

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Student

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I grew up in Hermiston my entire life; went off to college and moved away in 2012 and only recently moved back to be around my family.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Fortune Garden is a family favorite; I tend to get the Egg Flower Soup whenever I can, no one else's comes close!

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Watch Gordon Ramsay yell at incompetent cook/wait staff (he has like 7 shows on Hulu alone!) or playing Diablo with my boyfriend and our kitties on his days off.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
Nothing anymore really ... It's DEFINITELY changed from when I was growing up, for better or worse.

What was the last book you read?
"The Five Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts," by Gary Chapman.

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
I'd say a tie between WhatsApp to stay in contact with siblings, share videos or memes and Reddit for pretty much everything else.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Well there's so many places I'd love to visit in Europe, like Greece or Iceland, but I've mostly dreamed of visiting the United Kingdom like Glasgow or London.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
Hmm, not super funny, just a funny instance, but when I was in my blonde phase as a bartender in Salem, I got told I looked like Marilyn Monroe, which I thought was sweet. I think because one of my face birthmarks just looked similar to her mole next to her nose. Usually I'd hear it from the older crowd, or because of my first name I'll get Archie Bunker references; it's interesting what pop culture reference someone will bring up to me.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
Remain educated, even after finishing my schooling, ideally at this year's end.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
It's a hard question to answer, but I guess I'd say exploring and going zip lining near Monte Verde, Costa Rica. I don't remember how high the last line was but we hiked for, I'd say, several hours throughout the day so, on the last one I felt like I was flying through the clouds and treetops. I still get an adrenaline jump when I think about that feeling!

Editor's note: Edith Aguilar recently started as a volunteer for the Hermiston Herald, putting together the Hermiston History feature each week.

HERMISTON HISTORY



Native Americans participate in Fort Henrietta Days in Echo in 1995.

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Old Armand Larive building remodeled

25 YEARS AGO
Sept. 5, 1995

As students stream daily into the new Sandstone Middle School, workers toil away at the aging Armand Larive Junior High School. Construction crews have gutted the administration area to make way for the new look to what might be called Armand Larive Middle School when doors open next fall.

When the panel holding the words "Armand Larive Junior High" was removed from the face of the building recently, the structure beneath betrayed the school's past life as Union High School. Oddly enough, Union High School was built to replace Hermiston's first school, Sandstone.

The name of the newly remodeled middle school could still be up for grabs, though. At last month's Hermiston School Board meeting, the board instructed superintendent Jer Pratton to form a committee to examine the possibility of changing the name. Board members said the rationale for such a change would be that since the sign and stationary would have to be changed to accommodate "middle school," this would be a good time to consider a major name change.

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 3, 1970

Hermiston schools have a total enrollment of 2,408 after the first of three counts on successive weeks, according to Superintendent Armand O. Larive. This is slightly under last year's record preliminary count of 2,435.

Larive attributed the drop to the Aug. 31 opening date, two days earlier than the opening date for 1969-70. Some families with children still were on vacation Monday, he said.

2) The first ringing of school bells this week, will officially end summer for youth all over the nation, as they return to school for the next nine months.

In years past, Umatilla county youngsters were called by those bells from fields, forests, and granaries, but now the youth no longer return from just a rural environment. Today, more and more youths are coming back to school from sophisticated jobs in industry and wanting to know a more techni-



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A painter works on the former Union High School while it was being remodeled into Armand Larive Middle School (since torn down and rebuilt across town) in 1995.

cal kind of knowledge than the 3R's can supply.

Then, it was just a case of "finishin' school so as to get out into th' world an' make a livin'," but that day is gone. When the school bells sounded last Monday in Hermiston, they carried the message of an expanding technical knowledge, one that has doubled in the past ten years and promises to double again in the next 10.

75 YEARS AGO
Sept. 6, 1945

At a time when all America is rejoicing over final Victory, it isn't easy to sound a somber note. But the effects will take place gradually — step by step. So it is with the railroads ... with Union Pacific.

Millions of men and women in service have yet to be returned to their homes.

And unfortunately, there will be others whose destination will be a hospital or rehabilitation center. Because Union Pacific is a trans-continental railroad, uniting the East with the West Coast, a large share of this job with fall on our shoulders. You want these men and women to be returned home with

utmost speed — and so do we — but at best it will take months and the use of a large part of our passengers equipment.

For this reason we ask the civilian public not to expect an immediate betterment in the transportation situation. For the railroads, as for industry generally, there must be a period of reconversion.

So we say — please be patient. Normal peacetime operation will be resumed as quickly as possible and, as in the past, excellent facilities and service.

100 YEARS AGO
Sept. 3, 1920

August F. Beisse and family returned from an automobile trip to Portland. They left here Friday morning and went to Portland and to Newport, Oregon, also about 100 miles up into Washington. Mr. Beisse reports that 600 miles were covered on the trip, all the roads were very good with the exception of a short stretch near Wasco, and that he had no tire trouble at all until near Arlington on the return trip. At that point someone had inadvertently left a carpet tack lying in the middle of the country road.

BY THE WAY

Land trust launches Blue Mountains documentary

The **Blue Mountain Land Trust** is launching the online premiere of **Blue Mountain Television's** "Secret Life of the Forest: The Northern Blue Mountains" on Sept. 21.

The 13-part documentary series explores the natural history of the northern Blue Mountains of Southeastern Washington and Northeastern Oregon.

According to a news release, "**Mike Denny's** incredible knowledge of the Blue Mountains and **Daniel Biggs'** photography has created an awe-inspiring account of life in the northern Blue Mountains."

For episode descriptions and other information, visit Blue Mountain Land Trust website at bmlt.org/slf. The series will be free to the public from Sept. 21 to Dec. 31.

Missing pieces from East Oregonian may be found online

If you receive the *Hermiston Herald's* sister paper

the *East Oregonian* — which covers additional Hermiston news as well as sports, crime, county, regional and state news — you may have noticed that the comics and some other features were missing from Tuesday's paper.

The Sept. 8 *EO* was printed in Walla Walla, Washington, after the *EO's* Pendleton offices, which contain the printing press for all of **EO Media Group's** newspapers on the east side of Oregon, had no electricity on the evening of Monday, Sept. 7.

Some elements did not transfer over, but can be found in the e-edition at www.eastoregonian.com.

New series will highlight local service clubs

The **Hermiston Herald** is starting a new series spotlighting local service organizations, such as the **Rotary Club**. Look for articles about the groups and how they are

adjusting to the pandemic, written by former community editor **Tammy Malgesini**, to begin appearing in the *Herald* starting Sept. 16.

Senior lunches include stir fry, casserole

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

The menu for Thursday, Aug. 10, is pork stir fry, rice, fruit and dessert.

Tuesday, Aug. 15, will be tater tot casserole, peas and carrots, 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 N.E. 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.