

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**  
*In 2003 for a job.*

**Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**  
*Lawans Thai*

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
*Hike, bike and run!*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**  
*How kind people are!*

**What was the last book you read?**  
*"It takes what it takes," by Trevor Moaward.*

**What website or app do you use the most?**  
*Facebook*

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**  
*Belize*

**What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?**  
*In 2015, my car was stolen. Dispatch called me at 2 a.m., five days later, to tell me my car had been found, and I needed to come pick it up. It was on FIRE in front of the sheriff's office. I asked, how am I going to come pick up my car if it's on FIRE?*

**What is one of your goals in the next 12 years?**  
*To coach the winning National FFA Food Science competition*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**  
*To be successful on my own*

## Free crisis counseling available to flood survivors

HERMISTON HERALD

Residents of Umatilla County and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation affected by the flooding of Feb. 5-9 are eligible to receive crisis counseling.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency stated in a news release that the services are free and confidential and can take place in peoples' homes, workplaces, churches or other locations.

Crisis counseling as well as other services for survivors of the February floods are offered by Umatilla County Human Services and the Confederated Tribes

of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Services can include learning about common reactions to natural disasters and coping skills for handling those reactions.

To request an appointment, call 541-969-4857.

Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center is also providing disaster relief and crisis counseling navigation for those impacted the the flooding specifically on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Sierra Quaepts and JShon Thompson can provide supportive listening and help people connect to resources.

They can be reached at 541-240-8670.

## HERMISTON HISTORY

## Fireworks start blaze that burns 100 acres

25 YEARS AGO

July 4, 1995

Aided by high winds, a brush fire Sunday spread to within feet of homes in the Alora Heights subdivision before they were brought under control by Hermiston, Umatilla and Stanfield fire crews.

The fire charred about 100 acres of land between Highway 395 and the subdivision on Theater Lane.

Fire officials said children playing with fireworks at a home near Long John's Trading Post on Highway 395 started the blaze.

2) Morrow County officials want a 150-bed regional jail along its share of the Interstate 84 freeway.

Morrow County is part of a five-county coalition attempting to grab a piece of the \$59 million state-funded pie dedicated to county jails to build the Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility.

Representatives to the coalition met last week in Boardman to discuss possible sites and plan strategy for securing funding.

50 YEARS AGO

July 2, 1970

Union barbers of local 754, covering this area, have voted to increase the cost of haircuts to all but senior citizens, 65 years and older.

Adult haircuts will increase to \$2.50 and for children 4 and under \$2.25, except on Saturday when all haircuts will be \$2.50. The new prices was in effect starting Tuesday, June 30.

The barbers voted to keep haircut prices for retired or senior citizens at \$2.25 because most are living on a fixed income, while working men receive periodic raises in pay.

Beginning July 1, Portland barbers will charge \$2.75 for haircuts.

75 YEARS AGO

July 5, 1945

Surplus army trucks will be available to assist in easing Umatilla County's critical farm transportation problem, Jens Terjeson, chairman of the county AAA committee, announced yesterday.

As a "critical" area, Umatilla County will receive a share of the 102 trucks just released by the army at Camp White, Medford, and allocated to agriculture under a new plan to give farmers first chance at surplus military equipment. Five other Oregon wheat producing counties are included in the area.

Over half of the 102 trucks in the first group allocated are 1941 and 1942 model convention-type 1.5 ton trucks with flat beds and stake racks.

2) Fire destroyed the M.R. Pomeroy home seven miles east of Hermiston in the Columbia district last Friday morning about 8 o'clock with total loss of the residence and contents. The flames spread so fast through the building that it was almost consumed before the alarm for the Hermiston volunteer fire department was sounded.

Mr. Pomeroy was away from home at the time and Mrs. Pomeroy, daughter and son were in the barn milking. Definite cause of the fire has not been determined but it started in upper part of the building and a defective flue is blamed.

100 YEARS AGO

July 2, 1920

After it had been reported that President Woodrow Wilson failed to sign the water power bill recently passed by Congress, after 10 years



HH file photo

Marine deputies search for the body of a 30-year-old man who drowned after he and a friend decided to jump off of the Interstate 82 bridge across the Columbia River to beat the heat in July 1995.



HH file photo

Leanne Gatlin-Ruby, left, Kristi Smalley and Julie Logosz learn new tricks with the computers at Hermiston High School in July 1995.



HH file photo

Officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers visit McNary Dam in July 1995.

delay over the matter, it now comes as a welcome surprise to the west to read that the president signed the measure before June 11 but for some unknown reason the public was not advised.

This action will open the way for great development in the west. It will open the way for electrification of railroads, irrigation projects, pulp and paper mills, etc. This bill will unlock great natural resources which for years have been withheld from public use through lack of workable legislation. The west has won one victor in its fight for industrial

development.

2) The Shotwell Contracting company received a contract to gravel five miles of the Columbia highway last week. The section of the road that the Shotwell company will gravel is that portion just east of Echo. Mr. Shotwell said he expects to complete the work by the first of August.

The road is in very bad condition between Echo and Pendleton and it is gratifying to see that a local firm gets the contract to gravel this part of the road that needs repairing the most.

## BY THE WAY

## Newspaper offices again closed to the public

HERMISTON HERALD

For the safety of employees and customers, the **East Oregonian** and **Hermiston Herald** front offices will be closed to public access until further notice, at the direction of publisher **Andrew Cutler**.

All departments can be contacted by phone and email and all visitors must be prearranged by appointment only. In compliance with **Gov. Kate Brown's** executive orders, visitors are asked to wear a mask or face shield.

Customers can call our customer service representatives at 800-522-0255 for assistance.

"We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause but the health of our employees and customers is very important to us," Cutler said.

The **East Oregonian** will also not print a July 4 edition of the paper, as the U.S. Postal Service will not be open to deliver it. Most staff will not be working on July 3 in

observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

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### Senior center will open for meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning July 7

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** will reopen its doors again for meals starting July 7. Social distancing guidelines will be followed, and masks will be encouraged.

Meals will only be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon for now.

The menu for Thursday, July 2, is burgers, hot dogs, chips, potato salad, fruit and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, July 7, is meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and dessert.

For a **Meals on Wheels** delivery, call 541-567-3582 before 10 a.m. to place an order.

For take-out, call the same number before 11 a.m.

Meals are \$4 and can be picked up between noon and 12:30 p.m.

According to a news release from the senior center, on June 25 the center served 95 meals while doing take-out and delivery only.

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### Grants available for health and wellness projects

**Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation** has opened its grant application period for its fall grants for projects that would increase the health and wellness of the community in the greater Hermiston area.

The deadline to submit a fall grant application is July 31.

For a grant application visit [gshealth.org/foundation/awards](http://gshealth.org/foundation/awards) or you may call the foundation's office at 541-667-3419.