every type and description planned for showing.

The event, the first of what is planned as an annual event of the Hermiston Hustlers, the sponsoring organization, will be held Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, in two buildings and surrounding grounds at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds.

75 YEARS AGO  
April 26, 1945

The Umatilla Ordnance Depot will be having troops again in the next few weeks, according to the informal information received by the Commanding Officer.

Civilian workers will still be in demand at the Depot and the active recruiting campaign for employees will continue.

The ammunition company, which is due to arrive soon, will be used for maintenance work and to help han-

dle the heavy work load which is expected when the war shifts from Europe to the Pacific.

2) Plans for the big annual U.O.D.-U.S.O Amateur Show were completed this week after two auditions were heard at the U.S.O. club. The yearly event will be held in the high school gym Saturday, April 28 at 8 p.m. There is no admission charge and a free dance, with the Music Makers playing, will follow the show.

100 YEARS AGO  
April 17, 1920

There being no snow on the ground, and the shoemaker knowing of no one wearing a No. 15 boot, those mysterious white tracks on the sidewalks Wednesday morning caused no end of speculation.

It never was ascertained whether they were made by a slew-foot man from the sunny south who had fallen into a lime barrel, or a rejuvenated dinosaur from the Arctic region — except that they all led to the store of Sappers' Inc., which firm was celebrating its first anniversary as hardware merchants of Hermiston by giving away 10% of its profits.

2) A social event of great interest and almost as a complete surprise was the quiet, unannounced wedding of Miss Alice Prann and Frank H. Stone at noon on Tuesday, April 13, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Prann. Immediately after the simple and unelaborate ceremony, performed by Rev. M.R. Gallaher, the newlyweds surreptitiously hid away to Stanfield, where they took train No. 7 to Portland to spend their honeymoon.

All our readers, we daresay, know pretty, vivacious, lovely Miss Prann, who has been employed as stenographer and bookkeeper at the Inland Empire Lumber Co. for some time past, and the groom is one of the young prosperous and progressive ranchers of the irrigation district.

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## Travel

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by school buses.

In response to questions about Umatilla residents' concerns, the governor's office sent a statement that residents in both Oregon and Washington need to comply with social distancing requirements and limit all nonessential travel, including crossing state borders for recreational reasons.

"(Brown) is urging everyone in Oregon to limit nonessential travel — especially to our rural communities that do not have the hospital capacity to treat an influx of patients from other parts of the state," the email said. "In line with her orders, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has closed recreational hunting and fishing to non-residents to discourage nonresident travel amid COVID-19 restrictions. Such travel could spread the virus and put more of a burden on Oregon's rural communities."

But coupled with concerns about recreational and nonessential travel spreading the virus between the

two states is the common and essential commutes some workers must make to their workplaces across the border.

In Walla Walla County, health officials have confirmed 37 cases as of Tuesday, eight of which have been linked to a multi-county outbreak at Tyson Fresh Foods in Wallula. The beef production plant has already reported that 90 employees have tested positive.

Fiumara said four people who tested positive in Umatilla County are connected to the outbreak. While that doesn't mean all four individuals are employees of the plant, it shows the threat of workers bringing COVID-19 back home with them on the other side of the border is real.

However, Milton-Freewater City Manager Linda Hall said citizens on the northeast end of the county have yet to voice concerns about transmission between the states.

"I have not heard any complaints or necessarily any concerns," she said in a voicemail. "Honestly, we're so close to Walla Walla that it's pretty common to have people going back and forth between those state lines."

Meanwhile, Fiumara and the Umatilla County Health Department have been fielding calls from businesses along the border that have been confused by the information flow between the two states.

While Oregon and Washington are mostly consistent in the businesses restrictions and basic information about the pandemic, one subtle difference does exist — Oregon considers someone recovered from COVID-19 and safe to return to work after spending 72 hours without symptoms, but Washington mandates at least 14 days of self-isolation before being allowed to return to work.

Businesses are under the jurisdiction of whichever state and county they are located in, but the discrepancy has led to employers and employees on either side of the border being unsure of when exactly someone is legally allowed to return to work.

Fiumara highlighted that the threat of COVID-19 spreading between counties on opposite ends of the state border will also pose challenges as governments begin to formulate their plans for reopening economies.

Earlier this week, The Oregonian reported a draft of Brown's plan will include the option for rural, Eastern Oregon counties to reopen before their more urban counterparts. But whether the restrictions being lifted coincides with counties in Southeast Washington doing the same may be just as important.

"If Umatilla County took the position that we're going to open the restaurants and bars, how many people are going to come down from Walla Walla or the Tri-Cities area?" Fiumara said. "We could quickly find ourselves in a tough situation."

Umatilla County Commissioner George Murdock said conversations about reopening businesses have begun between the board of commissioners and have been pushed to the forefront of statewide discussions among county leaders. He acknowledged the need to consider the risks of cross-county transmission in those discussions.

"I think any county like ours feels good about what people locally are doing," he said. "It's the things you can't control like people coming from the outside that are concerning."