

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



JOSH BURNS

What organizations do you belong to?

Hermiston Rotary Club, Hermiston Planning Commission, U.S. Air Force Academy Alumni Association, and I sometimes help coach youth sports (if they're really desperate for an assistant!)

Where do you live?

Hermiston, since June of 2011.

What makes your town great?

We love the location and proximity to so many awesome outdoor opportunities, but the people have made it worth staying!

What is your favorite restaurant? And what would you recommend from its menu?

I love to cook, but if we're going out to eat it's likely Delish or La Palma. Can't go wrong either way!

What other cities would you like to visit?

My brother lives in Munich Germany. He's been there about 8 years, but we haven't made it over to visit. Someday.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Almost anything outdoors, which is a big part of why we moved out here! Hunting and fishing are definitely my passions, and then cooking whatever comes home with me.

What is the funniest mistake you have ever made?

In my last career I was chosen to represent my location at the stockholders' meeting for the world's largest company. There was a group of us who attended from our site, and I was "in charge" since I was the senior member of management. There were lots of activities at the multi-day event, one of which being an inflatable obstacle course. One of our group challenged me to a race through the course. She was much younger than me and seemed pretty athletic. I was called out, so I had to accept the challenge, and I definitely didn't want to get beat in front of 30,000 people. The race was close, but after throwing all I had into it, I came out the winner. As I rolled off the inflatable mat, I realized I'd completely torn the inseam of my khakis. Front to back, all the way, total blow-out.

Have you ever had a nickname?

Burnsy, which now people call my son. I get a big kick out of that.

What is the nicest thing your family has ever done for you?

Expect me to live up to the standards they instilled. My wonderful wife is helping me pass that along to our two pretty-great kids.

What is the most important issue facing the world today?

Divisiveness and a lack of empathy. Regardless of the issue, we need to do a better job of finding common ground and building on shared values.

What is your job?

I'm a commercial insurance agent for Swanson Insurance Group.

What information do you wish you had when you started your career?

For the last year I've been able to help a great friend build an awesome team and start our own agency. We knew there would be challenges, but I don't think there was anything yet we haven't been prepared for. Like I said, awesome team!

HERMISTON HISTORY

Hermiston is last stop for 'See Oregon by Air'

25 YEARS AGO

Sept. 10, 1996

A small slip of the foot caused a six-vehicle crash on West Highland Avenue, in which one man was sent to the hospital with minor injuries.

Five vehicles were stopped at a red light around 4:30 p.m. when Lacy Royer joined the line of waiting cars. According to Lt. Jerry Roberts of the Hermiston Police Department, she began to slow down as she approached when her foot slipped off the brakes. She hit the car in front of her with enough force to set off a chain-reaction effect, with each vehicle hitting the next one.

One of the drivers, Scott Tassie of Hermiston, was transported to the Hermiston Good Shepherd Community Hospital with abrasions and bruises, but was later released. The other drivers involved were Wallace Telford of Irrigon, and Deborah Jacobson, Carrie Tobeck and Julia Perez, of Hermiston.

Lt. Roberts says the vehicles received minor to moderate damage, the other drivers were uninjured, and no citations were issued.

50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 9, 1971

Former Hermiston resident Howard F. Bundy has been hired by a Wisconsin power company to set up a nuclear reactor in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Bundy and his wife, Irene, have a daughter, Elaine, 6, and a son, Robert, 3.

He graduated from Hermiston High School in 1959 as the valedictorian, and from Washington State University in 1963.

Immediately following his WSU graduation, Bundy went to Pittsburgh to work for Westinghouse. Six months later, Westinghouse moved him to its operation at the Arco (Idaho) Naval Base, where he worked for 18 months before being hired by Douglas United Nuclear (DUN).

He moved from Richland, Washington, to Green Bay — where he's been working for about six years for DUN as a reactor operator for the Hanford Project. Now an employee of Wisconsin Public Service, Bundy intends to move back to the Pacific Northwest in two or three years, upon



Hermiston Herald, File

Larry Carrick of Larry's Clip Joint, which in September 1971 was one of the Hermiston businesses selling Booster Club cushions, is pictured with G.M. Reed, Hermiston Herald publisher. The cushions feature the "Fighting Bulldog" in "Purple Pride" and are made with attractive vinyl covering. All money raised from this Booster project go toward the annual Hermiston All-Sports Banquet.



Hermiston Herald, File

Hermiston observed Labor Day in 1971 by taking time out from work in observation of the progress of American labor and by flying American flags along both sides of Main Street and several other streets in town.

completion of the Green Bay reactor, to work on a nuclear power plant in Oregon or Washington.

75 YEARS AGO

Sept. 12, 1946

If you were lucky enough to watch the fighter jets fly over this area in March of last year, I'm sure you'll agree that it was quite a sight to see. Well, it was sure exciting when Elmer Fritzke, secretary of the Hermiston

beginning of school was like 100 years ago:

For Hermiston elementary schools (grades one through eight), the student count was 311 students — 26 more than the last year. The class with the most students is seventh grade, at 32 students.

The high school has 97 students this year, which is 26 more than the year before. Though a new teacher was added, classes are expected to be crowded. Imagine that —



Hermiston Herald, File

One person was injured and six vehicles were mildly damaged in a chain-reaction crash in September 1996 on West Highland Avenue, Hermiston.

Chamber of Commerce, received word that 30 planes will make the "See Oregon by Air" tour, in which Hermiston would be the final destination. Below is the schedule for the flying tourists:

The planes will take off from Portland-Troutdale airport on Sept. 17, stopping at The Dalles, Redmond, Prineville and Bend (for lunch), and staying overnight at Klamath Falls.

On day two, they'll have breakfast at Lakeview, lunch at Burns, and rest for the night at Ontario before continuing their four-day journey.

Then, on the third day, they'll travel on to Northeastern Oregon — stopping at La Grande, Joseph for lunch, and staying overnight at Pendleton.

Hermiston has the pleasure of being the last, and only, stop on the fourth day before the planes fly back to Portland after touring the Beaver State.

100 YEARS AGO

Sept. 8, 1921

Let's take a look at what the

crowded at only 97 students! Hermiston High School currently has approximately 1,500 students!

The class of 1921 was really impressive in the fact that all of its members are preparing to attend some level of higher education, Dorothy Briggs and Jane Gunn are to attend the Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth; Viola Bennett and Ruby Scott will go to the Washington State Normal School at Cheney, Washington; Laura Phipps will attend Whitman College at Walla Walla; Martha Winslow has already entered the Deaconess Hospital at Spokane for training; Max Warriner will attend a technical school in Detroit; Albert Hedwall is planning to enter Oregon Agricultural College next year; and Nina Patrick is currently a stenographer in a real estate office in Walla Walla but plans to enter the University of Oregon next year.

McKenzie Rose, a sophomore at Echo High School, searched Hermiston Herald archives to compile these article summaries.

BY THE WAY

WorkSource Oregon hosts Back to Work Day

WorkSource Oregon is coordinating a statewide scavenger hunt for **Back to Work Day**. The purpose of the event is to promote employment and support business customers.

The event is Wednesday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **WorkSource Eastern Oregon** is seeking employers in the Hermiston and Pendleton areas who are interested in visiting with job seekers at your worksite to discuss your hiring needs. For more information, call 541-276-6542 or email **Rebecca Flores** at rebecca.j.flores@oregon.gov or **Yuri Madrigal** at yuri.madrigal@oregon.gov.

Job seekers can obtain more information or register for the event by emailing worksource_eastern_oregon@oregon.gov or visiting **WorkSource Oregon-Hermiston**, 950 S.E. Columbia Drive, Suite B, Hermiston; or **WorkSource Oregon-Pendleton**, 408 S.E. Seventh St., Pendleton.

included in **Oregon Business** magazine's top 100 fan-favorite destinations in Oregon for 2020. The **SAGE Center** in Boardman was No. 28. This is the third year in a row that the visitor center made the list. See the community story in this edition of the **Hermiston Herald** for more about the SAGE Center.

Other fan favorites in the region making the list were **Tamástlikt Cultural Institute** (51) and **Pendleton Round-Up** (80).

Wrangler National Finals Rodeo National Anthem Contest 2021 has hometown vocalist **Lisa Jones** in the running to sing the **National Anthem** at the **National Finals Rodeo** in Las Vegas.

The **Hermiston Chamber of Commerce** in a newsletter reported voting for the contest began Aug. 30 and wraps up Monday, Sept. 13. Fans are eligible to cast one vote per email address for the duration of the Top 30 Judging voting period.

To cast a vote, fans must provide a valid email address.

Once fan voting for the Top 30 is finalized, a panel will judge all eligible entries according to the following criteria: overall appeal of vocal performance, originality and accuracy of lyrics. Judges weigh each element equally on a scale of one to 10, with 10 being the best score.

The panel will then select the top eight entries and reopen the contest for fan voting Sept. 27 through Oct. 4.

If Jones is in the top eight, locals again can give their backing to Jones.

"For now," according to the chamber, "we need to get as many votes as possible so we can send a local talent to Vegas to sing at the opening Grand Entry at the National Finals Rodeo."

"This would be a big honor to represent Hermiston," according to Jones.

The top two vote recipients in the top eight will be chosen to perform at the Wrangler NFR.

This is the link where you can cast your vote: www.nfrexperience.com/nfr-national-anthem-2021.

And pass this on to someone you know so they can cast their vote, too.

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for **Thursday, Sept. 9**, is baked fish, coleslaw, fruit and dessert. The menu for **Tuesday, Sept. 14**, is hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and dessert. (In-house meals will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. People planning to dine in are asked to call by 11 a.m.)

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 before 11 a.m. Meals are \$5 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.