

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston only a few days ago. I was awarded the Snowden Excellence in Journalism, which pairs me with an Oregon newspaper in order to learn and grow as a journalist. It's how I ended up working as an intern reporter at the Hermiston Herald and East Oregonian.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

I have not had a chance to go out and eat in Hermiston yet due to COVID-19, but my back patio is as good a place as any to eat a breakfast burrito and drink coffee.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I'm an avid reader, especially nonfiction works and comic books. I also enjoy traveling and exploring new places and possibilities.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

Its beauty. It is the sort of place where you can look out onto the fields and feel endless.

What was the last book you read?

"Oceanic" by Aimee Nezhukumatathil

What website or app do you use the most?

Instagram and the Apple News app

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

It changes from time to time, depending on the current environment. Some days I long for Portugal or Greece. Today though, I'm missing my hometown in Alexandria, Egypt.

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

The only thing that comes to mind is my most embarrassing moment. I was on a date, and after using the restroom, I had a long piece of toilet paper stuck to my boot. I walked back to the table, and my date kept pointing at my shoe. It was a classic awkward girl moment. We laughed it off, though. I wish I could say that was the only time I walked out of a public bathroom with toilet paper stuck to my shoe.

What is one of your goals in the next 12 years?

I want to become a foreign correspondent someday, reporting for a national newspaper. I also want to publish the book I've been working on for the past two years.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Where I am now. Getting to work in a newsroom and learning about an unfamiliar city.

HERMISTON HISTORY



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Oregon State Police explosives technician Steve Sigurdson checks out a suspicious package near Highway 395 and Jennie Avenue in 1995. It turned out to be harmless.

Local students decry protests by 'radicals'

25 YEARS AGO

June 6, 1995

Vandalism has taken Hermiston's parade float out of commission for at least this summer, said Jeff Pardue, who has cared for the float for the past five years.

"It was like a bomb hit it," Pardue said. "You will definitely not have anything in this year's parade."

At least two juveniles repeatedly broke into a city shop building on Newport Avenue between Thursday and Saturday, using a camp site in a nearby wooded area as a base of operations, Pardue said. He said the vandals absconded with at least \$1,000 in property and caused several thousand dollars of damage.

The other half of the metal building is used by the Hermiston Neighborhood Center to store food. Though not yet examined, police said there had been evidence people had been inside. Hermiston police cited two 11-year-old girls for the break-in. More arrests are expected.

The float has been a popular item with vandals. Two years ago, the trailer that houses the float when it travels sustained several bullet holes.

50 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1970

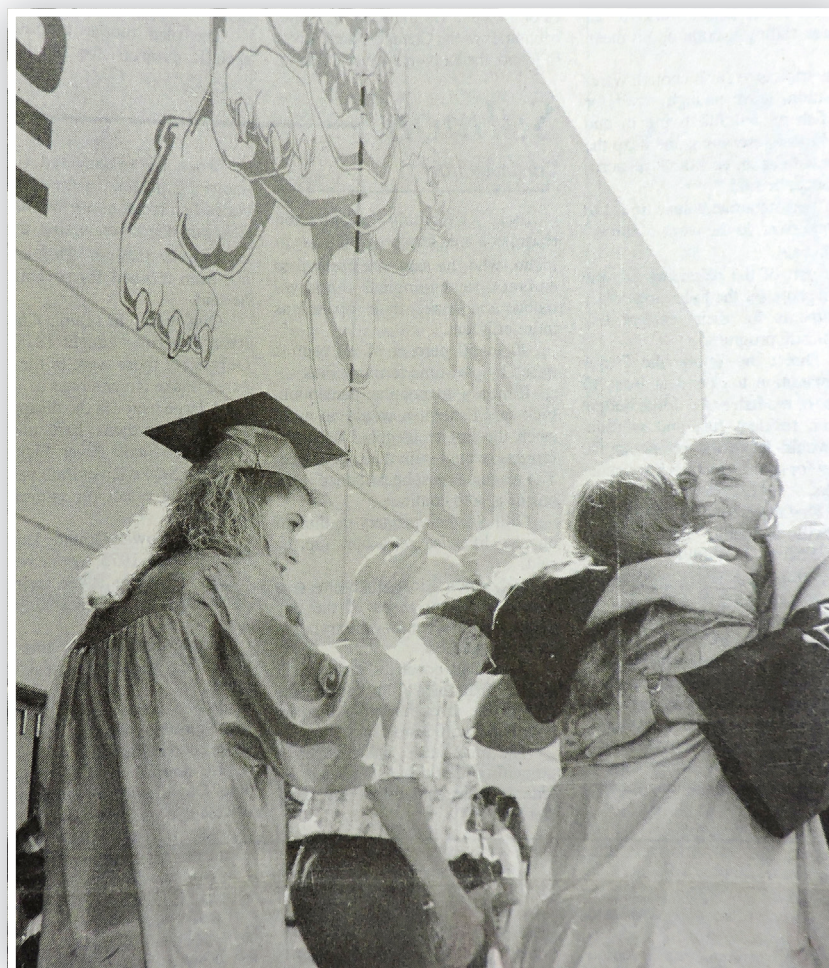
Formal dedication and open house of the new Wanahla Marina, developed by the Port of Umatilla, is scheduled for June 6-7, according to Walt Peters, port manager.

In an announcement this week, Peters said, "The Port of Umatilla takes great pride in presenting to the citizens of Umatilla County, the Wanahla Marina and Park."

2) Two members of the Associated Students of University of Oregon Senate, Thursday told Rotarians and many guests that U of O is not filthy and dirty, and that the actions of a small minority group there "hurts us all."

Mike Sweeney, Heppner, and Kevin McDonald of Portland, both political science majors at the university, said that all of the demonstrations and unrest at the school is being done by only about 200 to 500 persons out of a student body of 15,000.

"You never hear of the good things that are going on," said Sweeney in telling of the various campus campaigns that are worthwhile. He cited Christmas parties given by living groups for the Pearl Buck School for the Blind, a very effective March of Dimes campaign and others. "These things never get



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Students and teachers hug after graduation at Hermiston High School in 1995.

any publicity."

In speaking of the 13th Street blockade recently set up by a small group of radicals, Sweeney said many of the rest of the students felt the same as the radicals that the street should be closed because of the serious traffic hazard. "but we got it closed by going to the Eugene city council and using political methods."

"In doing it, we eliminated the radicals' whole program."

75 YEARS AGO

June 7, 1945

Now that the building which has been used as a hospital in Hermiston for the past 20 years is reported sold, the question of what to do about the situation has become a "hot one" on Main Street this week. Miss Ina Moore, present operator of the institution, appeared before the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening and really stirred things up by putting the facts before the group.

Point blank, Miss Moore remarked that she was doing the very best she could to operate the hospital in the limited space provided at present and that if ordered to vacate the building she could do so. What to do with the patients?

Well, let's look at that angle. There isn't a suitable building available in the west end of the county, and as Miss Moore stated, "This is a community proposition."

About \$3,000 was voluntarily subscribed by those present at the meeting toward building and equipping a modern hospital structure in this part of Umatilla County, presumably in Hermiston. No locations has been selected as yet.

100 YEARS AGO

June 5, 1920

Reports have been received by the poultry department of the college that the state is being systematically worked by agents who are selling remedies, sprays and disinfectants. In some cases it is reported that the agents represented themselves as agents of the college, and their plan of operation seems to be to visit the farmers or poultrymen as poultry experts and offer their services.

The methods recommended, as reported to the college, for the destruction of pests are practically worthless, and the prices charged for the disinfectant or sprays are exorbitant.

BY THE WAY

City offers advice for tree clean-up

After a wind storm knocked down trees all over Hermiston, the city has issued advice for dealing with the problem.

City residents can pick up free permits to take yard debris to **Sanitary Disposal** by visiting the temporary city hall at 215 E Gladys Avenue.

According to the city, if a tree on one person's property falls onto their neighbor's property, "trees are generally a civil matter between property owners."

"If a neighboring tree's branches hang over into your yard," the city wrote on Facebook, "you may trim the branches back to the property line. If a branch falls onto your property it is your responsibility to remove the branch. If a tree or branch falls and causes damage to your property, you may want to call your insurance agent to determine if it's necessary to file a claim."

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Photography exhibit goes online

The 47th annual Open Regional Exhibit, this year featuring photography entries in an online slideshow format, opens June 4 at 5:30 p.m. on the **Pendleton Center for the Arts** website. Prize money provided by **Banner Bank** totaling \$1,000 will be awarded to the winners in two age groups. A separate award of \$200, the Jaqueline Brown People's Choice Award, is sponsored by **the Brown/Picken family**.

Due to restrictions for the COVID-19 outbreak, the exhibit is available online only for the first time. The arts center is encouraging their regular patrons and those who might not have attended an opening before to make the night special at home, preparing their own hors d'oeuvres and beverages since they will be missing the treats typically provided at an in-person event.

The exhibit will be available on the center's website for at least six months, extending the time that

viewers typically get to have access to the work. More information is available by emailing director@pendletonarts.org.

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Tamale pie on Thursday

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, June 4 is tamale pie, green salad and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, June 9 is spaghetti, garlic bread, salad 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.