

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston in 2007 to become a resident intern with the Hermiston Fire Department, now called Umatilla County Fire District #1. I had just gotten my EMT Basic certification from Blue Mountain Community College and was looking for a good place to get some experience while attending college.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

My top two places to eat out are Ixtapa and Veg Out. I could eat Mexican food every day. Veg Out has been a recent favorite with their unique flavors and fast service.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I feel like spare time is a rare thing these days. When I'm not working, I'm usually at home with my family, at youth group, or taking care of our fainting goats.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

Despite being much bigger than my hometown, it still has the same small town feel. Hermiston has so much to do, but you can still find someone you know just about anywhere you go.

What was the last book you read?

My Bible. I try to keep it as a part of my morning routine.

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

Besides email, I use Marco Polo and Zoom a lot more these days. It's been a better way of at least seeing peoples' faces with this whole quarantine.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

The coast! It's one of my favorite places to be.

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

Having fainting goats, everyone wants to see them actually faint. The easiest way to get goats to faint is to jump at them when they aren't expecting it. One of my fire chiefs came over with his family to see the goats and pick some out for their kids. Not thinking about the recent rain/snow that had made the ground slick and muddy, I hopped towards one trying to make it faint. Instead of getting the goat to faint, I landed flat on my back in front of my chief and his whole family. My husband happened to come home five minutes later and we got a good laugh out of it.

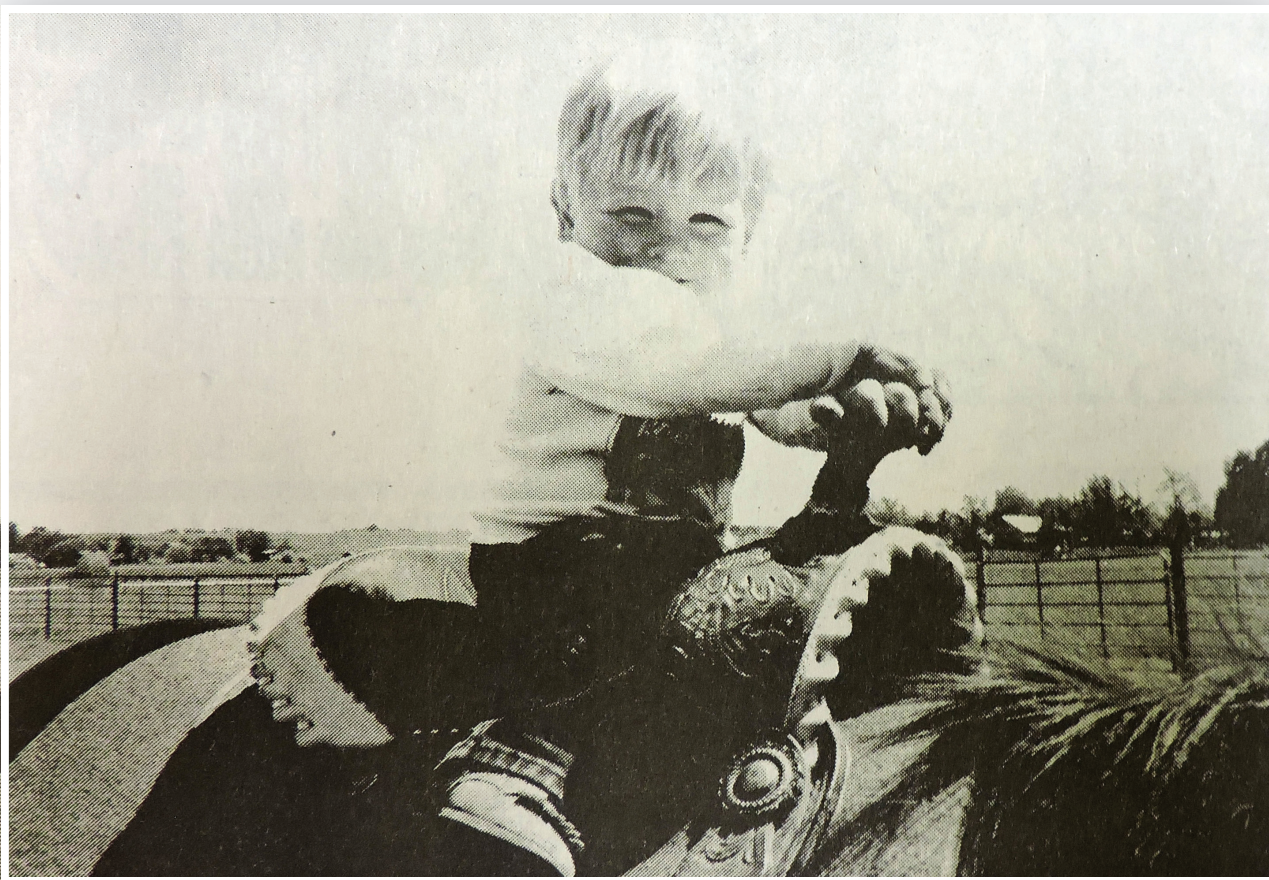
What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?

One of my goals for the next 12 months is to find sustainable funding for my job. I have had an amazing opportunity with the fire department to help build our Community Paramedic Program. It's a service provided by UCFD1 and Good Shepherd Medical Center that follows up with patients after 911 calls to help prevent readmissions. We have been up and running for 3 years now, but have been operating on grant funds and in-kind donations. It has been something most programs around the state has been challenged by, but we have been building more partnerships and are hopefully getting close to finding sustainable options!

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My family hands down. My husband and I will be celebrating our 10-year anniversary soon and have two beautiful girls. They make me laugh every day and are always willing to help others.

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo

Zane Davis, 1, rides a horse with his family outside Hermiston in 1995.

Explosion prompts three arrests

25 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1995

Those wanting to cross the Umatilla River at Punkin Center Road will still have to get wet in the process.

In response to substantial negative reaction to the idea of a bridge across the river connecting East Punkin Center Road with West Country Lane, a county traffic study will decline to list it among its final recommendations.

Several property owners on Country Lane and Prindle Loop Road between the river and Powerline Road made a coordinated attack against the bridge idea.

Sheri Wadekamper said a bridge and subsequent use of Country Lane as a main route to Interstate 82 would have dire consequences for farming in the area.

More than 500 pair of cattle a week cross the road to get from feeding ground to feeding ground, she said. A road would eliminate those crossings, and provisions to allow the cattle to cross would be prohibitively expensive.

2) Two explosions that flooded Hermiston 911 dispatch with calls Sunday afternoon have resulted in three arrests.

John Pimentel, 26; James Allen Hauner, 27; and Jason Boyd Broadfoot, 23, were each charged with unlawfully manufacturing explosives and reckless endangerment. Each were cited and released.

The three allegedly set off plastic garbage bags filled with a volatile oxygen-acetylene mixture near Southeast Fourth and Hurlburt.

50 YEARS AGO

May 14, 1970

An ordinance to regulate parking of trucks in the residential area of Hermiston was read at Monday night's city council meeting, but after nearly a half hour discussion, it was decided to hold it over for more debate at the next meeting.

City attorney Rustin Brewer had prepared an ordinance which would have prohibited the parking of not only trucks but other vehicles such as house and boat trailers in streets, alongside houses or in driveways, but councilors indicated it was too stringent.

"The big problem is long time parking of big trucks in residential areas," one councilman said.

It was pointed out that the city already has a traffic visibility ordinance which could apply in many cases, as well as a 72-hour parking



HH file photo

Michael Navarrete dances to the beat at Highland Hills Elementary School's Fun in the Sun dance activity in 1995.

maximum ordinance which Chief of Police Robert Shannon said is hard to enforce because if a car or truck owner merely moves the vehicle a few feet before the deadline, then he has another 72 hours to park.

Councilman Frank Harkenrider told the council that "we can't keep these big rigs out, they bring money here."

75 YEARS AGO

May 17, 1945

Mrs. Margaret Fraser this week received a telegram from the War department substantiating news received from fellow flyers last week that her son, Lt. Thomas G. Fraser, was a prisoner of war of the German government. Some time had elapsed since news was received that he was listed as "missing in action."

The telegram received this week read: "The Sec. of War desires me to inform you that based on information received through International Red Cross, your son, Second Lt. Thomas G. Fraser, was a prisoner of war of the German government. Germany has been defeated. It is assumed that he was now been returned to military control."

2) Alfred and Leander Quiring, co-publishers of *The Herald*, this

week disposed of their interests to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bartlett who will take possession June 1. The Bartletts have many years of experience in the newspaper field.

The sale was made due to the fact that Leander Quiring is leaving May 28 for the armed forces. Alfred Quiring will assist Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett in publishing *The Herald*.

100 YEARS AGO

May 15, 1920

It would seem that the trading of land for land in Umatilla County has always been equal and alright, but trading land in Umatilla County for land in Morrow County is a horse of a different color.

This idea is enlarged with the filing of a suit the other day in the circuit court wherein an option given by Olive Lee and Viola Savage to O.T. Lathrop on a trade of Umatilla County wheat land for wheat land in Morrow County is asked set aside, charging the defendant and his agents, E.C. Lloyd and R.C. Lashley, with deceitful, fraudulent and mendacious dealing. The plaintiffs allege that they gave the option on their land worth \$92,000 for land which they afterward discovered is worth but \$26,420.

BY THE WAY

City recruits people for flash surveys

The city of Hermiston is providing an easy way for residents to make their voices heard through **FlashVote**, a third-party service provider.

Residents who sign up through the city's website will receive one-minute surveys on a regular basis about issues of concern in the city, such as public safety or recreation offerings. Those who sign up to participate can choose whether they would like to receive the surveys through email, phone or text message.

Surveys are open for 48 hours once sent, and results will be received by city staff, elected officials and the public on an anonymous basis.

Assistant City Manager **Mark Morgan** said in a statement that the service is part of the city's efforts to be inclusive.

"A third-party service like FlashVote allows us to tap into the community in a new way and for residents to hear what others are saying as well," he said. "We hope it will open up the conversation to more voices while helping

find common ground on important issues."

To sign up, visit www.flashvote.com/hermiston.

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Not on the Hermiston Herald mailing route? No problem

If you have friends or family interested in getting the **Hermiston Herald**, but they are not on a mail route currently receiving a copy, they can pick them up for free at racks in Hermiston at **One Stop, Walmart, Shell Station, Chevron Gotta Stop, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Grocery Outlet, Rocket Mart, Heller & Sons, Short Stop, Hermiston Herald** offices, **Hermiston Post Office, 11th Street Market** or **Safeway**.

Non-Hermiston locations are **Main Street Market** in Stanfield, **Hometown Harvest Foods** in Boardman or in Umatilla at **Columbia Harvest Foods, Umatilla Post Office, Crossroads Truck Stop** and **McNary Market**.

An e-edition of the paper can also be found at www.hermistonherald.com.

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Paid subscriptions are also available for the **East Oregonian**. Our sister paper also publishes news about Hermiston and the surrounding region, including stories this week on the continuation of a lawsuit over Airport Road, plans for mass gatherings, such as the **Umatilla County Fair**, COVID-19's effects on mental health, plans for reopening Umatilla and Morrow counties, updates on **Blue Mountain Community College's** graduation plans and more.

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Taco Salad on Thursday

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** is offering meals each Tuesday and Thursday for pick-up or delivery. Call 541-567-3582 before 10 a.m. on those days to make arrangements.

The menu for May 14 is taco salad, chips, fruit and dessert. May 19 will be roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots and dessert.