

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

My family moved to Hermiston when I was in second grade. I attended Rocky Heights Elementary and then Armand Larive Middle School, graduating from Hermiston High School.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Lawan's Thai Garden

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Mostly fishing (for steelhead, crappie, and bass); also some bowling

What surprises you about Hermiston?

It's a small town but growing fast (compared to Pendleton, which has remained the same small size it has long been). Also, Hermiston is diverse compared to other parts of Oregon.

What was the last book you read?

"The Shining" by Stephen King

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

Reddit

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

The Patagonia region of Argentina (have already had the opportunity to travel to Mexico and Ecuador).

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

While driving, I was tailed by a police car for a long way ... finally, I pulled over just by my house and asked the officer, "Can I help you?" The police officer turned out to be my neighbor!

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

I would like to write a fiction book.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

After being hit by a car while studying abroad in Ecuador and suffering serious injury (including brain injury), I still managed to graduate college on time in four years.

United Way hosts virtual singing competition

United Way is hosting a virtual singing competition in its Blue Mountain region.

Sing United: Clash of the Blue Mountain Beats will celebrate and recognize musical talent in Walla Walla, Columbia, Umatilla, Morrow, Baker, Union, Wallowa, Grant, Harney, and Malheur counties and serve as a fundraiser for United Way.

The Grand Prize winner will receive \$2,500, multiple live performances, a private

musician photoshoot and other prizes. Money raised during tournament voting will support United Way of the Blue Mountains.

The tournament is open to individual performers and bands, with \$1 per vote.

Musicians must submit registration for the tournament by May 10 at 8 a.m.

For eligibility requirements and to enter the tournament, musicians and bands can visit <https://www.uwbluement.org/sing>.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Newspaper editor excited about Weiner Roast



Hermiston Herald, File

The Sandstone Middle School marching band, under the direction of Ric Sherman, marches in the Cherry Festival parade in The Dalles in 1996.

25 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1996

Fred, Frank and Pots are three clowns on a mission to teach kids about fire safety, even if it means making balloon animals to do it.

Recently, the red-nosed trio had their van parked under a billboard warning to "keep matches and lighters away from young children."

With a grant from the office of the State Fire Marshal, local fire departments in Eastern Oregon are launching a prevention education campaign targeting parents of preschool children. The billboards are one way of getting to parents. The clowns are delivering that message to the kids in person.

With backing by Hermiston and Stanfield fire departments, the clowns have been teaching kids fire prevention techniques like "stop, drop and roll" and "don't play with fire" for the past three years. They also teach children to remind parents to check smoke detector batteries.

50 YEARS AGO

May, 1971

Mark Sheets, 14, and in the eighth grade at Hermiston Junior High School, says he has his future all mapped out.

He was well on his way to launching a career in his chosen field of float-designing when he agreed to design and build the Chamber of Commerce float — a job no one else wanted.

Mark began designing his own floats to enter in the fair parade four years ago, capturing first place in his division every year. He was toying with the idea of revamping his float from last year, an ambitious project featuring a rocket and a Liberty Bell, when he decided he was capable of the task of designing a float that would represent the city of Hermiston.

Paradegoers at the Milton-Free-water Pea Festival this weekend will be treated to the first public presentation of the finished product — a thing of beauty that should make the town proud of its talented young designer.

75 YEARS AGO

May 9, 1946

The long-awaited green light flashed Saturday for construction of the McNary Dam and other



Hermiston Herald, File

Paul Lloyd, 4, and his brother Dain, 2, help their mom, Cathy Lloyd, fix chicken roll-ups for guests in 1996.



Hermiston Herald, File

Frank the clown uses a smoke detector to teach children about fire safety in Hermiston in 1996.

Hermiston, Gudgels in Stanfield and Williams Cafe in Echo.

100 YEARS AGO

May 6, 1921

The big Weiner Roast party looms up larger than ever, and the plans are about all made and nothing now remains to do but come on in and have one of those old fashioned good times that fiction writers tell about in stories that used to happen long ago but are out of fashion now.

We must be all out of fashion, for this is surely going to be an old fashioned get-together, where everybody rubs elbows with everybody else.

This party is given absolutely free of charge for the ladies and gentlemen who live in the country and don't have an opportunity to come in to everything that's going on, so the committees of the Community Club and the Commercial Club formed this idea to bring everyone in the same night to get acquainted and have a grand entertainment. It's surprising how many newcomers there are in the neighborhood and every one of them are cordially invited to this party, and it will be the finest place for all to get acquainted.

Remember — put the children to bed, and don't let anything stop you from coming to this big party. The committees ask you to put the children to bed for they thought there would not be enough room for the grown-ups if the children came too.

river, harbor and flood control work in Oregon. The bill signed by President Truman provides \$9,594,500 for work in Oregon — most of it for preliminary work on McNary Dam and on the Willamette basin dams: Detroit, Dorena and Lookout Point.

2) May 12-19 has been set as the week for collection of canned foods by the National Catholic Welfare conference in cooperation with War Relief Services. No one will be deprived of food because of race, color or creed. The food given will be distributed with Christ-like charity.

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church is taking part in the national campaign and invites every member of the community to give what they can to this worthy cause.

The following stores have consented to receive canned goods for the campaign: Griffins Grocery Store in Tertletown, Stone's Market in Hermiston, Safeway in

BY THE WAY

Umatilla County Fair Appreciation Dinner canceled

The Umatilla County Fair Appreciation Dinner set to take place on May 15 will be combined with next year's event instead.

In a letter to sponsors, Fair Manager Angie McNalley said that Umatilla County moving back to high risk restrictions for COVID-19 would not allow the fair to hold a full event, and after speaking with the county health department about different options, the fair board agreed it did not want to cut anyone from the guest list.

McNalley said fair organizers are still hard at planning the 2021 fair, and still plan to hold the fair on Aug. 11-14. The fair court, grand marshals and other honorees for the 2021 fair will be honored alongside the next year's honorees during the annual Fair Appreciation Dinner in January 2022.

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Tennis shoes sought for foster children

A partnership between Every Child Oregon and the

child welfare branch of Oregon Department of Human Services is sponsoring a tennis shoe drive for foster children in Umatilla and Morrow counties as part of Foster Care Awareness Month, according to Heidi Zeigler, the community development director for DHS in the two counties.

Donors can drop off the shoes at Sweet Potato's Closet and Desert Lanes Family Fun Center in Hermiston.

People can also make donations online via Amazon Wish List by making a purchase through [smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl](https://www.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/1s/13MM6IEUXJA3/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl), which will automatically ship the donation to Sweet Potato's Closet. The drive will last through the end of May, with shoes being distributed to children in June, Zeigler said.

In addition, DHS will also be collecting gift cards and certificates for foster families in place of the annual foster parent appreciation dinner, which was canceled due to the ongoing pandemic.

People wishing to donate gift cards can email Marvin

Hamilton at marvin.hamilton@dhsosha.state.or.us or call 541-564-4484.

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Senior meals include chicken alfredo, pork loin

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Thursday, May 6, is pork loin, baked potato, veggie and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, May 11, is chicken alfredo, peas and carrots, 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 11:30 a.m. and noon.

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