

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I'm brand new to Hermiston and moved from Eugene on Saturday, July 17. I moved here to work for the Hermiston Herald/East Oregonian.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

I haven't tried a ton yet but I've enjoyed Obie's and La Palma so far. I'm a huge fan of food so any suggestions for places to eat are welcome!

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I run a lot, read a lot and cook a lot.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

I love how close everything in town is and how everyone seems to know everyone! I'm used to bigger cities so it's refreshing.

What was the last book you read?

The last book I read was "Bird by Bird" by Anne Lamott. Would definitely recommend it for any writers out there. Currently reading "The Lost City of the Monkey God" by Douglas Preston, which is blowing my mind.

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

Spotify. Definitely Spotify.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go, and why?

To be honest, I just want to travel everywhere. If I had to pick, though, I've always wanted to go to Istanbul, Turkey, because there's so much history there. Or maybe Nepal for the mountains.

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

A couple weeks ago, I accidentally walked into a light pole, broke my glasses (again) and almost gave myself a concussion. That was pretty great.

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

To write as much as I possibly can!

What is your proudest accomplishment?

After high school, I worked as a cashier at Safeway and saved up every dollar I earned with the goal of solo backpacking Southeast Asia for five months. The only money I spent was on ramen and gas to get to work (not recommended — I almost passed out at work multiple times because I didn't want to spend money on real food), but I did it and turned 19 at Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Fair courts reminisce during royalty luncheon

25 YEARS AGO

Aug. 6, 1996

Some extra guests were invited to this year's Umatilla County Fair Court luncheon.

Every year, before the parade down Main Street, the fair court has a parade feast. This time, keeping with the fairs "Let's Reminisce" theme, the court invited all past fair court members since its beginning in 1933, to come and join in on the barbecue feast.

The 1996 Fair Court members, Stephanie Fialka, Carrie Ann Bakker and Crystal Bevin, sat at the entrance and greeted members of other county fair courts and members of the Umatilla County Fair courts past.

Fialka's mother, Ann Fialka, spent time searching through old Hermiston Heralds and on the telephone, tracking down former princesses and queens far and wide. Fialka's search led her to places as close to home and as far away as New York and Australia.

All in all, 16 former court members confirmed they would come. Fialka said it was easy to track down the recent court members. The older ones, she said, were a little more tricky. Most of them, whether they could come or not, said Fialka, called and gave thanks for the invitation.

Making the longest trip to attend was Pat Watson-Brendl. Now married to Dick Brendl, formerly of Pendleton, the two live in Elvis country, Memphis Tennessee. The two were planning a trip up to the area to visit relatives anyway, and the luncheon, she said, fit right in. Watson was a princess in 1957.

Gloria VanPatton, the first Fair Queen, was crowned in 1933. She said she never misses going to the fair.

"There has sure been a lot of changes," she said. "We didn't get a float, we had to ride horses in the parade."

50 YEARS AGO

Aug. 5, 1971

Bruce Giddens, owner and manager of Burnham's Department Store, announced this week that a complete toy and bicycle center will open soon in the building recently vacated by the Button Hole.

The scheduled opening date for the new store, to be called The Three Boys Toy Center, is August 17. Giddens returned Saturday from a week-long buying trip to New York City, during which he looked at about 140 lines of toy manufacturers.

"The whole idea is to bring in a fine selection of bicycles, tricycles, scooters, educational and construction games, and leading brands of toys of all types that have never before been available in Hermiston. He added that they have over 400 dolls on order in all brands and sizes.

75 YEARS AGO

Aug. 1, 1946

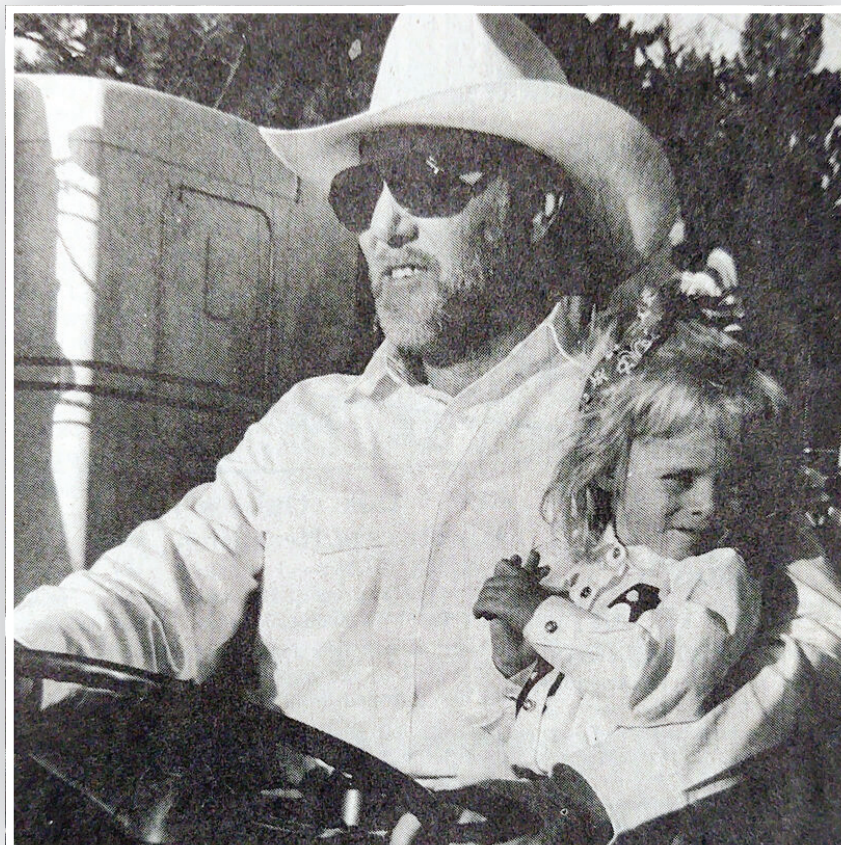
•The weatherman has turned on the heat during the past two weeks with a high of 107 being recorded here on Sunday, July 21. Cool temperatures have been enjoyed during the past few days, with more pleasant summer weather predicted.

The recordings as reported by Chas. Taylor, include temperatures over 100 degrees on five days. They were, July 20, July 21, July 23, July 25 and July 28.

•Troop 52 Ordnance Boy Scouts was reorganized last week with James Ennis as the scoutmaster at a meeting and picnic of scouts and



Hermiston Herald, File
Gloria VanPatton, the first Umatilla County Fair Queen crowned in 1933, receives a round of applause at an August 1996 fair court lunch.



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Denny Culp and his granddaughter, Keyle Ledbetter, 2, rides a John Deere tractor during the August 1996 Umatilla County Fair parade.

their fathers at the Quick Farm on the Umatilla River.

Two patrols were formed with Billy Hunsinger, senior patrol leader; Merrill Manning, junior patrol leader of one troop, and James Pitzer, patrol leader of the other troop.

Don Edwards was chosen as the Patrol Scribe. Other boys of the troop are, Doane Mueller, John Grant Jr, J.C. Barnes, Norman Knowles and Charles Lindquist.

Plans are now being made for the troop to spend a week at the Boy Scout Camp at Wallowa Lake beginning August 3.

100 YEARS AGO

Aug. 4, 1921

•Adventist camp meeting services are being held at a Tent Tabernacle on Gladys Avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets. The meetings began Sunday evening and will continue indefinitely, perhaps for several weeks.

Three persons are conducting the work, Elder G.F. Watson, H.L. Rudy and Mrs. Rudy. They came here from Boardman where they have been holding meetings. One service a day is the rule here at 8 p.m.

Mr. Watson and Mr. Rudy alter-

nate as speakers. Meetings are held every day except Monday. Mr. Watson leads in the singing, which can be heard anywhere in the East end of town in the evenings. Mrs. Rudy plays the piano.

•Umatilla's bathing beach enjoyed perhaps the biggest day of the season Sunday. How many were in bathing at any time during the day is impossible to tell. Conservative ones place a number at 300, but some insist that it should be 500.

Fifty-three cars were counted at the beach at one time and this is not nearly all that were there for they were coming and going all day. People again came from miles in all directions. It looked like most everybody from Hermiston was there and there were many from Stanfield, Echo and Pendleton. Some came from up in the state of Washington.

The beach is now equipped with dressing rooms for both men and women. The bank is covered with small trees and there are tables among them for picnic parties.

Visitors from Portland say the beach has as many swimmers as many of the ocean resorts can boast. Its fame seems to extend every week and each week brings a bigger crowd to swim.

BY THE WAY

Farm-City wrangles in family night at the rodeo

Get ready to wrangle in some fun during **Family Night at Farm-City Pro Rodeo**. Tickets for kids 12 and under are \$5 each (others are \$17 and up) for the Wednesday, Aug. 11, rodeo performance at **Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center**, Hermiston.

Each child will receive their own back number. Other activities include autographs from the rodeo clown and bullfighters, face painting and more. For more information or a link to purchase tickets, visit www.farm-cityprorodeo.com. For questions, call 541-567-8500.

It's time to get physical. Student-athletes from **Hermiston High School** and **Sandstone and Armand Larive** middle schools who plan to participate in sports can receive low-cost physicals Thursday, Aug. 12, at the high school, 600 S. First St. The schedule is:

- 9-10:30 a.m., seventh and eighth graders
- 10:30 to noon, ninth and 10th graders

- 1-2:30 p.m., 11th and 12th graders
- 2:30-4 p.m., all student-athletes

The cost is \$20. To find out if your student-athlete needs an updated physical examination this year, call the athletics secretary at 541-667-6115. For more information, visit www.hermiston.k12.or.us/apps/events.

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After waiting a year because of the global pandemic, **Wheatstock Music Festival** is ready to welcome the Texas-based **Randy Rogers Band** as its headliner. In its 13th year, the event is Saturday, Aug. 21, from 2:30-11 p.m. at Quantum 9 Arena in Helix.

The lineup also includes **Taylor and the Trainrobbers**, **Wanderlost**, **Norman Baker and the Backroads**, **Great American Trainwreck** and **Hillfolk Noir**. The festival offers free camping, food vendors, a beer garden and bouncy castles for the kids.

General admission is \$40 and VIP passes are \$149, which includes a general admission ticket, a limited backstage pass and event swag. For more information or tickets, visit www.wheatstock.org.

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The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for Thursday, Aug. 5, is Turkey casserole, fruit and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, Aug. 10, is baked fish, baked potato, coleslaw and dessert. As of Aug. 1, the cost of meals increased to \$5.

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 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.