

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I moved to Hermiston in 2010 because I wanted to come back to Umatilla County, and felt Hermiston was the most progressive city in the county.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Ixtapa

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Cook and spend time with my granddaughter.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
How much the community supports law enforcement. Not all cities are as supportive as Hermiston residents.

What was the last book you read?
"Lincoln on Leadership" by Donald T. Phillips.

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

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Tuscany

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
After a long day of fishing on the Columbia River in very rough water, I jumped off the boat onto the dock. My legs were so exhausted from being in a rocking boat all day that I could not control them. I ran right off the end of the dock and into the river.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
To find a store that has Lysol or Clorox wipes in stock

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Serving in the U.S. Marine Corps

We started the Three Minutes With feature in 2017 to highlight everyday people in the greater Hermiston area who wouldn't normally be in the newspaper. As everyone spends more time at home, our "man on the street" approach to finding people has gotten more difficult, so we're asking for your help. If you are willing to be interviewed for Three Minutes With, either by phone or by email, contact editor Jade McDowell at editor@hermistonherald.com or 541-564-4536.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Prisoner of war returns home

25 YEARS AGO
May 23, 1995

By next March, those spending the night in Hermiston will have one more hotel from which to choose.

Charles Richard, owner of the Posada Inn, announced Monday that Curt Baney Enterprises, a Bend-based hospitality firm, will build the 100-unit Oxford Inn on North Highway 395 where the Northwood Office Building now stands.

Richard and his wife Marcella will manage the hotel.

2) With 39 years in education — 17 of them in Umatilla — George Fenton is ready to retire.

The Umatilla superintendent decided last year that this would be his last.

"It's time," he said. "I've worked all my life. I've been working since I was six. There hasn't been a Monday morning since where I didn't get up and go to work someplace."

50 YEARS AGO
May 21, 1970

What Hermiston School District's policy will be regarding speakers in the schools will be decided in the near future, the school board decided Monday night.

A committee was appointed to study the problem and find out what some other schools are doing about the question that arose here when Dr. Arthur Pearl, Democratic candidate for governor, was first approved and then denied an opportunity to speak at the high school.

School superintendent A.O. Larive had asked the board to come up with a policy regarding persons who are running for political office. Should they be allowed to speak to students in class or in a general assembly?

Larive said, "We teach our students about free speech and free press and they then see a minor militant group of persons deny this constitutional freedom to a speaker whose views may differ from theirs."

When questioned by members of the school board as to how the change of mind had come about, Larive said that he had on Wednesday night received four phone calls objecting to Pearl's speech. One person, he said, claimed to represent 10 to 12 people. Principal Jack Jenkins told the board he had received two phone calls on Wednesday prior to the cancellation of the talk.

Larive said that "some who called actually threatened bodily harm."

75 YEARS AGO
May 24, 1945

Ranger Vern E. Daughtery, T/5, who spent a number of months in a German prison camp, arrived home Thursday morning from Portland. He called Wednesday and really surprised local people and his parents as well, who did not know he had left Europe.

Vern served in a motor transport outfit when he entered service in 1942 but found that work too easy and asked for a transfer to the rough and tough Rangers. He was taken prisoner early in the Italian campaign.

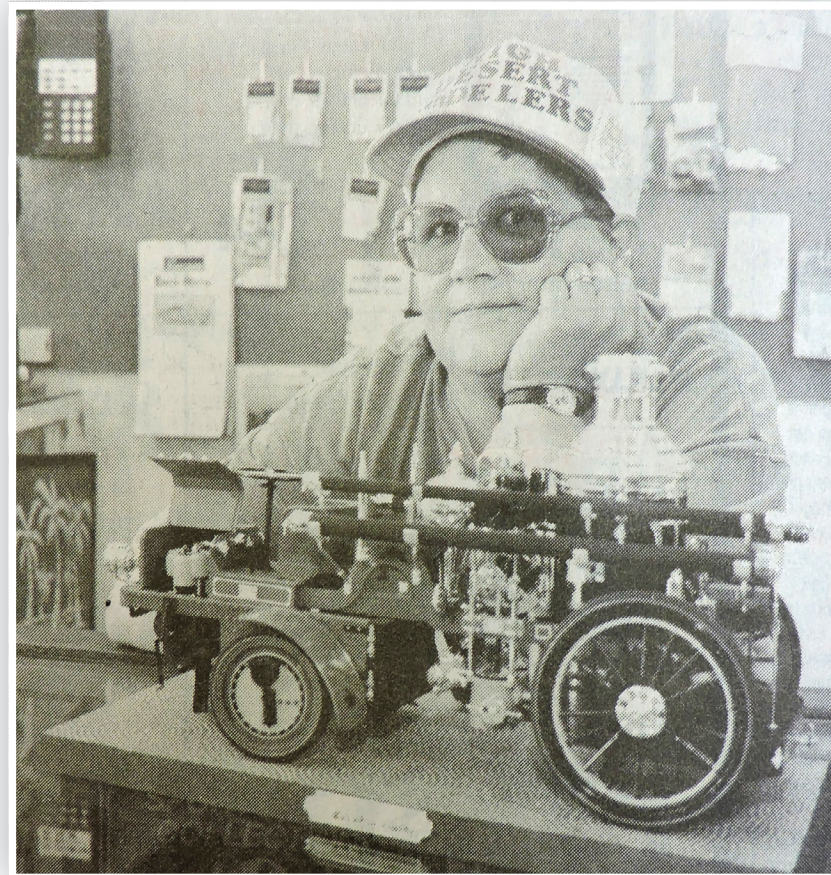
2) Col. Ralph Tudor of Portland, head of the U.S. Army engineers, was in Hermiston last Friday afternoon to hold a meeting with local interested people in regard to requirements of this section during construction of the proposed Umatilla Rapids dam.

Actual construction work is planned to start about six months after the war ends, which may come



HH file photo

An emergency technician works on a fake explosion victim during a drill at the Umatilla Chemical Depot in 1995.



HH file photo

Kristin Finley of the High Desert Modelers shows off her model 1911 fire truck in 1995.

in a year or 18 months, bringing the start of the dam about two years hence. Probably 3,600 men will be employed during the construction and that figure would bring about 10,000 people into this area throughout the 4-year construction period.

Increased housing facilities as well as business and industrial requirements were stressed in Col. Tudor's impromptu remarks, which would indicate a boom in Hermiston within the next five years.

100 YEARS AGO
May 22, 1920

We are informed through C. Brockman, district manager of the Standard Oil Company in Stanfield, that the company now has on hand

only four days' supply of gasoline under normal consumption. Mr. Brockman has been assured by his company officials that he will not be able to get another car of gasoline for two weeks at least. This means we will be out of gasoline in very few days, unless every means is used to conserve the present supply.

Pendleton and Walla Walla are entirely out of gasoline and Pendleton tried to get some from Mr. Brockman but he refused to let them have any. The local garages have been requested to see that no car drives away from their stations with more than five gallons.

We are asking your wholehearted cooperation to use every means to preserve our present supply.

BY THE WAY

Budget meeting will stream online

The **Hermiston Budget Committee** will review the city's 2020-21 proposed budget at 6 p.m. Thursday at the **Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center**.

The meeting will be accessible on the city's YouTube channel and through the Amazon Chime phone platform.

The budget committee is responsible for reviewing the proposed city budget and making recommendations to the city council, which will vote in June on whether to adopt the budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on July 1.

The proposed budget includes funding for city departments and projects. Once approved, it becomes the policy document to implement the goals and objectives of

the elected city council. State and local policy requires an annually balanced operating budget before funds can be spent.

The city council will review the proposed budget at its regular meeting on June 8, and public comment will be accepted at that time. To view the proposed budget, as well as previous budgets, visit www.hermiston.or.us/finance/budget.

Election results will be available online

The **Hermiston Herald** prints at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, but results for Oregon's primary election this week were not released until after the election's 8 p.m. ballot. Although it was too late to include them in this week's edition of the Herm-

iston Herald, you can find results online this week at www.hermistonherald.com, at www.eastoregonian.com or in Thursday's **East Oregonian**.

Virtual memorial For fallen officers

Last week was National Police Week. In light of COVID-19, **Umatilla County** canceled its in-person memorial service held each year, but **Hermiston Police Department** encouraged people interested in paying respects to officers killed in the line of duty to visit the virtual memorial held by the **National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund**.

Thursday's menu: chicken salad

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** continues to be closed to the public during the COVID-19 outbreak, but the senior center is still providing meals by delivery or takeout to senior citizens every Tuesday and Thursday.

The menu for Thursday, May 21 is chicken salad, pasta salad, fruit and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, May 26 is beef pot pie, green salad, fruit and dessert.

For a **Meals on Wheels** delivery, call 541-567-3582 before 10 a.m. to place an order. To pick up a meal from the center at 255 Northeast Second St., call the same number before 11 a.m. Meals are \$4 and can be picked up between noon and 12:50 p.m.