

COMMUNITY

# Praying for the nation

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People gathered to pray for a variety of causes at a National Day of Prayer event Thursday in Hermiston.

Angela Medina and Pastor Hector Ramirez led the ceremony in both English and Spanish inside the gym at Hermiston High School.

At the beginning of the ceremony, Medina said the event would focus on "seven pillars" of society: government, military, media, business, education, church and family.

She quoted 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven."

Jacob Looper led the Hermiston Assembly of God band in worship songs, and the attendees sang along.

Before the event, one



People sing along with a worship song during a National Day of Prayer event Thursday at in the gym at Hermiston High School.

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of the organizers, Rob Lovett, said the National Day of Prayer started in 1779.

"Our nation needs prayer," he said. "We are coming together for prayer

and praise and worship to honor God. ... We are praying for our entire nation."

According to a National Day of Prayer Task Force publication, Dr. Jack Graham wrote the 2015 Na-

tional Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, We come to You in the name that is above every name — Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our hearts cry out to You.



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Angela Medina, left, and Pastor Hector Ramirez lead the National Day of Prayer ceremony in both English and Spanish Thursday at Hermiston High School.

Knowing that You are a prayer-answering, faithful God — the One we trust in times like these — we ask that You renew our spirits, revive our churches, and heal our land.

We repent of our sins and ask for Your grace and power to save us. Hear our cry, oh God, and pour out Your Spirit upon us that we may walk in obedience to Your Word.

We are desperate for Your tender mercies. We are broken and humbled before You.

Forgive us, and in the power of Your great love, lift us up to live in Your

righteousness.

We pray for our beloved nation. May we repent and return to You and be a light to the nations. And we pray for our leaders and ask that you give them wisdom and faith to follow You.

Preserve and protect us, for You are our refuge and only hope.

Deliver us from all fears except to fear You, and may we courageously stand in the Truth that sets us free.

We pray with expectant faith and grateful hearts.

In Jesus' name, our Savior. Amen."

## Umatilla Landing Days needs volunteers

Umatilla Landing Days is fast approaching, and the committee is having a difficult time finding volunteers to help with the annual event, which is slated for June 27 this year at the Umatilla Marina Park. The committee is getting smaller and smaller, and volunteers are needed for this year and the future. If more people do not volunteer, the event may be canceled next year. To volunteer, call the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, 541-922-4825.

## Pregnancy Care Services hosting walk/run

Pregnancy Care Services in Hermiston will be hosting its fourth annual Walk/Run for Life event May 16 at the Oxbow Trail at Riverfront Park in Hermiston. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the walk/run starts at 9 a.m. People can participate two ways:

by sponsoring themselves at the event or collecting pledges for prizes. Pledge sheets are available at the Hermiston Chamber, Pregnancy Care Services or local church offices.

"This event is for the whole community," Debbie Cissna, Pregnancy Care Services director, said. "Whether you are walking or running, sponsoring yourself or collecting pledges as a family or group, your participation can make a difference."

The Walk for Life provides funds for Pregnancy Care Services to continue offering free life-affirming services to women, men and children in the greater Hermiston area each year.

## Library artist reception planned

Apple Li, a freestyle painter, will display her work at the Hermiston Public Library throughout the month of May, and a reception in her honor will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Refreshments will be

served. For more information, call 541-567-2882.

## Port of Umatilla budget hearing scheduled

The Port of Umatilla Budget Committee and Board of Commissioners will hold their annual budget hearing at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the port office, 500 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. The Board of Commissioners will meet again at 1:15 p.m. for the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. For more information, call 541-922-3224.

## UHS accepting donations for rummage sale

The Umatilla High School 2015 senior class is hosting a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 23 in the Umatilla School District office building parking lot, 1001 Sixth St., Umatilla. Donations may be dropped off at the district office during normal business hours Mondays through Fridays. Donated items will also be accepted

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 22. Arrangements can be made to pick up large items in working condition within city limits May 17 by calling 541-720-5571. Rummage sale proceeds will support the senior trip and safe and sober graduation night event.

## Stanfield salon offering free senior hair cuts

The Main Stylin' Nook will offer free haircuts and styles for seniors from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the salon, 540 S. Main St., Stanfield. Haircuts will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 541-449-3715.

## Stanfield library hosting fundraiser

The Stanfield Public Library is hosting its annual Pinkalicious Party fundraiser Friday at the library, 225 W. Roosevelt. The cost is \$10, and people are invited to wear pink and enjoy the event featuring jewels, treats, a book sale, photo fun and more.

## Columbia Grange to meet

The Columbia Grange will meet Friday at the hall, 32339 Diagonal Road, Hermiston. The meeting will start with a free pancake supper for the public beginning at 6:30 p.m. Residents are

also invited to participate in a discussion about community participation in the grange and grange participation in and for the community. Call Doris at 541-567-8663 for more information.

## Hospital auxiliary awards scholarships

The Good Shepherd Hospital Auxiliary recently awarded \$1,500 scholarships to five area students. Recipients are: Alfredo Moreno, pharmacy; Ashlee Rico, nursing; Desiree Wernlund, nursing; and Maricela Mendoza, nursing, all from Hermiston; and Christopher Zita, physical therapy student, from Echo.



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