

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## ANGEL AGUILAR

Hermiston

**Can you tell me something interesting about yourself?**

*I'm a cattle rancher on the side. I raise my own cattle, and I have about 27.*

**Does that require a lot of work?**

*Yeah. I'm busy mornings, nights and even before I come to work. I'm out at about 7 a.m., and I get to them real quick. Later, I go back to make sure they're watered during the day. I have to check on them, and it's time-consuming, but it's a lifestyle that I enjoy.*

**How long have you been doing this?**

*It's been on and off for the past six years, but these last two years have been consistent. I went to college, so I got out of it because I didn't have the time. Then, I got back into it.*

**Six years is a long time in the life of a young man. How old are you?**

*I'm 20, almost 21.*

**Do you have plans for your 21st birthday?**

*I think we're going to be going to Vegas right about the end of January.*

**Have you done much traveling?**

*Not recently, with COVID and everything. Before then, we'd do maybe two trips a year, at least once to Vegas. I haven't been able to gamble, because I'm too young, but this year I'll be able to. I'd like to try, but I don't think I'll get too far into it because I don't want to lose too much.*

**Have you practiced?**

*No, not really. I've played cards on the side with friends, but nothing compared to what I'd be facing up there. But I'll probably just be playing the slot machines.*

**Will you see any shows while you're in Las Vegas?**

*Yeah, it's my girlfriend's first time being over there, so I'm letting her pick what we're going to see. Since I've seen it all before, and it's new to her, she'll be making choices about what we see and do.*

**Can you tell me about your girlfriend?**

*Yeah. We met at Ranch & Home. We were both supervisors and worked together and started to fall for each other. We got together on a Valentine's Day ad on TV, so that was really cool. They put us on as the face of the company.*

**How do you feel about starting to work for the Hermiston Herald?**

*I like it. People have already seen me around town and called me "Mr. Hermiston." I feel good about representing this company and being in this town.*

## HERMISTON HISTORY

## Birdwatcher Nancy Brown decks out her Christmas tree

25 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 21, 1996

While most of our Christmas trees sport handmade ornaments, souvenirs and tinsel, Nancy Brown adds a new spin to the classical decorations by dressing her tree in birds.

An avid bird watcher and admirer, her 6-foot Christmas tree exhibits a colorful peacock with vibrant busy tail feathers (her newest addition), little birds created from mushrooms, pheasants, snow owls, penguins, pelicans, a goose and just about any other bird you could think of. "I don't have many bulbs, I like birds instead," Brown said. One of her favorites is a 100-year-old bird carried over the Atlantic Ocean by her great-grandfather from Germany. "(My) dad can remember it being on the tree when he was a little boy," Brown said. This treasured family heirloom has received special care over the years and even has its own box.

Brown also has chains of gold musical notes, candy canes and glittering circle branches, but the unique birds are the spotlight of this nature-full tree.

50 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 23, 1971

Along with other new officer installations and appointments, Janet Langenwaller became the Honored Queen of the International Order of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 44 (a program promoting leadership, confidence and charity).

The ceremonies opened with the entrance of the Bethel Guardians, Mrs. Marcia Close and Dr. Owen Corley, escort of the master of ceremonies by Dr. Corley, and then the installing officers. Once everyone had entered, songs were sung and poems presented. Then came a Bible ceremony, presentation of the flag, and installation of the Bethel officers.

Following this emotional moment was a wonderful reception with food, friends, congratulations and mingling as the people present enjoyed a ceremony of advancement in righteous journeys.

75 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 26, 1946

Christmas season, though filled with joy and cheer, also brings concerns about diseases — and not just



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**An illusion of a giant Christmas tree, breaking through the roof, at Ardis Carter's house in December 1971.**

for humans. Specifically for the upcoming Dairy Convention on Jan. 6-8, disease control is going to be their main focus.

On the first day, Jan. 6, groups will present tentative reports on disease control, herd improvement, dairy products promotion and resolutions. This day will just be a basic sharing of information. Next comes the presentations and speeches of multiple notable members of the Oregon Dairymen's Association, including President Fred Knox, P.M. Brandt, O.H. Muth with "Current Status and Most Recent Research Findings on Brucellosis of Cattle and Swine," and Palmer Torvend concluding the day with a report on artificial insemination in Oregon.

Thankfully, after all this thinking and hard work, a banquet will help the convention attendees relax a little. Then they're at it again, with Wednesday's presentations centering mainly on the production and promotion of dairy products: Dr. G.H. Wil-

ster will touch on new dairy products, Russell J. Walts will present his "New Developments in Marketing Dairy Products," and E.L. Peterson will wrap it up with his "The Livestock Program of the State Department." By the end of this convention, the dairy farmers and experts are hoping to find new ways to protect their cattle — so that Christmas is memorable for them too!

100 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 22, 1921

The city of Boardman is looking forward to expansion, as it received a huge \$50,000 school bond and its population and acreage are on the rise.

In 1919, at the age of 3, Boardman had a lumber yard, feed business, hotel, confectionery and a few garages and grocery stores. Now, only three years later, it also has a post office, glamorous hotel, numerous cottages and residences and two churches. In addition, electric lights are expected to arrive soon — though not seeming that impressive nowadays, this was very exciting 100 years ago!

The \$50,000 school bond made possible the addition of two 85-foot wings to the central building, several new teachers and increased enrollment. In fact, enrollment has increased by 33% and buses are at their maximum capacity. Boardman's school is now one of the most modern in Oregon, offering a full four-year high school course.

Agriculture is also experimenting with new horizons: previously an alfalfa-farming-dominant region, several cartloads of cattle have been imported to create a dairy industry. A milk testing station is to be incorporated in the school and a new cheese factory has been receiving encouraging praise.

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**Walmart manager Yolanda Board displays the Holiday Barbie, a sought-after Christmas toy that sold out soon after being stocked in 1996.**

## BY THE WAY

## Community Fellowship Dinner brings free meals to Hermiston

Free food will be available to fill empty bellies on Christmas Day for the **Community Fellowship Dinner**. Volunteers will prepare heat-and-serve dinners **Saturday, Dec. 25**, available for pickup outside **Hermiston High School**, 600 S. First St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. According to volunteers, it will be just like the recent Thanksgiving meals, except the main course will include baked ham with the roast turkey. They may also serve green beans instead of kernel corn.

While waiting for your food to digest, you should probably start thinking of ways to burn off extra calories consumed during the holidays. Start making plans to participate in the **Hermiston Resolution Run**. It is **Saturday, Jan. 1**, 9-11 a.m. with the starting point at the **Riverview Park** parking lot.

Participants can walk, jog or run the 3.1 mile **Oxbow Trail**. People may, instead, choose some other distance. One thing to keep in mind — there are no aid stations on the course. Water is only available at the finish line,

where runners will receive some high fives. Also, there is a photo booth.

This event, which is sponsored by local runners and walkers, is free. T-shirts will be available for purchase.

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Do you know of any special people or businesses in Boardman? If so, you can nominate them to be honored. The **Boardman Chamber of Commerce** is accepting nominations for favorite Boardman businesses and community members to be honored at the **2022 Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet**. Be quick, though, as the nomination deadlines is **Jan. 15**.

For information about nominating, email the chamber at [info@boardmanchamber.org](mailto:info@boardmanchamber.org).

It's not too early to start shopping for a coat to donate. A new youth winter coat, purchased at [www.yougivegoods.com/coatsforkids2022](http://www.yougivegoods.com/coatsforkids2022), is the cost of participation in the **Polar Bear Plunge**. Buy a coat, then drop it off at

the **Umatilla Head Start**, 1371 Third St., Umatilla.

The event is **Jan. 8**, 12-2 p.m. It takes place at the **Umatilla Marina Swim Beach**, 1710 Quincy Ave.

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** is closed **Thursday, Dec. 23**. The menu for **Tuesday, Dec. 28**, is baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, 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** is open for dine-in lunches on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, noon at 100 Tatone St. Meals are \$4 for seniors and \$5 for others. Take-out lunches are available by calling **541-481-3257**.