

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Umatilla

What is your occupation?

I'm currently retired and looking for the next life adventure. Before moving to Umatilla last year, I was a policy analyst/advisor for the federal government in the healthcare sector in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, I was a lobbyist.

What is the most fun thing you have ever done at work?

The most fun thing I have ever done at work was attend a White House event that Patti LaBelle performed at.

Have you ever met a famous person? What happened?

Through work in politics, there are opportunities to meet celebrities who have different causes and what not. One of my favorite encounters was riding an elevator with Sen. Obama during the 2008 election cycle. He was very friendly and outgoing.

What is the best place you have ever visited in the world?

My favorite place in the world that I have visited would have to be the Amalfi Coast of Italy and the small villages along the coastline there. The fresh Italian food and wine is absolutely amazing!

What is your favorite place (restaurant, park, etc.) in the area?

I'm still new to the area and exploring new places to go. Moving here during the pandemic kind of limited options of things to do. I enjoy eating at Midway or going to the park by the McNary Dam.

What is your favorite local annual event?

There are a couple of local events that have been fun to attend. One is the Juneteenth celebration, which was a great way to meet new people. The other was the Umatilla County Fair and Rodeo with relatives.

What is your favorite hobby?

My favorite hobby is traveling. I have been able to have different experiences and live from Asia to the Middle East. Learning about other cultures and other people's lived experiences gives a different perspective to your life. Reading is another great way to learn about cultures.

What is your favorite book?

My favorite book is "Between Two Kingdoms" by Suleika Jaouad. It is her biography of living through cancer and traveling the country after beating the disease to find meaning and purpose in her life again.

Do you believe in love at first sight?

I believe in attraction at first sight. For a small percentage of people, there is the possibility of love at first sight (hopefully after a conversation to make sure the other person isn't an ax murderer!). There is always that possibility...

HERMISTON HISTORY

HHS band marches in 1996 Westward Ho! Parade

25 YEARS AGO
Sept. 17, 1996

While Mexico celebrated its independence over the weekend, so did Hermiston residents with dancing, music, food, and a pageant naming the Mexican Independence Day queen and princess. The festival, held at McKenzie Park, lasted from Sunday morning into the evening. The celebration has been held in the park since 1991 — before then, it was at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church.

Contestants in the high school age group competed for the title of "Reina Fiestas Patrias" (Queen), as the fourth through sixth-grade contestants were in the "Princess" category. The girls were asked to wear dresses native to their Mexican state and give a short explanation about that special place of heritage.

In the princess category, Ana Gutierrez came in third place and was awarded \$10, Sonia Sotello also won \$10 with second, and Mayra Guzman received \$30 and the "Princess" title upon winning first.



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Pageant contestants wait to be introduced to the crowd at the celebration of Mexico's Independence in September 1996 at McKenzie Park.

can Red Cross, \$26,450; Blue Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, \$15,000; Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation, \$1,100; Milton-Freewater Camp Fire Girls Council, \$2,750; Oregon Council, Camp Fire Girls, \$13,500; Oregon United Appeal, \$10,000; Salvation Army, \$18,000;

schools; George Jaros, rural; Henry Frischmuth, finance; Anne Metsopoulos, publicity; Bob Rothermel, Oregon state employees; and Jack Naff, Hermiston Ministries.

75 YEARS AGO
Sept. 19, 1946

Those near and far had been expressing hope for a bridge around the McNary Dam area that would facilitate traffic to Seattle and other northwest cities. Well, such a bridge was finally becoming a reality.

At a recent Prosser, Wash., meeting, representatives of the McNary Development Association met with delegates from chambers of commerce near the proposed bridge site. They were all in support of a bridge, and agreed that it should be made on top of the dam instead of having a separate bridge below it. This would most likely make it an interstate bridge to be financed by the two states, with the possibility of some federal aid, too. However, Army engineers discouraged a crossing on the dam and instead recommended building the bridge below it.

Members of the McNary Development Association met Sept. 24 at Stanfield High School to further plans for advancing the McNary Dam Bridge.

100 YEARS AGO
Sept. 15, 1921

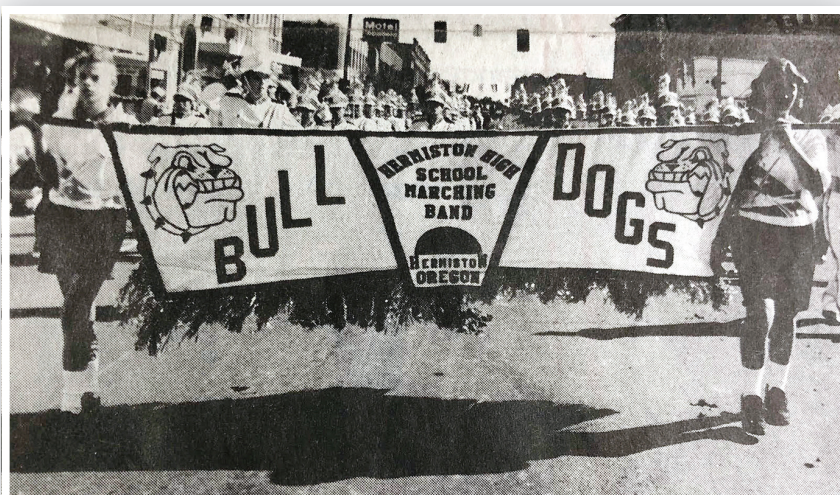
The excellent weather and entertainment at the nearby 'experiment farm' drew approximately 700 people — from Pendleton to Boardman and beyond — to come and enjoy a day filled with style, advice and fun!

People began gathering at the farm around noon, bringing their own lunches. Some arrived in their cars and others on horseback, giving the grounds the appearance of a county fair.

Just after noon, the regular program began with a fashion show staged by Edith Van Deusen, the county home demonstration agent. The dresses were furnished by Alexander's of Pendleton, with Jane Warner and Elizabeth Straw showcasing the styles for little girls as Miss Ruth Snow displayed those for young women.

Following the fashion show were speakers Professor P. M. Brandt of Oregon Agricultural College and R. E. Bean of Umapine, Ore.. Brandt spoke about the harm the war had on dairy production, and encouraged more farmers to utilize that sector. Moving from the town to the farm seven years ago, Bean also moved the audience to laughter and applause as she entertained the crowd with her stories and experiences of being a farmer's wife.

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



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The Hermiston High School Marching Band proudly carries their banner during the 1996 Pendleton Round-Up Westward Ho! Parade.

The 1996 Mexico Independence Day Queen, and the accompanying \$150, was awarded to Fabiola Morales. Rosa Elana Ortiz received \$100 with second place, and Janette Rivera got \$50 with third.

50 YEARS AGO
Sept. 16, 1971

The United Good Neighbors campaign leaders for the Hermiston area had an ambitious goal for 1972: to raise \$14,000.

Umatilla County UGN chairman Joe McLaughlin announced the 1972 Umatilla County goal is \$100,881.39, to be distributed among the 12 UGN member-agencies as follows: Ameri-

Hermiston Transient Aid, \$300; Milton-Freewater Transient Aid, \$400; Pendleton Transient Aid Society, \$600; UGN campaign and administrative expenses, \$9,781.39; and pledge default, \$3,000.

The Hermiston Committee chairmen (with co-chairmen in parenthesis) who will work to put this plan into action are listed, along with their responsibilities: Joe Burns, leadership; Chuck Norris (Chuck Bailey), payroll; Carlisle Harrison (Dick Lowry and John Cermak), north business; Matt Doherty (Glenn Dyer), south business; Jim Shropshire, federal government; Betty Wolcott, Umatilla Army Depot; Richard Scott, Hermiston



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United Good Neighbors members, from left, Matt Doherty, Joe McLaughlin, Chuck Norris and Charles Stine, discuss fundraising during a September 1971 meeting.

BY THE WAY

District hires Padilla for head baseball coach

District Athletics and Activities Director Larry Usher announced Dave Padilla as the new Hermiston High School head baseball coach.

A former Bulldog baseball player himself, Padilla previously was an assistant coach and will lead the team this year. He also helped coach football and is a member of the softball coaching staff. Padilla has extensive coaching experience ranging from youth to high school, as he coached his children through athletics. He has coached sports from youth basketball to soccer to little league.

"The Hermiston School District is very excited to have coach Padilla back in our baseball program," Usher said. "We are looking forward to him building connections with our community and youth program."

Padilla raised three daughters in Hermiston who were multi-sport athletes for the bulldogs. He will replace Kevin Moore as head coach.

••• The Boardman Fire Rescue District announced that extreme fire danger has prompted the extension of its summer burn ban to Oct. 1.

••• Southern New Hampshire University named Jocelle Quinn of Hermiston and Holly Kress of Hermiston to the summer 2021 President's List.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. SNHU is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history.

••• The Boardman Marina & RV Park announced it has been experiencing issues with its phones. As a temporary solution, call 541-571-4473 or 541-571-6144 to reach the reservation booth during business hours.

••• The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Thursday, Sept. 16, is lasagna, garlic bread, corn and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, Sept. 21, is baked chicken, stuffing, vegetables 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.