

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Board of Educators Chair**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**

I moved to Hermiston in August of 1970 to teach at Hermiston Junior High.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

We try to support all of our local restaurants, especially through all of the issues during the COVID closures.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Read and do needlework.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

Even though we are growing at a fast rate our community supports those situations where there is great need. I am also proud of the support that is given to the school district, so that we can provide a quality education to each student.

What was the last book you read?

"The Return" by Nicholas Sparks

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

YouTube

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I would return to the mission station in Zimbabwe, Africa, where I spent most of my elementary years.

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

There are too many to count, but when I was teaching, I was the lead vehicle for the middle school band that was going to march in the Cherry Festival. We were encouraged to leave the staging area quickly, so I jumped on the bus that was right behind me and began to order everyone to get their instruments. When I took a good look at the adults and students on the bus, I realized I didn't know any of them. A bus from The Dalles had gotten ahead of our buses, so I was on the wrong bus but I did it with such authority, everyone got off.

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

I hope to continue to be a contributing member of the school board, to ensure that each child receives the education that he/she deserves to reach their full potential.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Without a doubt my daughter and all of her accomplishments, one of them being a teacher in the Hermiston district. Also, Ric and I have just celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary, having met at Hermiston Junior High.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Hat Rock State Park threatened with closure



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City of Boardman employee Benny Sanchez installs irrigation pipes for a new soccer field in 1996.

25 YEARS AGO
June 25, 1996

Plans for a new locomotive maintenance facility at Hinkle are on the right track.

According to Aaron Henson, manager for the Hermiston Area Enterprise Zone, nearly all of the four required signatures have been obtained to grant Union Pacific Railroad a five-year property tax exemption for the planned facility.

The planned shop is expected to employ 200 new people and is estimated to cost \$30 million. In its application for the exemption, Union Pacific stated the facility could be built by 1999.

2) Over the objections of a legislative budget committee, Hat Rock State Park, and 64 others like it may close in September.

On Friday, the committee sent a message to state parks officials to delay plans to close as many as 65 parks and waysides because of budget problems.

Lawmakers on the Emergency Board said they began getting protests this week when the Parks and Recreation Commission announced plans to close parks after Labor Day.

50 YEARS AGO
June 24, 1971

Charles and Joseph Burns, owners and operators of Burns Mortuaries in Hermiston and Pendleton, have invited the public to view their newly remodeled and expanded facilities at 685 Hermiston Ave., at an open house Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

Joe Burns, who manages the Hermiston office, said his grandfather and father, Frank and John William Burns, came to Condon from Ohio in 1900 to open their funeral home. They were preceded by about five years by his uncle, James Burns.

75 YEARS AGO
June 20, 1946

Ray Shaw is recovering in the Hermiston General hospital from burns received last Thursday afternoon at Umatilla Ordinance Depot while destroying unserviceable smokeless powder. Dr. F.B. Belt dressed the burns the first time Sunday.

Cause of the fire is believed to have been caused by static electricity which ignited the powder when Ray jumped from the truck near the piles of material. An electrical storm accompanied by strong wind struck later in the afternoon.

2) The Oregon traffic death toll for the month of May stood at 36 fatalities today, an increase of 16 percent over the toll of 31 killed in May of 1945, Secretary of State Robert



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People fish at Hat Rock State Park in the 1990s.



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Joseph and Charles Burns stand in front of their newly renovated mortuary in Hermiston in 1971.

S. Farrell Jr., disclosed. During the first five months of 1946, a total of 180 persons lost their lives in Oregon traffic, an increase of 50 percent over 120 fatalities reported for the first five months of 1945.

100 YEARS AGO
June 21, 1921

Governor Olcott a few days ago received the following letter from G.G. Nunn, editor of the Reporter, published at Wheeler:

"This has been fire-prevention week and unless a newspaper man refers to his files he thinks that he has been giving publicity to some organization, relief committee or other space grabbers for the past two years. The country press of Oregon has cooperated cheerfully to aid the other fellow and much of the success of the various undertakings can be traced directly to the good work and free publicity given by the loyal press of Oregon.

"Why not a week designated as 'Subscribe to your local paper'? Every editor has cheerfully and without thought of remuneration given space and time to every one need-

ing it and by the designation of such a week as suggested some of these people who have been helped could show their appreciation by helping those who have so nobly aided them."

"There is much merit in what Mr. Nunn has to say," said Governor Olcott. "People have little realization of the numerous requests that are made of this office for the aside certain days or weeks for certain purposes. For every one of these requests that is granted there are probably from 10 to 20 that are not.

"The press of this state at all times certainly has responded very generously and liberally to every demand that has been made upon it. The enormous success of the various patriotic movements during the war must be, to a large measure, credited to this very generous response and the same is true of every successful effort since, and the state of Oregon is to be commended upon the patriotism and loyalty of those who publish the newspapers in Oregon; and I will go Mr. Nunn one better by suggesting that every week be designated as 'Subscribe to your Local Paper' week."

BY THE WAY

Hermiston Warming Station looking for a new home

The Hermiston Warming Station has announced it is looking for a new home.

The winter shelter spent several years in a house on South Highway 395 before temporarily using the ARC building at McKenzie Park this past winter to allow for more social distancing. Now, the nonprofit's board is in need of a location for the upcoming winter that will provide sleeping areas for men, women and families.

The Hermiston Warming Station can be reached at hws1075@gmail.com.

Fish hatcheries open to visitors

Outdoor areas at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's more than 30 fish hatcheries are back open for visitors — including the Umatilla and Irrigon hatcheries.

Hatcheries across the state closed to visitors in March 2020 because of the global pandemic. Some areas of the hatcheries will remain closed for now, including picnic areas, drinking fountains, indoor areas and any out-

door areas with close quarters that don't allow for social distancing.

Most hatcheries are open to visitors daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A few remain closed to visitors, including Klamath Hatchery in Chiloquin and Rock Creek in Idleyld Park, which were damaged in last year's fires. Trask River Hatchery in Tillamook is also closed to visitors due to construction but should reopen later in summer.

For a visitor guide to the hatcheries with tips on what you can see and do, visit <https://myodfw.com/visit-odfw-hatcheries>. For questions about the Irrigon Hatchery, call 541-922-2762 and for Umatilla, call 541-922-5659.

Local Walmart remodel is finished

The Hermiston Walmart reported this week that it has completed its remodel of the store.

According to a news release, the remodel included new

flooring and signage, fresh paint, updated restrooms, an expanded self-checkout area, expanded grocery pickup services, and expansion of certain departments, such as beer and wine.

Senior meals include spaghetti

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Thursday, June 24, is spaghetti, garlic bread, fruit and dessert.

The menu for Tuesday, June 29, is baked chicken, potato wedges, veggies 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 now is providing meal delivery. Meals are \$4 paid upon delivery. Call 541-481-3257 to order.