

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Broadcasting teacher
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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

We moved to Hermiston in 2002 from Las Vegas because my husband got a job here and we wanted to be closer to our families who are up in the Seattle area.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Ixtapa or La Palma ... or anywhere that serves me and I don't have to clean a pot.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spare time, that's cute. I currently have two jobs so I don't get much spare time. When winter months come and photography slows down I love to read and crochet.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

I'm not sure if surprised is the correct word, but the community of Hermiston is extremely generous to those in need.

What was the last book you read?

"Things That Need To Be Said," by John Pavlovitz

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?

Instagram. I am rarely on Facebook. Although this pandemic has introduced me to TikTok and it's a bit addictive.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Oh, remember the days we could travel? My passport has gotten a bit dusty but I love traveling. I would love to go to Greece.

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

Oh, lots of funny things; I laugh at myself a lot but a recent one was at the beginning of quarantine. I was at my puzzle table, as was the rest of the country, while my family was watching a movie. My friend and neighbor decided to mask up (Halloween mask, not COVID mask) and scare me through the back window. My reaction was pretty hilarious, and all caught on tape.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?

Stay healthy and dive into my new job as a teacher. It is important to me to try and find ways to connect with my students even through the computer screen.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

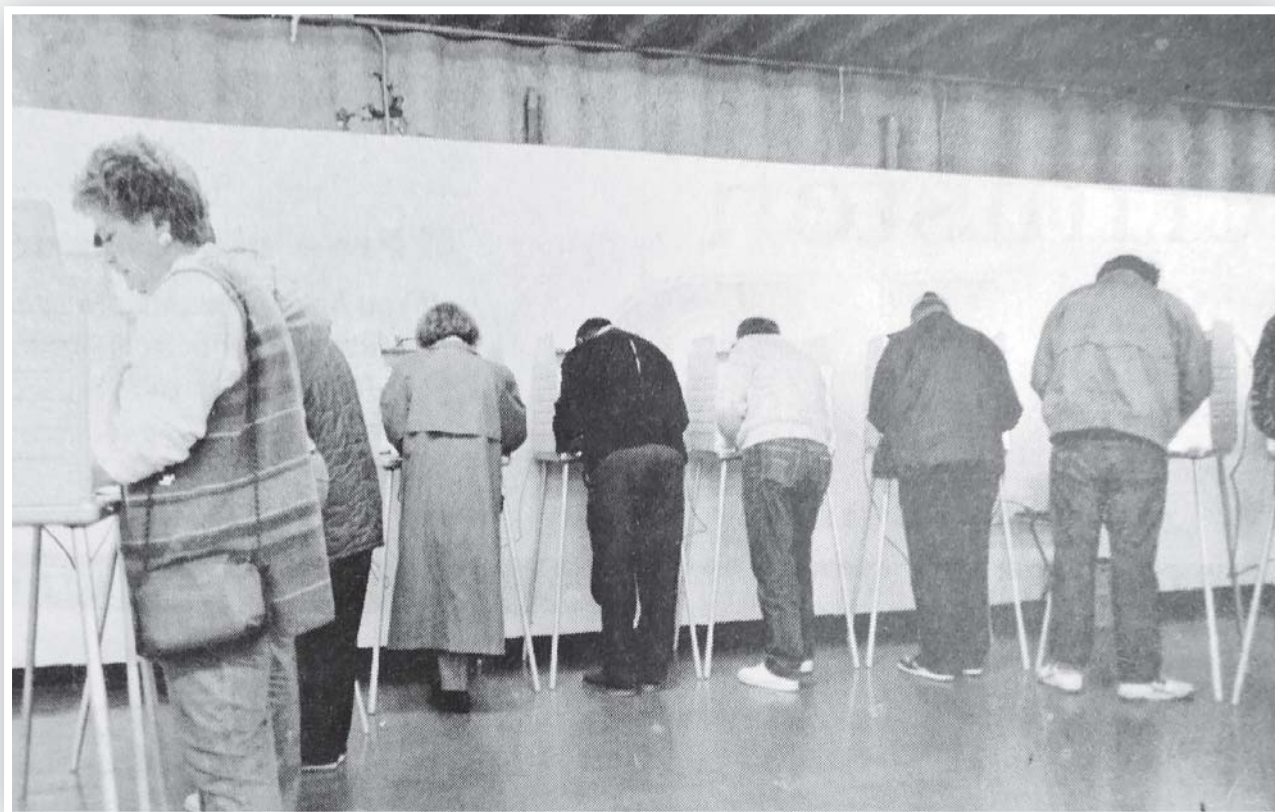
My marriage and family. Happy marriages are rare and I have a great one with four teen/young adult kids.

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HERMISTON HISTORY

City council calls for release of prisoners of war



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Hermiston voters vote in person for the last time before Oregon switched to voting by mail in 1995.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 21, 1995

By Tuesday, Dec. 5, registered Republicans and Democrats in Hermiston will have joined their ilk statewide in punching ballot cards to choose their party's candidate for U.S. Senate.

A month later, all registered voters will do the same to elect a successor to the former Sen. Bob Packwood.

In neither case will they have to go to Thompson Hall or any other of the customary places to do it. Most ballots will likely be cast at kitchen tables throughout the state.

Oregon is at the forefront in the use of voting by mail. Though the state has conducted special elections by mail for 14 years, the process to fill Packwood's vacancy will be the first mail election for a federal office.

Oregon Secretary of State Phil Keisling said he cannot think of a reason not to have mail elections. They are cost-effective — up to \$2 million less than a polling place election — they are popular, and are good for the democratic processes, he said.

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 26, 1970

A City Council resolution adopted Monday night calls for release of American prisoners in Southeast Asia.

The council unanimously passed the resolution after hearing Mrs. Cecil Ware, whose son, John, is missing in action in Vietnam, tell what letter-writing to North Vietnam and the Viet Cong already has accomplished.

At the recent meeting in Washington, D.C., of the National League of Families of Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, Mrs. Ware said Dallas, Tex. philanthropist H. Ross Perot told league members that many persons know about their relatives in Southeast Asia as a result of letter-writing. She quoted Perot as saying Communists, especially village chiefs, tend to be receptive to Americans who are not federal officials.

Mrs. Ware urged the mayor and the council individually to participate in the campaign to have 100,000 letters from Oregonians read to be delivered to the Paris peace conference in January.

75 YEARS AGO

Nov. 22, 1945

First Lt. Leon J. Starling, about 30 years of age, U.S. Army and stations at Camp Jordan near Seattle, was instantly killed Sunday evening about 5:45 p.m. in an auto accident

100 YEARS AGO

Nov. 26, 1920

Last Tuesday night the great Shirley, saxophone king, and his company played to a very small house at the Play House.

The attraction was a very good



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Sherri Lafferty and Neena Kik discuss lunch at Lafferty's Torpedo Alley sub shop in Umatilla in 1995.



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Huck Tibbets, right, with his mother Patricia Snyder, left, recovers from a double lung transplant in Hermiston in 1995.

on the A line canal at the southeast city limits of Hermiston.

Starling and Miss Sigrid Merritt of Portland were enroute from Portland to Spokane and had missed the turn at the junction near Boardman and continued on to the Stanfield junction. On their way through Hermiston to Highway 730 the car missed the bridge and overturned in the canal, pinning Starling beneath it on the west bank. Miss Merritt was thrown clear of the car as it overturned and suffered a fractured skull, bruises and shock. She was entered at the hospital here where she was given medical care.

Attempts of passing motorists who removed Starling from the canal to revive him were of no avail and internal injuries were said to be the probable cause of death.

one and should have been better patronized. It relieves the monotony to have a good troupe come in once and a while, but Manager Adamson will get tired bringing them in if better support is not accorded them when they come.

The show was above average and was enjoyed by all those who attended.

2) The way in which perfectly sane and normal people who are railroaded to private sanitariums by people who want to put them "out of the way" is nowhere more clearly shown than in Dorothy Gish's latest photo-drama "Turning the Tables" which comes to the playhouse on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

A plotting aunt who seeks to steal the fortune of her minor ward, and an unscrupulous physician who was promised a large fee, are the engineers of the scheme. Dorothy is brought before another doctor and given the sham trial of proving herself sane, which can rarely be done under any circumstances. In the end the aunt gets her just desserts and Dorothy is restored to the estate she rightfully inherited.

BY THE WAY

Tree lighting and Festival of Lights to continue

Downtown Hermiston will still be getting a giant Christmas tree this year, but its annual tree lighting ceremony will be a virtual event, according to Parks and Recreation Director **Larry Fetter**.

Fetter said he is still working out details, but on the evening of Dec. 3 the city plans to host a livestream of **Santa** lighting the tree, along with carolers and a Christmas story read to the children watching from home.

The **Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center** is still planning to resurrect **Festival of Lights** this year, but it will be a drive-thru only event.

Starting Friday, Nov. 27, people can drive through the light displays at EOTEC from 5-10 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays, and 5-11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Admission is by donation, with half the proceeds

benefiting **Rotary Club** and the other half split between other nonprofits and funds to add more lights to future Festival of Lights events.

For more information about the tree lighting ceremony and Festival of Lights, see an article in next week's *Hermiston Herald*.

Due to adjustments to the Thanksgiving week printing schedule for the presses where the **Hermiston Herald** is printed, the *Herald* was printed on Monday, Nov. 23, instead of Tuesday, Nov. 24.

For coverage of the Nov. 23 city council meeting, visit www.hermistonherald.com or see next week's *Herald*.

On the agenda was the city's annual financial audit, an update to the sewer ordinance, creation of a new debt

service fund and reports from various councilors, staff and committees.

The **Harkerider Senior Activity Center** will be closed for Wednesday, Nov. 25, through Monday, Nov. 30, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The menu for Tuesday, Dec. 1 is ham and beans, cornbread, 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 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.

The **Boardman Senior Center** is now providing meal delivery. Meals are \$4 paid upon delivery. Call 541-481-3257 to order.