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Hello,

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Hickory Ridge*

What do you love about Greenwood?

Amity Coffee! I love that it's got the small town feel and everyone seems to genuinely care about each other and are connected with each other as a community. There's a lot of extended families. Almost everyone's related in some way shape or form and that's not a bad thing. It really creates that sense of community and connectedness



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What makes Greenwood a good home?

I don't live in Greenwood, I live in Bridgeville, they're almost the same.

They are kind of sister towns

Yeah, exactly, again I think the sense of, you know, there's a lot of people that have been here for generations. There's certainly plenty of transplants and new folks in the community as well, but you don't always see areas where it's like "We've farmed this area, we've lived here for generations, my grandparents, my great grandparents". You see a lot of that which I think is a neat dynamic for sure, and I've lived in a lot of different places over the last 48 years.



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*If you had the ability to make any improvement to the town,
what would it be?*

I would say to capitalize on the amount of traffic that comes through. This might not be realistic but some way to have something on this main drag where it's almost like shut down.

If it was possible to shut down the stretch of Market Street from Highway 13 to around 1st Street and create storefronts, street vendors, and outdoor restaurant seating. With some green places, water features, and a music pavilion. A place where people would stop and spend the afternoon before heading to/from the beaches and where they would go on the weekends. Just a place for people to stop, either on the way out of beaches or to the beaches. Make it a little stop off. I don't know, that's what Amity's trying to do, just more of that.



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What is your current job or hobby? We're librarians so we'd love to know, does reading enhance this job/hobby?

I'm the pastor at Hickory Ridge in Greenwood. Reading absolutely enhances my job, without a doubt. I'm always reading something, usually about 3 or 4 books at a time.

What are you reading?

I'm a fantasy junkie, so I've always got a fantasy series going. Right now I'm reading one, I can't remember the authors name but it's called the Lords of Alekka. Then I'm also reading a book that came out by Mark Rutland called Of Kings And Prophets. Those are the two main ones I'm reading right now.



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What formats? (ebook, newspaper, magazines, etc)

Probably more ebooks.

Do you have a favorite book or series?

I'll say the Bible, that's what I'm supposed to say and it certainly is one of my favorite books. My favorite series is usually whatever I'm currently in. I like the Kingkiller Chronicles except I don't think Pat Rothfuss is ever going to finish it since it's been 10 years. I also like Game of Thrones but I don't know if George R.R. Martin is ever going to finish that.



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What was your favorite childhood book?

Curious George

What actor would play you in a movie?

I have no idea, I haven't thought about that. Jon Hamm

If you wrote a memoir, what would the title be?

What did Bilbo Baggins say? There and back again? Gosh that's a good question. I would have to say Surrendered: What I've learned in my pursuit of Jesus OR The risk and reward of following Jesus.



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Do you have any ideas for how Greenwood could be a stronger and more connected community?

I would say probably, and I guess this is more than just Greenwood, because I live in Bridgeville, but I think since they share school districts and everything else, they could do more things that are interconnected. Like last year there was the Christmas parade in Greenwood and then a different day there was a parade in Bridgeville. It would be great to figure out a way to do it together, where it starts in Greenwood, goes down the highway and through Bridgeville. That would be something that could probably get a lot of people to wanna come and park along the highway. I know ya gotta work with the state or whatever, with the traffic on 13. But you'd have people parked on 13, watching the parade, and people selling hot chocolate and whatever. You have two small towns that are both trying to do things that draw people. Bridgeville has the Apple Scrapple, but I just think it'd be good to do more things that were interconnected, rather than come out to Greenwood one weekend and come out the next weekend to Bridgeville. That doesn't always make sense to me.
