

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
We moved from Stanfield to Hermiston when I was 12 because my mother liked the location in the outskirts of Hermiston.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
I love Ye Olde Pizza Shoppe and their taco pizza.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I enjoy spending time with my family, baking, crocheting, crafting, and would like to get back into running.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
The amount of growth our town has seen!

What was the last book you read?
"Cat Kid Comic Club" by Dav Pilkey. My son loves this book and requests it for bedtime reading often!

What website or app do you use most other than Facebook?
Instagram or allrecipes.com

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
I would like to go Greece.

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
I wore my blouse inside out for half of the day until my front office supervisor noticed it and informed me!

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
I would love to do more exploring with my family on the weekends, hikes, day trips, etc.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
My children are my proudest accomplishment, I'm a little biased, but they are pretty awesome and keep my husband and me on our toes!

Breath of Life fundraiser
benefits cystic fibrosis

The Bearded Villain Oregon Woodsmen are co-hosting a fundraiser in support of Jessica Brown-Grooms' annual cystic fibrosis fundraising event.

Those in attendance are in for an evening of fun while raising awareness and money to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis. The event is Friday, May 14, beginning at 5 p.m. at The Bridge Bistro & Brews, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla.

Tickets will be available at the door — spectators are \$10 and competitors are \$25. Organizers promise that you don't want to miss this beard competition. It will feature

multiple categories for beard types, and no experience is necessary. Those with a beard who want to participate should send a message via www.facebook.com/rachelle.reed.73113.

Brown-Grooms of Hermiston, who has hosted a yearly Breath of Life fundraising event, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when she was 18 months old. The disease causes the lungs to produce a thick, sticky mucus.

For more about the disease, visit www.cff.org; and for more about the upcoming fundraiser, go to www.facebook.com/events/2911224389163317.

HERMISTON HISTORY

High school reporters run sting operation



Hermiston residents listen to a performance by the Oregon Symphony at the Hermiston Community Center in 1996. Hermiston Herald, File

25 YEARS AGO
April 20, 1996

A trio of young investigative reporters from Hermiston High School discovered last week that in some cases, crime does pay.

The trio surveyed three local pawn shops to see who would purchase obviously stolen items. One, they discovered, took the bait.

It all started when Wilma Ward, the school's photography and newspaper teacher, was asked to examine the camera at a local pawn shop. A student, looking for a camera, asked Ward to check one out at a pawn shop. The check led Ward to look around at other area pawn shops.

A camera she found at a downtown Hermiston pawn shop looked like a heck of a deal — a \$200 camera for less than \$100 — until she noticed the "Hermiston High School" engraving on the base.

"I was just horrified," she said. Upon telling the clerk about the engraving, Ward was given the camera at no charge to return to the school. Ward took the camera and her tale back to her newspaper students who decided to use it as the basis for a story in the school paper, *The Bulldog*.

The three students, John Edwards, Tucker Bounds and Seth Crutcher, borrowed the paper's two week old VCR, engraved its top with the words, "Property of Hermiston High School," and asked Ward if they could shop it around to pawn shops. At their first stop they were offered \$35 for the \$120 VCR despite displaying the engraving.

50 YEARS AGO
April 20, 1971

The annual spring square dance jamboree, sponsored by the Hermiston Square Knots, the local square dance club, held at the Junior High Gym last Saturday night was enjoyed by many square dance clubs and spectators.

Members from the visiting clubs filled the gym until 16 squares were on the floor dancing to the calls of Ross and Penny Crispino of Nampa, Idaho.

Members of the Knots and Squares from Boise, Idaho and Alpine Swingers from Nampa traveled the farthest. The Gofer-Hoofers from Prosser, Washington and members of the club from Grandview, Washington represented square dancing friends across the river.



Shelly Knerr pets one of her llamas, Black Shadow, during an annual open house at Knerr's State Farm Insurance in Hermiston in 1996. Hermiston Herald, File



Mrs. and Mrs. Gilbert Gettman dance at a square dance jamboree in Hermiston in 1971. Hermiston Herald, File

75 YEARS AGO
May 2, 1946

With an all-time high vote of 414, the people of Hermiston went on record last Thursday as favoring purchase by the city of the USO building.

A total of 246 ballots were cast in favor of the purchase and 168 voted against the measure.

Throughout the day various citizens were hastening about the city taking voters to the polls, and both sides of the contest were taking an active interest in the voting until the polls closed at 8 o'clock.

2) Last year several horses in the

west end of Umatilla County developed sleeping sickness. They were treated for this disease but this year it is practically impossible to procure the medicine for such treatment. However, the vaccination serum is still available.

If you have not already notified the Assistant County Agent of the number you want vaccinated there is still time to do so before it is necessary to order the vaccine.

Vaccination will be done at your own place and you will be notified when to expect the veterinarian according to LeRoy E. Fuller, Assistant County Agent.

100 YEARS AGO
Friday, April 29, 1921

Bad baseball weather was partly to blame for the loosely played games last Sunday in the Irrigator League.

The wind blew at a gale that made fielding balls a hard task, especially in the outer gardens.

Hermiston played Irrigon and defeated the Irrigon team 11 to 5. Hermiston's team did not play up to their standard form, and Irrigon nearly beat them in the latter part of the game.

McMillan pitched for our team and was doing good work, but for lack of practice, he wore out before the game was over, and manager Voven send in Phelps to finish the game. McMillan is a good pitcher and when he gets going will be an added asset to the team.

BY THE WAY

Sen. Ron Wyden to hold virtual town halls May 1-2

Sen. Ron Wyden will hold live online town halls for residents of several Eastern Oregon counties next week, according to a press release on Friday, April 23.

The town halls will be livestreamed on the **People's Town Hall** Facebook page.

Residents of Morrow County can pose questions to the senator on May 1 at 3 p.m. The following day, May 2, a town hall for Umatilla, Union and Wallowa County residents will be held at 11:30 a.m., and for Wasco County at 3:30 p.m.

Hermiston School District and Good Shepherd Health Care System opened the Wellness Clinic at Hermiston High School on Wednesday, April 21.

Staffed by Good Shepherd Urgent Care medical providers, the clinic will be open to students, district staff and children of staff on Mondays from 8 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. Services include diagnosis and treatment of illness, vaccines, routine checkups and sports physicals.

For students that are under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign a parental consent form and complete a medical history form and return it to the clinic before the student can receive care. If insurance is available, the clinic will bill it.

Call 541-667-6199 to schedule an appointment or walk in during hours of operation.

A Umatilla police officer was recognized by city officials in a Tuesday, April 20, meeting for his "valor and professional actions under potential deadly circumstances" during a house fire on April 3, according to a press release.

Cotter Butler rescued an elderly resident during the fire without hesitation, the press release said, kicking in the front door and entering the house as it was engulfed in flames before the fire department arrived. Butler then alerted neighbors to evacuate their homes as well.

Umatilla Fire Chief Steve Potts commended

Butler's actions, which "made an immense difference in the successful outcome of the traumatic incident for not only the resident of the home and nearby residences, but by also allowing the fire department to focus on the fire rather than to engage in a rescue operation," the press release said.

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Thursday, April 29, is baked chicken, parsley potatoes, vegetable 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.