

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston when I was 3 months old. I was born in Mesa, Arizona, but my parents decided to move to Hermiston so that we could be closer to family.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

My family doesn't eat out very often, but when we do we typically eat at Shiki or La Laguna.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

What is spare time? If I have any, I play tennis, play the trumpet and piano, or hike with friends.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

Hermiston is a town of hidden beauty. While its scenery may not be as eye catching as Western Oregon, Eastern Oregon can be just as stunning if you know where to look.

What was the last book you read?

The last book I read was "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini and I'm currently reading "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

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

The app I use most is Amazon Music. I have developed pretty epic '80s pop and '90s country playlists.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I studied for a half year in Mexico and I would love to go back and revisit friends and places.

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

Sometimes life on the farm can be messy. I learned this lesson while trying to push cows through the chute. The next thing I knew I was covered in ... recycled grass. And I mean covered, head to toe. I had been warned about walking too closely to a horse's or cow's rear end because they kick; but after that day I learned to respect the splatter zone, too.

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

Last year I qualified for the FFA National Convention but it was canceled because of COVID. My goal this year is to qualify again and be able to go back with my fellow FFA members to get to know people from all over the country.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My proudest accomplishment is winning the Oregon state creed speaking competition and representing our state in two national FFA speaking competitions. I was very uncomfortable with public speaking when I started, but with some great coaching from my FFA advisors and FFA alumni I grew in confidence and skill. It's a great example of how wonderful Hermiston's agricultural community is.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Creamery makes first cheese in Umatilla County



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Hermiston City Manager Ed Brookshier, Mayor Frank Harkenrider, Ed Frite and Don Armstrong examine a new barbecue grill installed at the Hermiston Community Center in 1996.

25 YEARS AGO

April 2, 1996

Repair work for the Hermiston School District's swimming pool is on the agenda for tonight's school board meeting. Bids for the repair work were supposed to be opened last month but new revenue projections prompted Superintendent Jer Pratton to postpone new spending.

The revenue projections showed the district losing nearly \$1 million for the current year and the same for the next year. Pratton told the board at last month's meeting that district officials needed extra time to examine the projections before they were ready to move forward with the pool repair.

The Hermiston swimming pool is suffering from disrepair. Leaks under the decking create problems all summer and result in large annual repair bills. District officials had originally planned on a major overhaul of the pool for this spring.

50 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1971

The Umatilla Speedway opened the 1971 season with good weather, many cars and a big, responsive crowd.

The Hobby Class put on a real exciting show in spite of a few cars that developed troubles and couldn't compete.

Harvey Abkin of Kennewick, Wash., turned the Hobby Class fast time and won the trophy dash. Pat Johnston of Hermiston won the slow heat, Ron McKinstry of Heppner won the fast heat, and Steve Dickman of Richland, Wash., won the main event. The Figure Eights were fewer in number than last year but still gave the crowd plenty of thrills with collisions and roll-overs.

75 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1946

For the first time, cheese is being made in Umatilla County and the firm which holds this honor is the Umatilla Cooperative Creamery in Hermiston.

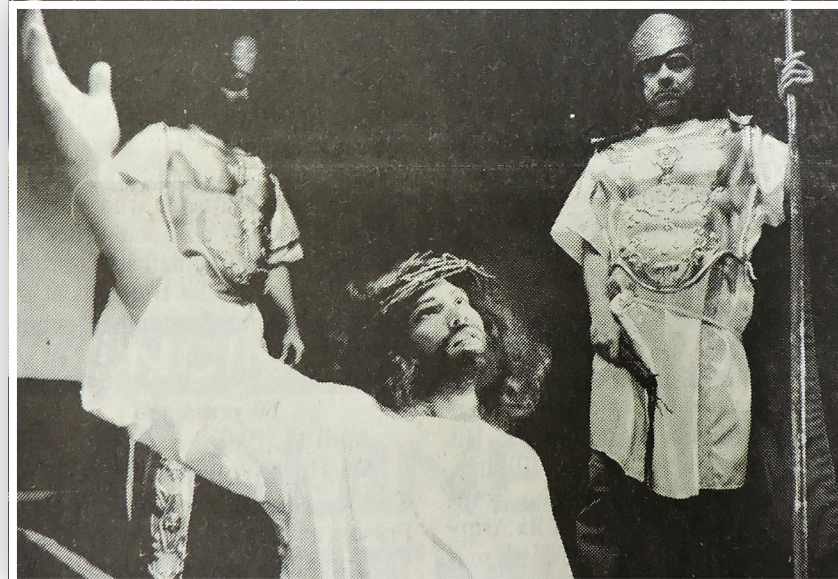
Don Cornwell of the Wallowa County at Enterprise and Ed McCabe of the dairy cooperative association in Portland are here this week to get the new operation started and help the local men learn the technique of cheese making.

The process starts with raw milk being piped into a 1,000 gallon tank and from there it goes through the pasteurizer, into a filter and back through the pasteurizer. It is then piped into a stainless steel tank which will hold 10,000 pounds of milk, and the rest of the process takes place in this tank, which has steam heated



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Peter Rabbit poses with (left to right) Steven Dwalb, Steven Shaw, Brynnes Manning and Brian Dwalb at an Easter activity at Hermiston First United Methodist Church in 1996.



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Thad White plays Jesus, flanked by Roman guards played by Bob Weems, left, and Rodney Lee in The Country Church's production of "He is Risen" showing at Hermiston High School in 1996.

walls. The entire processing time from raw milk stage to completed cheese takes approximately four and a half hours. The first day the creamery turned out 30 "trips" or about 750 pounds of cheese.

100 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1921

Mr. C.P. Adams who lives a half mile south of town was sitting comfortably in his home Monday evening when some "music in the air" roused him from his reverie. It was the boys of the school band who had come to celebrate with him the sixty first anniversary of his birth.

The boys were given a hearty welcome by Mr. and Mrs. Adams and after a number of selections by the band, ice cream, cake and lemonade made their appearance to which the boys did ample justice, as a bunch of

boys know so well how to do.

Mr. Adams is a musician of many years experience, having played in some of the best bands in the country years ago, and to show his appreciation of the work the boys are doing, he gave them a check which enriched the treasury by \$10.

2) Next Friday, April 8th is Clean-Up Day. Are you ready?

Clean-Up Day this year is going to be different from any clean-up we have ever had, and when the squads of workers get through the city is going to look like new. All are coming prepared with overalls and working tools to make good.

The good ladies of the Community Club will have a nice hot lunch for the busy workers, and the stores will only have one man in each store. This is done for the benefit of any customers who may not know that it is Clean-Up Day.

BY THE WAY

Free trees available for Arbor Day; drive-thru event is Saturday

The City of Hermiston Parks and Recreation and Hermiston Rotary Club are teaming up to donate 1,500 trees to the community for the the 35th annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway.

Trees will be available at a drive-thru giveaway on Saturday, April 3, in the Smitty's Ace Hardware parking lot, 1845 N. First St.

The event starts at 9 a.m. and will last until all 1,500 trees are gone.

There is no limit on the number of free trees per household, but the news release states that participants are asked to "only take as many as they can comfortably plant."

People are also asked to have their order ready when they arrive. An attendant will take their order and then have someone bring the trees to their vehicle.

Available tree species are red maple, river birch, red osier dogwood, Washington hawthorn, Callery pear, little leaf linden, Japanese Zelkova and giant sequoia.

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Stanfield breakfasts return April 3

The monthly community breakfast at the Stanfield Community Center returns Saturday, April 3, from 7-10 a.m. at 225 W. Roosevelt.

With an à la carte menu, people can pick and choose what they would like to eat. Rose Emerson said the average cost for a breakfast meal is \$7.

The breakfast will be held the first Saturday of each month. For more information, contact Emerson at remerson1206@gmail.com or call the center at 541-449-1332.

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Scam calls increasing, police say

Local police departments are warning of a new wave of scam calls locally that are targeting residents. Callers falsely claim to have kidnapped a relative and demand ransom money, often playing sounds of screaming and crying in the background of the call.

Phone scammers also commonly pose as banks, police departments, the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security office, landlords or utility companies in order to trick people into handing over money, passwords or financial information, such as their bank account number.

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Senior meals include pork loin

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Thursday, April 1, is Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, April 6, is pork loin, scalloped potatoes, veggie 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.