

Hermiston library extends weekday hours

To spread word, contest offers chance to win Chromebooks

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The Hermiston Public Library recently turned the page with longer hours, which started earlier this week.

The library is now open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — an extra hour each evening. Library director Mark Rose said the change provides the public with an additional hour in the evening to hold classes, use library resources and peruse the collection and check out items.

The Friday/Saturday hours remain the same from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“To serve you better, we will be open more hours,” Rose said. “These new hours will help get a little more homework done, a bit more time to look for a job or housing, or to find the movie you’re been wanting to see.”

To help spread the word about



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Mark Rose, Hermiston Public Library director, encourages people to take advantage of recently extended hours. To help spread the word about the change, people can enter an online contest for a chance to win a Chromebook.

the change, people are encouraged to enter “More Time for Books,” an online photo con-

test. To enter, visit the library’s Facebook or Instagram page and enter a photo that depicts where

you would spend an extra hour a day reading books. Enter by Thursday, Sept. 12. An adult and

teenager will both win an HP Chromebook. The winners will be announced Friday Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. To be eligible to win, the person must have a Hermiston library card or be eligible to sign up for one.

Also, on the horizon is the Friends of the Hermiston Public Library Annual Book Sale. It begins with a member’s only sale Thursday, Sept. 19 from 5-7 p.m. in the library’s Lanham Room. Memberships can be purchased at the door, starting at \$5.

The event is open to the public Friday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. And, the event concludes Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., which features a Dollar a Bag Sale.

Also, the library is participating in Banned Book Week, which is Sept 22-28. The public is invited to stop by and view displays throughout the month and learn about books that have been targeted for removal or restricted in libraries and schools.

The Hermiston Public Library is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave. For more information about library programs, call 541-567-2882 or visit hermistonlibrary.us.

Irrigon veteran cruises into 95th birthday

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 Umatilla 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 most of his life in Heppner, moving to Irrigon about 10 years ago. He worked in the lumber industry 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 has a smile that lights up a room. Later after a pizza dinner, 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.”



Photo contributed by Wanda Hunt

Robert Reid of Irrigon recently had a memorable 95th birthday as his granddaughters, Michelle Williams, who lives in Utah, and Heather Kandle, who lives in North Dakota, made a surprise trip to Eastern Oregon.

BRIEFS

Travel Club changes itinerary

The September meeting of the Hermiston Travel Club has been rescheduled due to conflicts.

The gathering is Thursday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston.

The group will resume its regular meeting day during the month of October.

The Hermiston Travel Club meets the third Thursday of each month. For more information, contact June Rosenberg at juner1942@gmail.com or president Pat Moncrief at 541-571-3770.

partner is necessary.

Participants are paired in lines and follow the instructions of a caller, said Jill Johnson of the local group. Callers teach the steps before the music starts. The events are family friendly and feature live music by local musicians.

The group hosts dances the second Friday of each month through June 2020, except December and January. For information, contact Johnson at jmjpac@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/pendletoncontradancers.

Check out the Umatilla Public Library

Opportunities to engage in activities are flying off the shelves as the Umatilla Public Library recently announced several upcoming events.

In addition to going to the library (700 Sixth St.), people are invited to several gatherings that will include the Umatilla Public Pop-up Library. Be sure to check out these events: Friday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. during the Kiwanis Park ribbon-cutting; Tuesday, Sept 10 at 5 p.m. during the Master Trail Plan rib-

bon-cutting at Umatilla City Hall; and Thursday, Sept 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the outdoor book sale at Village Square Park. The library also plans to “pop-up” in other locations in Umatilla — watch for signs.

Also, the library will host Movie & Snacks the last three Fridays of September at 3 p.m. — “Toy Story” (Sept. 13); “Toy Story 2” (Sept. 20); and “Toy Story 3” (Sept. 27).

Also, as part of the American Library Association’s “Library Card Sign-Up Month, people can receive entries for a chance to win a \$50 Walmart gift card, provided by the Umatilla School District. To enter the drawing, refer Umatilla residents to sign up for a library card during the month of September.

For more information, call 541-922-5704 or visit

www.umatillapubliclibrary.weebly.com.

Round-Up sets Saturday concert

Tickets are still available for the Pendleton Round-Up kick-off concert.

The Saturday show features award-winning country music sensation Trace Adkins. Also, Sunny Ledford, a Tennessee-based versatile multi-genre musician, will open the show. The gates open at 6 p.m. with the music starting at 7 p.m. at Happy Canyon Arena, 1114 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Tickets range from \$46-\$150.

For information or to purchase tickets, visit www.pendletonroundup.com or call 1-800-457-6336.



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