

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Architectural caster

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

As long as I could remember, I moved back and forth from Hamilton, Texas, and Hermiston, Oregon.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

I'd have to say the hospital's cafeteria. My brother worked there and changed a lot. Now, his protege took over and the food is awesome and they have specials all the time.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Competitive gaming. Trying new foods. Hiking and swimming.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

Seeing the growth and change from years ago to now. The youth standing, getting involved and making changes.

What was the last book you read?

"Kitchen Confidential" by Anthony Bourdain

What website or app do you use the most?

Reddit and Duolingo

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I'd have to pick Japan. The rich deep culture and history astound me. In short, for the food, fashion and culture.

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

Went to a kid's baptism and they had a feast after. I was with my brother and a girl I liked. I ate 20 tacos, and I couldn't hear or see anymore. I guess it was impressive because she's with me six years later.

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

Have a start-up company with a friend or franchise.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Getting something I drew put into a magazine.

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo

Hermiston High School cheerleaders do the "Hand Jive" at the Umatilla County Fair in 1995.

Gangs try to take out defectors

25 YEARS AGO

Aug. 8, 1995

Twice in four days, five would-be defectors from the Southside Treces gang have dodged gunfire from members of the same gang.

A 15-year-old Boardman boy is in custody at the Umatilla County Juvenile Detention Center for allegedly opening fire on the five at Victory Square Park last Wednesday evening.

The boy is facing five counts each of unlawful use of a weapon, reckless endangering, and menacing, and one county of unlawful possession of a weapon, in this case a .22 caliber revolver.

"We anticipate there may be some more heavy-duty charges filed against this individual before it's over," said Umatilla County District Attorney Chris Brauer.

Hermiston Police gang enforcement officer C.E. Huffman called the boy a "major player" in the area gang scene.

"He won't be for long," Huffman said.

The boy, Huffman said, was accompanied by four others who were members of the Angelitos, a gang allied with the Southside Treces. None of the four face charges, he said.

Two adults were arrested for shooting at the same five late Saturday night at 250 E Beech St.

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 6, 1970

A gala grand opening celebrating the newly remodeled Mead's Umatilla Thriftway is scheduled for this weekend, announced Leonard Close, manager.

Mead's Foods, Inc., purchased the Umatilla store two weeks ago from Associated Grocers of Seattle. The store has been completely remodeled and new equipment added. In addition, an expanded parking lot is finished in front of the store.

2) With the approval by the State Highway Commission of permits to transport 14-foot wide mobile homes on Oregon's highways, Marlette Homes, Inc., announced it would begin production of the wider model at its Hermiston plant.

Mel Keifer, plant manager, said there is no set date for starting production on the 14-foot models, but that it would be in the near future.

He said the local manufacturing plant is already set up for the change.



HH file photo

Carnie Vicki Fisher shows off a ride at the Umatilla County Fair in 1995.

75 YEARS AGO

Aug. 9, 1945

The scientific world was amazed and the general public astounded this week when President Truman revealed the success of the atomic bomb which had just been used against Japan.

This immediate territory was somewhat alarmed, and rightfully so, due to the nearness of the location to the Richland plant, one of three atomic bomb plants in the United States.

Smashing of atoms has been successfully mastered by army engineers to permit use of the bomb against enemy targets, and the outcome of the advancement cannot immediately be determined.

Some scientists have stated it is the outstanding achievement of the age.

None of the workers in the plants knew what the product was to be, so closely was the secret guarded by army engineers.

Not until Monday when the announcement was made by President Truman was any person at Richland sure what the product from the plant would be when completed. The other two plants working on atomic bombs are at Oak Ridge, Tenn. and Santa Fe., N.M.

100 YEARS AGO

Aug. 6, 1920

The Heppner Commercial Club evidently fell back on the old axiom that discretion is the better part of valor when their representative failed to "keep his date" with the man named by the Hermiston Commercial Club and two other representatives to go over the two routes under discussion between the John Day River and Pendleton.

The original proposition made by Heppner was to the effect that the commercial clubs of the two towns should jointly bear the expenses of the reconnaissance, but Hermiston was so sure that the decision would be for the Highway route that the suggestion was made by our club that the loser pay for the expenses and the winner get the publicity.

This was offered by the local club as an amendment to the original plan and accepted by the Morrow County men, however, judging by the fact that any Heppner man failed to put in an appearance on Aug. 2, the date named for the trip over the two roads, and the Commercial Club of that city neglected to ask for a postponement, the Hermiston Commercial Club felt that the Commercial Club of Heppner yields them the palm in the matter of the roads.

Bank of Eastern Oregon to collect school supplies

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Bank of Eastern Oregon is collecting school supplies for local elementary students at its 15 Oregon branches. These supplies will be distributed to local schools.

"Students need supplies, whether they are at school or studying from home. We welcome you to join with your local branch and celebrate the spirit of your hometown: Bring your school supply donations to

any branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon," said Becky Kindle, chief banking officer, in a press release.

Each branch will feature a drawing for several backpacks filled with supplies for a local student. Community members with a grade school student are encouraged to stop in and fill out a ticket. If your branch lobby is temporarily closed, you will be able to access the drawing through the drive-thru window.

BY THE WAY

Umatilla County Fair changes plans; limits in-person events

Next week is fair week for the **Umatilla County Fair**, but it will look much different than in years past.

The county had previously canceled rides, concerts, parades, booths and other in-person activities during fair week, other than allowing 4-H and FFA students to come to the fairgrounds in person to show their animal to a judge.

Under the new plan, according to a news release, youths will drop off their animals at the fairgrounds, where they will be weighed in, judged for conformation and sent to a feed lot to await the **Youth Livestock Auction** at the end of the week.

4-H will provide their students with a link to upload showmanship videos they made at home for judging. FFA students can submit a showmanship video through a link that will be set up by the fair, but the videos will not be scored by fair judges and will be "purely an opportunity for kids to obtain tips and feedback from a judge after the event."

During the auction, potential bidders can request to

attend the open-air, socially distanced auction in person on the fairgrounds, allow the sale committee to act as their proxy, or place bids online while watching a livestream of the event.

Static exhibits, such as produce and crafts, can still be dropped off at the fairgrounds for judging the week before fair week, as previously planned.

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Now you can listen to newspaper stories

The **Hermiston Herald** has expanded its availability to more community members online through a new audio tool powered by **Trinity Audio**.

Articles at www.hermistonherald.com now feature a "Play" button at the top that will read the article out loud to people with visual impairments or other reasons they prefer to listen to the information rather than read it.

The small globe icon under the words "Listen to this

article now" allows readers to change the language of the audio reader to one of six different languages, including Spanish.

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Senior center meals include beef, fish

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** continues to provide takeout and delivery meals to senior citizens in the community.

The menu for Thursday, Aug. 6, is roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, veggies, salad and dessert.

Tuesday, Aug. 11, is baked fish, veggies, coleslaw 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 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.