

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Umatilla?
I moved to Umatilla when I was 15; I'm 38 now. I moved here with my family and eventually moved away to Spokane and Texas, but ultimately found my way back to this incredible little town and have been back here since 2003. I love living in the little family oriented town raising my four beautiful children.

What is your favorite place to eat in Umatilla?
My favorite place to eat in Umatilla is a toss-up between Lite em up BBQ, (ohhh their tacos, mmmmm) or Fruteria Piqui. Their bionicos are delicious! For coffee, hands down Java Junkies!

What do you like to do in your spare time?
In my spare time I like to enjoy the outdoors with my family, listen to music, cook/bake and random crafts/repurposing things around the house.

What surprises you about Umatilla?
The amount of love/family/togetherness in the community.

What was the last book you read?
Honestly, the last book I literally read was a Bible comic book to my kids, but personally I read a lot of books about the Holocaust. They are so fascinating. I prefer to spend my time reading books where I'm learning about history or a true story versus make believe, although a good made-up story lets your mind wander, which is good to let it all go sometimes.

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
I use my music app on my phone all the time. Music is a huge story in my life. There are days that I put encouraging positive music on and it just brightens my day and mood. I also use Duolingo, YouTube and Amazon quite a bit.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
This is a tough one. I've always wanted to go somewhere with warm water that you could wake up and jump right into the beautiful clear water, like Bora Bora but would love to see the beauty of the Swiss alps and architecture of Greece.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
Wow ... just one???? Life is the funniest thing to happen to me. Way too many to just pinpoint one thing!

What is your proudest accomplishment?
My proudest accomplishment would have to be my children and seeing how they are growing into such incredible people. I see little things in them everyday that reminds me that I'm not doing such a bad job of teaching them about life after all.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
I have so many goals for the next year. First, I just want to get through this homeschool school year with a full head of hair; then I have many home projects and renovations to finish. For now, it's day to day. If I get through each day with the love of my family, house in one piece and a smile, then that is accomplishing a huge goal.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Incumbents get the boot in 1970 election



The Blackburn family, clockwise from left: mother Stephanie, Mandy, Chad, Troy, Brita, Tyson, Gary, Jay, Cory (not pictured: father Alan and daughter Tara) in 1995.

25 YEARS AGO
Oct. 31, 1995

In today's world of the disintegrating families, two families have found another approach to staying together and staying happy. Running. The Lloyd sisters, Kate and Luisa, run for Hermiston's cross country team while Gary, Mandy and Cory Blackburn run cross country for Stanfield. All five have had outstanding seasons as the cross country season winds down. And all five are relatively new to the sport; none have more than two years varsity experience. Kate and Luisa are sisters joined at the hip, and enjoy spending as much time as they can together. Kate is a junior while Luisa is a senior. Gary, Mandy and Corey are the middle trio in a family that will set many records at Stanfield. Two older Blackburns, Tara and Jay, also ran cross country and the current success is encouraging four more younger Blackburns to run for Stanfield when they are old enough.

50 YEARS AGO
Nov. 5, 1970

All incumbents with opposition were defeated in Hermiston's municipal election Tuesday. The city will have a new mayor, Lawrence P. Gray, and four new councilmen, the Rev. Dr. Perry M. Johnson, Lyle Crane, Albert J. Frost and William E. Neuffer. Johnson was unopposed for the seat being vacated by Jack E. Hoggins and Judge Marvin L. Dick had no opposition for re-election. All other winners defeated incumbents. Mayor Walter M. Pearson, who ran hard on his five-term record, stressing the reforms initiated during his time in office, failed to carry even one of the five precincts in the city in his loss to Councilman Gray. The vote total was 754 for Gray, 672 for Pearson. 2) Knox's will begin a nine-day celebration of the grand opening of their new variety store today. It's the latest in a series of grand opening celebrated by the Knox family since 1900, when the original founder, E. L. Knox, first established the E. L. Knox General Mercantile store in Antone and Mitchell.

75 YEARS AGO
Nov. 1, 1945

Hermiston's young folks were having a grand Halloween Wednes-



Alessandrin Murillo, right, talks to a customer in her newly opened store, Mari Mar, in Hermiston in 1995.



Election volunteers Kay Fackler, left, and Nancy Spike work on election night in 1970, when Hermiston passed a bond for a new fire station.

day evening soaping windows, tricking or treating, wearing weird costumes and playing the other usual stunts. Although some rather serious stunts were performed, no amount of damage was reported early this morning. 2) Hermiston sportsmen have been reporting very good luck this season in the annual trek to the hills for venison and some have brought in the horns to verify their stories. Contests have developed in the race to get the game to Hermiston at the earliest date, and it has developed to the hour and minute degree. Many hunters have taken their game to the local creamery to have it cut to size and stored in the freezing lockers and the report there from yesterday was a total of 96 had been handled. Many more have been cut and placed in the lockers which are not counted by creamery employees. 3) Stanfield's Crimson Tide rolled again Friday afternoon, Oct. 26, when they easily crushed the Hermiston B team at Stanfield before a

large crowd. The game was a thriller, featuring long runs, passes, reverses, and pass interceptions. Final score: Stanfield 54, Hermiston B team 0.

100 YEARS AGO
Oct. 29, 1920

Monday night, Nov. 1, the Republicans of the west end of the county will hold a big rally in Hermiston. Great doin's are promised all who will be here in town, and the city folk, on this night. Stanfield, Echo and Umatilla will be here in great numbers, and the festivities will last until 11 o'clock at night. The high school band has been engaged to play for this occasion and there will be other music. The Play House has been secured and the big affair will be held in this comfortable theater, and it will be nice and warm so that the ladies can come out and listen to the big talks and speeches and not be uncomfortable. The Play House has its new steam heating plant working nicely and is always warm and comfortable. The feature of the evening will be an address by an overseas soldier. We were unable to learn his name, as the telephone wires were working badly and we could not understand his name as it was flashed to us late yesterday evening, but we were satisfied to know he is one of the best talkers in the state, and the fact that he is an overseas soldier makes him more interesting, and those who are fortunate enough to be present at this big meeting will never forget it.

BY THE WAY

Election results available online at HermistonHerald.com

Because the **Hermiston Herald** prints at 5 p.m. on Tuesday nights, election results were not available for the print version of today's paper. Results will be printed in next week's Hermiston Herald, but can be found today online at www.hermistonherald.com and will be available in Thursday's **East Oregonian**. Also of note, next week's Hermiston Herald will be delivered to mailboxes on Thursday, Nov. 12, instead of Wednesday, Nov. 11. The change in delivery date is temporary, and due to the fact that the U.S. Postal Service does not deliver mail on Veterans Day. The e-edition of the paper will still be available online starting Nov. 11.

Umatilla plans cleanup day

The **city of Umatilla** is having a cleanup day on Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dumpsters will be located at the public works building, 1205 Third Street in Umatilla, on that day and will be taking yard debris, old appliances, household trash and other "junk" residents wish to get rid of.

Residents who need help can schedule a time for someone to pick up items if they are ready to go and sitting on the sidewalk. To schedule a pickup or volunteer contact **Hannah Keister** at 541-922-3226, Ext. 113, hannah@umatilla-city.org by 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 9.

Boardman one-ups with cleanup month

The **City of Boardman** is sponsoring a community cleanup the month of November. Garbage vouchers of up to \$50 are available to city residents to use during the month at **Finley Butte Landfill** or **North Morrow Transfer Station**. Residents can call **Boardman City Hall** at 541-481-9252 to have a voucher mailed to them or may pick one up at city hall, 200 City Center Circle.

Senior meals offer meatloaf, stroganoff

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center's** take-out and delivery menu for Thursday, Nov. 5, is meat-

loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and dessert. Tuesday, Nov. 10, will be beef stroganoff, corn, fruit and dessert. For a **Meals on Wheels** delivery in Hermiston, call 541-567-3582 before 10 a.m. to place an order. To pick up a meal from the center, 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. The **Boardman Senior Center** is now providing meal delivery. Meals are \$4 paid upon delivery. Call 541-481-3257 to order.

Elks honor veterans in November

The local **Elks Club** is reminding people that the **Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America** have proclaimed November as **Veterans Remembrance Month**. According to a news release, the service club served more than 1 million veterans last year across the country. For more information about the Elks, visit www.elks.org.