

WWII ARTIFACTS

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store back east that he saw a postcard with a picture of Hitler. When he turned it over, he saw that it wasn't addressed but that it bore both German and Czechoslovakian stamps, as well as a red swastika and Czechoslovakian postmark dated October 3, 1938, two days after the Germans invaded the country. He bought it and brought it home.

The rest is, quite literally, history.

Nelson's extensive collection now includes armbands worn by the Jews, German swords and bayonets, dog tags from every country involved in the war, POW letters, letters from soldiers of several nations—all translated—newspapers and magazines, as well as full U.S. medic kit and uniform with personal rations. His collection contains more from Europe than the Pacific Theater, but he also says he has as much or more from the American home front, such as civil

defense artifacts, war bonds and rationing stamps. Almost everything is original, with few reproductions.

One of the unique aspects of Nelson's collection is that it's available to travel anywhere any time. He says he designed it that way because he wants to share it with people who might not see the artifacts if they were kept in his house, or even in a museum.

"I wanted to take it around and show kids history," says Nelson. "They might not ever get to a museum. I don't know if they even have museums like that in the northwest."

Especially important to him is the hands-on nature of his displays. Newspapers and magazines are even laminated so people can thumb through them.

"Kids really enjoy looking at these things, even looking at the Life magazines and the ads. It's a completely different type of magazine than they have



Nelson's display includes original newspapers and magazines like this one, which are laminated so people can thumb through them in a hands-on experience of World War II history.

now," he says. He said most grade- and middle-schoolers are too young for his exhibit, but older students and adults love it. "Juniors and seniors have studied enough to appreciate and understand what they're seeing."

Nelson's display will be at the Port of Morrow in Boardman on Sunday, March 4 at 2:30 p.m. The event hosted by the Morrow County Historical Society and is free to the public.

Library announces addition of Mango Languages

Oregon Trail Library District Director Marsha Richmond announced last week that the library district now offers the Mango Languages online language-learning system to its patrons.

Mango is free for all library patrons. With an Oregon Trail library card, patrons can access the system from any computer connected to the Internet. Apps for the iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch are also available. Mango is also available on library computers.

"The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application that integrates components of vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture," according to a statement from the library. "Users learn actual conversation, breaking down complex conversational elements within an audio-visual framework that allows the user to draw important connections between pieces of information they have already learned."

Mango offers 38 different basic and complete language programs for English speakers and 15 English as a Second Language courses for non-English speaking residents. Mango Basic teaches everyday greetings, gratitude, goodbyes and helpful phrases in a short period of time and is designed to appeal to a beginner in a new language. Each basic course requires only two to five hours of time to complete. The Mango Complete programs are 100-lesson courses designed to provide a deep understanding of a language and its culture.

The availability of Mango languages in the Oregon Trail Library District is made possible by the financial support from local businesses and organizations including Boardman Chamber of Commerce, Boardman Foods, Inc., Cascade Specialties, Inc., Courtesy Staffing, Inc. and Heppner Friends of the Library.

"We are thrilled to add our district's libraries to the growing list of libraries

across the country who have added Mango to their resources," said Richmond. "Some people need to learn a second language for business, travel or educational reasons. Others just want to because they think it would be interesting. No matter the reason, learning the language should be fun. With Mango, it definitely is."

To learn more about Mango and get a preview of what the program has to offer, patrons can stop by the library and get an introduction from librarians. Mango can be accessed with a library card via the library website at www.oregontrail.plinkit.org. Any resident within the Oregon Trail Library District (Boardman, Heppner or Irrigon) who wishes to obtain a library card can visit one of the local branches with an ID and proof of residency.

For more information, contact the Oregon Trail Library Boardman library at 541-481-2665 or Heppner branch at 541-676-9964.

Holly Rebekah card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will host its monthly card party on Saturday,

March 3 at the lodge hall in Lexington. Play will commence at 7 p.m. The cost

to play is \$5 per person. Snacks will be provided throughout the evening.

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