

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## COREY GORHAM

Battalion chief, Umatilla County Fire District No. 1

## When and why did you move to Hermiston?

*My parents, sister and I moved to Hermiston from La Grande in 1991 due to the majority of my dad's work being over in this area. At that time I had an aunt, an uncle, and a couple of cousins that lived here so we were not new to the city.*

## Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

*My favorite place to eat tends to change every so often, right now it would be the Rio Express Mexican Grill. I think they have great burritos and tacos.*

## What do you like to do in your spare time?

*I have two teenage daughters so they keep my wife and me pretty busy with all of their activities. I also enjoy riding horses, team roping and anything that gets me outside.*

## What surprises you about Hermiston?

*The thing that surprises me about Hermiston is the rate at which this city is growing right now. It crazy to see how fast it is changing.*

## What was the last book you read?

*The last book that I read was actually a children's book titled "Way Of The Warrior Kid" by Jocko Willink. My wife bought it for me. The author is a retired Navy Seal that has written several books on leadership, with a few of them being written for children.*

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

*I am not on social media of any kind so probably the ESPN app.*

## If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

*I would really like to travel to Yellowstone National Park some day.*

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

*Not sure if it's the funniest thing that's ever happened to me but one morning when I was about to get off shift from the fire district and I went out to warm up my pickup. After starting it, I walked back inside to get the last of my things. When I walked out to get into my truck, one of my other shift partners had driven my pickup out into McKenzie Park behind the station and parked it between the playground set and the post office. I remember it being a long walk out there and hoping that nobody saw me besides the other firefighters laughing behind me.*

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

*One goal that I am actually getting to do next month is going to Boston and attending a Boston Red Sox game.*

## What is your proudest accomplishment?

*My proudest accomplishment is watching my two daughters grow up and how wonderful they have become! Good job, honey!*

## Correction

In the article "New in town," published June 23 on page A1, the owner of Get Fit Nutrition was misnamed. Her name is Laura Rivera. The Hermiston Herald sincerely regrets the error.

## HERMISTON HISTORY

## Owner of Pandora's Box fights eviction



Hermiston Herald, File

Band members of Jeff and the Revolvers entertain people at Spudfest in Hermiston in 1996.

## 25 YEARS AGO

July 2, 1996

The owner of Pandora's Box is claiming she is a victim of religious persecution and continues to fight the eviction order brought against her by her landlord.

A Forcible Entry and Wrongful Detainer form filed by Debbie McConnell last week listed the reasons that she felt her business should not be evicted from its current location at 158 E. Main St. in Hermiston.

Pandora's Box has been in business for a little over nine months. Dennis Griffin, a Bend businessman, recently purchased the commercial building on Main Street and sent an eviction notice to McConnell demanding she be out by June 30.

One of the reasons listed, according to Griffin's lawyer, Michael Peterkin, was that Pandora's Box would "not be compatible with (Griffin's) goals." In a letter to McConnell, Peterkin said that "pseudo-witchcraft, by anyone's definitions, is extremely outrageous behavior."

The store is an uncommon addition to Hermiston's Main Street. Items for sale range from herbal smoking blends and water pipes to non-Christian religious items and adult-oriented toys and gifts.

## 50 YEARS AGO

July 1, 1971

Gordon Richardson, McNary Dam Project engineer, Monday night persuaded the Hermiston City Council to investigate the possibility of creating a vector control district to rid the area of mosquitos.

Richardson, who has represented the Hermiston Rotary in its efforts to control mosquitos, said he has received many telephone calls from people in the Umatilla-McNary area who ask what he is doing about the insects. His own actions, he pointed out, are limited to federal government property under the control of the Army Corps of Engineers. Elsewhere, he said, it is the responsibility of the state or local government or private individuals.

With the increase in irrigation in Umatilla and Morrow counties, Richardson told the council, there are more pools of water in the Hermiston area than before, so there are more places for mosquitos to breed.

## 75 YEARS AGO

June 27, 1946

From an advertisement:  
You've read all about it in news-



Hermiston Herald, File

The Hermiston 9/10-year-old Little League All-Stars pose for a team photo at the District 5 tournament in 1996.



Hermiston History, File

Debbie McConnell, owner of Pandora's Box, stands outside the business on Main Street in Hermiston in 1996.

papers, heard about it on the air, newsreels have been made. Now enthusiastic users flood the mails with testimonials praising in glowing terms the HAIR FARMER'S sensational treatment. Many acclaim BRANDENFEL'S SCALP AND HAIR TREATMENT a "miracle of modern science!" and "One of the world's greatest discoveries!" Others declare: "It exceeded my wildest hopes." You, too, may be one of the countless numbers to rejoice in new hair growth and new scalp and hair health!

Many men and women who have faithfully followed this method report these astonishing results — excessive falling hair has stopped, freedom from dandruff, scalp and hair conditions have been greatly

improved, hair made more lustrous and manageable. And a large number report GROWING NEW HAIR! The two secret-formula liquid solutions are easy to apply, the simple directions are easy to follow in the privacy of your own home.

## 100 YEARS AGO

July 1, 1921

Wednesday afternoon Charles Taylor and Emmett Crocker, Reclamation Service employees, had a very narrow escape from drowning, when the Ford car in which they were riding turned over on the Western Land & Irrigation company's ditch southwest of Echo, pinning them underneath the machine in about two feet of water.

Mr. Crocker's leg was very badly hurt, and it will be necessary for an x-ray photo to find out if the member was broken. He suffered severely while being brought home in another car. Mr. Taylor fared considerably better, though he had a hard time extricating himself so that he could get his nose above water, otherwise both men would have perished under the machine.

The accident happened just after the men had finished some work that was being done in connection with the McKay Creek dam. The car was on the bank of the ditch, and the front wheel had gotten out of the regular beaten road, the pressure of the car made the dirt embankment fall in, letting the car turn over into the ditch, bottom side up. It all happened so quickly, that neither of the men had a chance to jump.

## BY THE WAY

## Farm-City Pro Rodeo will go on as planned

As COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings lift, **Farm-City Pro Rodeo** has announced the organization is planning a full rodeo this year at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Hermiston, from Aug. 11-14.

Ticket sales will open sometime in early July, the rodeo board reported, and information will be available on the Farm-City Pro Rodeo Facebook page.

Prizes and special guest speakers are featured as the **Hermiston Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual Summer Business Luncheon.

The event is Tuesday, July 13, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at **Bennett Botanical Gardens**, 32632 E. Punkin Center Road, Hermiston. All active 2020 chamber members will receive one free event ticket; additional tickets are \$20 each.

To RSVP your free ticket, call **Kristina Olivas** at 541-567-6151. To order tickets, visit [www.hermistonchamber.com](http://www.hermistonchamber.com).

As the **American Red Cross** continues to experience a severe blood shortage that is negatively affecting blood product availability across the country, it is offering additional incentives.

Those who give between July 1-6 will receive a Red Cross embroidered hat by mail, while supplies last. And those providing blood donations from July 7-31 will get a \$10 card for Amazon.com via email and also will be entered for a chance to win gas for a year.

Donation opportunities are available in Umatilla County, Tri-Cities and Walla Walla. Hermiston blood drives listed on the American Red Cross website include:

- Wednesday, July 7, from noon to 5 p.m. at **Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church**.
- Monday, July 19, from 12:45-5:30 p.m. at **Good Shepherd Medical Center**.
- Thursday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at **Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center**.

For more information or to schedule a donation time,

visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.

Hermiston Herald Editor **Jade McDowell's** last day at the Herald is Wednesday, June 30. Until a new editor is hired, community news can be directed to [community@eastoregonian.com](mailto:community@eastoregonian.com) and general news tips can be directed to [newsroom@eastoregonian.com](mailto:newsroom@eastoregonian.com).

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for Thursday, July 1, is baked fish, coleslaw, veggie and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, July 6, is chicken alfredo, 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.