

# Here's what a library card means for you

By Erin McCusker

This September is Library Card Sign-Up Month sponsored by our libraries and the American Library Association (ALA). It is a time to remember that a library card is a critical step on the path to lifelong learning.

A library card opens a world of infinite possibilities through resources and services that give library customers of all ages the tools to succeed in school and beyond. Your libraries in the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) provide early literacy and family story times, teen programs, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programs, high-quality and popular books, videos and audiobooks. And, there is more.

When you get a library card at your local library — Adams, Athena, Echo, Helix, Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Stanfield, Ukiah, Umatilla or Weston — you have access to not only your home library but also all of the libraries in Umatilla County (www.ucslid.org).

Additionally, your library is a member of the Sage Library System and you have access to "a library consortium of public, school, academic, and special libraries throughout 15 counties of Eastern and Central Oregon" (www.sagelib.org).

Your library card also provides free access to the ebooks and audiobooks of the Library2Go program of the Oregon Digital Library Consortium (https://library2go.overdrive.com). Check at your local library for tips and tricks to download them to your own device.

In addition, your free library card gives you access to the following services:

- The internet at your library's public computers or through complimentary wifi

- Online, electronic databases of high quality information, vetted by research librarians and experts in the field (www.galepages.com/umatillacsld)

- Fun programs that bring families and communities together, like book clubs, craft gatherings, movie nights

- Local history collections, genealogy and family history resources

- Community meeting rooms

- Magazines and newspapers

- Children's play areas

- The Summer Reading Program, helping students retain their reading skills over the summer

- And wonderful library staff who are ready to help

If you already have a library card, go check out your library and see what's new. You can access the websites of all of the UCSLD member libraries at this website address: [www.ucslid.org/index.php/member%20libraries](http://www.ucslid.org/index.php/member%20libraries).

If you don't have a library card yet, visit your local library in person or online to find out how to get this valuable treasure and make sure you don't miss out on all the fun.

Here are a few programs coming up at the Umatilla Public Library:

- Sept. 6, 1 p.m. — Umatilla Public Pop-up Library during Kiwanis Park Ribbon Cutting at Kiwanis Park, Umatilla

- Sept 10, 5 p.m. — Umatilla Public Pop-up Library at the Master Trail Plan Ribbon Cutting at Umatilla City Hall

- Sept. 13, 3 p.m. — "Toy Story" movie and snacks at the Umatilla Public Library

- Sept. 20, 3 p.m. — "Toy Story 2" movie and snacks at the Umatilla Public Library

- Sept 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Outdoor book sale and Umatilla Public Pop-up Library at Village Square Park

- Sept. 27, 3 p.m. — "Toy Story 3" movie and snacks at the Umatilla Public Library

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ERIN MCCUSKER COMMENT

# Reid cruises into 95th birthday

East Oregonian



Photo contributed by Wanda Hunt

**Robert Reid of Irrigon, left, recently enjoyed a sunset cruise on his 95th birthday on a pontoon boat with his granddaughter, Michelle Williams, and daughter Janie Kepler.**

**IRRIGON — Robert Reid** recently had a birthday to remember.

The 95-year-old Irrigon man is a World War II veteran who spent most of his time during the war in the South Pacific. **Richard Scarlett** and **Wanda Hunt** of Hat Rock made arrangements to meet him at the Stanfield Senior Center for lunch. Then, Reid's granddaughters **Michelle Williams**, who lives in Utah, and **Heather Kandle**, who resides in North Dakota, showed up. Unbeknownst to Reid, his daughter, **Janie Kepler**, had made arrangements for the surprise.

Reid lived the majority of his life in Heppner, moving to Irrigon about 10 years ago. He spent most of his life working in the lumber industry. He has a portable saw and has made furniture, bird houses and wooden boxes that he sells at area farmers markets.

Scarlett and Hunt met Reid about 10 years ago and said he's a man of few words who has a smile that lights up a room. Later after dinner at Ye Olde Pizza Shoppe, Reid headed to Hat Rock where Scarlett and Hunt took him on a sunset cruise on the Columbia River on their pontoon boat. Hunt said Reid commented, "This is a birthday to remember."

# Walmart salutes Pendleton VFW post

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**PENDLETON — The Pendleton Walmart** store recently provided a grant to **Pendleton Veterans of Foreign Wars Let'er Buck Post 922**.

Recognizing all the great work the VFW does, and having an active duty military daughter, Walmart manager **Shawna Nulf** wanted to find a way to give back to the organization. The \$1,000 donation will be put towards the purchase of 72 new 3-foot-by-5-foot American flags to be used for community parades and patriotic events, said **Fred Bradbury**, VFW Fourth of July parade chairman.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was originally created in 1899 and later recognized by Congress in 1936. The local Let'er Buck Post 922 was approved in 1919, Bradbury said. To qualify for



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**Gary Ward, local VFW commander, far left, and Fred Bradbury, VFW Fourth of July parade chairman, far right, accept a donation from Pendleton Wal-Mart representatives, including Eva Richerson and Crystal Schlaht, associates, and store manager Shawna Nulf.**

membership, one must have honorably served overseas in an area of foreign conflict approved by Congress.

The primary function of the VFW organization is to help disabled veterans, as well as their dependents,

and to promote Americanism through local community service, Bradbury said. The VFW motto is "We honor the dead by serving the living."

The local VFW post supports communities in a variety of ways, including awarding two yearly scholarships to students attending Blue Mountain Community College, providing Color Guards for events and parades, and making donations to youth athletic and scholastic programs. VFW members also participate in local river and highway rest stop cleanups and hosts the VFW Cowboy Breakfast each year during the four days of Pendleton Round-Up.

For more information about the Let'er Buck Post, contact Bradbury at [fbradbury@yahoo.com](mailto:fbradbury@yahoo.com) or 541-377-7474.

# MacPhersons' granddaughter receives scholarship

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MacPherson

**HERMISTON — The granddaughter of Robert and Serena MacPherson** of Stanfield received a \$1,200 scholarship from the **Oregon State Association of Emblem Clubs**. **Serena MacPherson** was recently installed as treasurer of

**Hermiston Emblem Club #215**.

**Margaret A. MacPherson**, a junior at **Washington State University**, is majoring in elementary education with endorsements in

special education. Her parents are **Shawn MacPherson** and **Melanie Wheeler** of Camas, Washington.

Hermiston Emblem Club president **Teresa Moncrief** shared that Margaret's goal is to eventually teach children whose first language isn't English.

Emblem Club members

are recognized for charity work in their communities, scholarships they award, their dedication to patriotism, and their support of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and our country's veterans. For more information about the Hermiston Emblem Club, call Moncrief at 541-564-0887.

# Fourth annual tournament tees off for Special Olympics

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**ECHO — The fourth annual Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Fundraising Golf Tournament** raised \$6,351.

The winning team, sponsored by **Ensure CBD/Jeff Edmundson**, was led by captain **Mitch McClannahan** and included his daughter **Madison**, son **Garrett**, and **Carlos Chavez**. The foursome shot a blistering score of 51 during the 18-hole scramble format contest. They received assistance from mulligans and the popular red rope score enhancement devices, which contributed to the net earnings of the event, said **Kristi Smalley**, Special Olympics communications manager.

The Aug. 10 event was held at **Echo Hills Golf Course**. Participants were treated to a barbecue hamburger lunch served by representatives of **Our Lady of Angels Knights of Columbus Council #3999** and **Doris Boatright**, who has supported the local program for more than 40 years as a bowling coach and board member.

Although not placing in the tournament, a team of four Special Olympics supporters comprised of Union Local Program head golf coach **Pam Thompson**, **Pat Vaughn**, Hermiston/Pendleton golf coach **Cal Harris** and **John Edmundson**, grandfather of Special Olympics athlete **Jillian Smalley**, shot a 59. The foursome wore Special Olympics golf shirts provided by **Special Olympics Oregon**.

Gold Medal Sponsors for the event included **Umatilla Electric Cooperative**, **A & A Mini Storage**, **Rogger's Toyota** of Hermiston, **Jim Purswell's Pumps Co. Inc.**, **Knights of Columbus** and **Wyatt Harris/Northwest Mutual**.

Special Olympics provides athletic training and competitions for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at no charge. Athletes will begin bowling and swimming starting the first week in September. For more information, call local coordinator **Angela Schneider** at 541-314-0166.



Photo contributed by Kristi Smalley

**Special Olympics supporters John Edmundson, Pat Vaughn, Pam Thompson and Cal Harris shot a 59 during the Hermiston/Pendleton Special Olympics Fundraising Golf Tournament, held Aug. 10 at Echo Hills Golf Course.**

## ANNIVERSARY

### Jack and Katie Johns

Jack and Katie (Herburger) Johns are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. The Johns are cattle ranchers in Fox, Ore., where they have lived for their entire married life.



Katie and Jack Johns in 1959.



Katie and Jack Johns in 2019.

A party is planned Sept. 7, 2019, at the Fox School House from 1-3 p.m. Cake and refreshments will be provided. The daughters of Jack and Katie encourage friends and family to join in the celebration, but request no gifts for the couple.

## BIRTHS

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**

**AUG. 21, 2019**  
**REYES** — Isabel A. Reyes and Enrique Reyes Jr. of Pendleton: a girl, Aveline Rose Reyes.

**AUG. 22, 2019**  
**MORRIS** — Sarah E. Heise-Arroyo and Alex W. Morris of Pendleton: a girl, Eeve Ann-Marie Morris.

**AUG. 23, 2019**  
**KNIGHT** — Molly S. Hamilton and John T. Knight: a girl, Landry Jayne Knight.

**AUG. 24, 2019**  
**THOMPSON** — Sara J. Obrist and Anthony C. Thompson of Pendleton: a girl, Penelope Pearl Ann Thompson.

**AUG. 25, 2019**  
**PITTMAN** — Sierra M. Wells and Woodrow W. Pittman II of Pendleton: a boy, Woodrow Wilson Pittman III.

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**AUG. 20, 2019**  
**ESCOBEDO** — Shanna Escobedo and Gabriel Escobedo of Hermiston: a boy, Cody Gabriel Escobedo.

**AUG. 21, 2019**  
**MEYERS** — Carissa Bankney and Dwayne Meyers of Umatilla: a girl, Lillian Grace Meyers.

**AUG. 27, 2019**  
**GOLDIE** — Maxine Goldie and Dustin Goldie of Echo: a boy, Mason Wayne Goldie.

# Pet of the Week

**Butch is a 3 year old neutered lovebug. He loves attention and will talk to you. Good with other cats (do not know about dogs. Up to date on all shots plus rabies)**

**377 Pets Adopted in 2019!**

Visit Butch at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws  
Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm  
517 SE 3rd ST, Pendleton  
541-276-0181  
Check out the PAWSABILITY Thrift Store

**BUTCH**

**SAMURAI DOGGIE**  
-megumi's dog grooming-  
**541.276.6220**  
920 SW Frazer Ste. 105  
Pendleton, OR 97801