

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston in 2004 from Las Vegas. But I have lived in Stanfield since 2017. Growing up I split my time between Eastern Oregon and Las Vegas.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

While I do not have a favorite place to eat, I do love eating at any of our taco trucks pretty much any day of the week, not just Tuesday.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my free time I enjoy fishing and most recently I have been getting into botany. And spending time with my daughter when she comes out of her room. It's the age, I'm told.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

I'm most surprised by how fast Hermiston has grown. You can see it in the traffic now, that was not there only 5 years ago. But, Hermiston has still kept identity of being a small community.

What was the last book you read?

I wish I had a cooler answer to this question, but the last book I read was called "Advanced EMT, A Clinical Reasoning Approach." Exciting I know; it's a medical book.

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

Instagram, unless it's summer time then it can be any number of weather apps. I know this makes me sound old, but it's because of possible fire behavior with weather.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

My daughter and I have always talked about going to Japan.

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

It's hard to pick one but I have gone into work on my day off, twice actually, thinking it was a work day. Both times I was told, "Well, you're already here so ..."

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

To stay relevant as a father to my teen daughter and to not have to bribe her for praise or to get her out of her room.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

One of my proudest accomplishments is that I still come to every call for service just as excited and humble as my first call.

CORRECTION

In the article "Small town spotlight" published Wednesday, April 7 on page A1, a photo caption incorrectly labeled Salud Campos, Umatilla Chamber of Commerce director, as one of the owners of Acapulco Mexican Food. The Hermiston Herald sincerely regrets the error. Please contact the editor at editor@hermistonherald.com or call (541) 564-4533 to report errors

BY THE WAY

Water will be temporarily shut off on West Madrona Avenue

Water service will be temporarily turned off Wednesday, April 14, in the area of West Madrona Avenue, beginning at 8 a.m., the city of Hermiston announced.

The shutoff will allow for the replacement of a water line and valves for an ongoing water project in the area. Service will be restored "as soon as possible," the city's announcement stated, but recommended setting aside water for the day.

Any time the city will be temporarily shutting off water for construction, the city recommends filling pots on the stove with water to use for cooking, filling water bottles and other clean containers with water for drinking, filling buckets with water for washing and flushing the bathtub with water to use for flushing the toilet.

For people who are able, it is also helpful to keep extra cases of water bottles at home at all times in case of an unexpected loss of water.

To learn more about the water project, visit www.hermistonprojects.com.

HERMISTON HISTORY

1946: Umatilla County holds immunization clinics against smallpox



Ed McCallum, shown with his grandchildren, Kristen, 2, left, and Kolter, 4, shows off his 1930 Model A Ford sports roadster in 1996.

25 YEARS AGO

April 16, 1996

As Hermiston's Hispanic population grows, so does its number of Hispanic-owned businesses, though not proportionately.

According to 1990 census figures, about 15 percent of Hermiston's population identifies itself as being of Hispanic origin. But only about 2 percent of businesses listed on the Hermiston-area directory of the Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce are Hispanic-owned.

These businesses run the full gamut of services from bakeries to restaurants to trucking services to shoe sales. But most of those businesses go unnoticed by the majority in the business community here.

Billie Jean Morris, executive director at the chamber, said that's partly the chamber's fault.

"If they're out there, we don't know about them," she said.

Part of the problem is that the City of Hermiston does not require a business license. That means that no comprehensive list exists of area businesses.

50 YEARS AGO

April 15, 1971

People around Hermiston celebrate Easter pretty much like small town people anywhere in America, with maybe a little more stamina than most.

Between 100 and 150 early risers began the day by climbing the Butte in the 30-degree dawn for Sunday Services, and most of those who didn't, attended services somewhere else in the city.

The chilly wind didn't dampen the enthusiasm of Umatilla paraders, many of whom dressed themselves and their horses up in the best tradition of Easter parades ... nor that of the mob of youngsters who swarmed over the park afterward, and in record time gathered over 700 eggs the Hermiston Jaycees had hidden for them.

Pre-Easter spirits invaded the Home Economics classes at the High School, where students dyed and decorated the eggs for the Jaycee-sponsored hunt, with eggs donated by local merchants.

75 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1946

Miss Jean McPherson, county health nurse, has advised there will be another smallpox immunization



Hermiston Police Chief Andy Anderson, left, congratulates new reserve officer Huy Nguyen after a graduation ceremony in 1996.



Students at Hermiston High School color Easter eggs in Home Economics class in 1971.

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clinic Monday, April 22. Dr. R.H. Wilcox, county health doctor, will be in charge and the clinics will be held in Echo, from 10 a.m. until noon and in Stanfield from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. All individuals who have not been vaccinated in these areas are urged to have it done.

There will also be another immunization clinic at Umatilla at another date.

Dr. Wilcox, county physician, assisted by Miss Jean McPherson, county health nurse, and Mrs. Schoop of Pendleton, gave 1,163 smallpox vaccinations at the Civic Recreation Center last Thursday. Local ladies who assisted were Mrs. Oron Felthouse, Mrs. Walter Pearson, Mrs. Sylvia Boylen and Mrs. Cecil Goodwin. This clinic included people from Umatilla, Hermiston, Ordance and Cold Springs.

100 YEARS AGO

April 22, 1921

George, Fred and Mrs. Caldwell of Irrigon had a narrow escape from

injury last Monday morning while driving from Irrigon to Umatilla in their Ford car. Fred was driving and turned the wheel quick to miss a rock in the road, which action caused the car to turn over on its side, the top keeping it from turning bottom side up. Mrs. Caldwell sustained a sprained ankle, the two boys getting out without a scratch. The top was demolished and the windshield broken on the car.

2) The Shotwell Contracting Company started construction on the new Diagonal Road last Monday and are making rapid progress with the work. They have a large crew on the job and will probably finish this important piece of work in about 30 days.

The excellent material available for this construction will make the Diagonal Road one of the best gravel macadam roads in the state. The road will extend to the Columbia school house, and it is hoped that the County Court will see the necessity of continuing this road to meet the Cold Springs road.

State jobless rate down slightly

Oregon's unemployment rate edged down to 6.0% in March, from 6.1% in February, according to the **Oregon Employment Department**. For the past three months, Oregon's unemployment rate has ticked down by one-tenth of a point each month. During the past 11 months, the pace of recovery in Oregon's unemployment rate has mirrored the national experience. The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 6.0% in March, from 6.2% in February, according to a news release.

Lawmakers consider new holiday

June 19 will likely be a new state holiday if the **Oregon Senate** follows suit after the **House** unanimously passed a bill declaring **Juneteenth** a state holiday.

Juneteenth celebrates the anniversary of the final proclamation ending slavery in the United States. Making it an official state holiday would make it a paid day off for government employees in the state.

Senior meals are sandwich, spaghetti

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for Thursday, April 15, is BBQ beef sandwich, macaroni salad and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, April 20 is spaghetti, garlic bread, fruit and dessert.

For a **Meals on Wheels** delivery in Hermiston, call 541-567-3582 on 9 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.