

# 'Americans and the Holocaust' opens at Pendleton Public Library

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PENDLETON — The traveling exhibit “Americans and the Holocaust” is on display at the Pendleton Public Library.

The exhibition opened Friday, May 27, the city announced in a press release. Pendleton is one of 50 libraries nationwide — and the only one in Oregon — to host the exhibit.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association presents “Americans and the Holocaust,” which examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans’ responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

“The Pendleton Public Library is delighted to provide our community with access to this extraordinary exhibit,” library assistant director James Simpson said, according to the press release.

“Pendleton is, of course, no stranger to the events of World War II with the Pendleton Field Air-base being located here, once housing the Doolittle Raiders and the Triple Nickles, not to mention the many residents that enlisted from the area.”

Simpson explained the exhibit help frames two important questions: “What did Americans know about the Holocaust?” and “What more could have been done?”

The exhibit breaks down the first question in 16 themed panels, looped video content and four kiosks.

The viewer, however, he said, answers the second question after experiencing the exhibit.

Based on extensive new research of that period, “Americans and the Holocaust” addresses important themes in American history, exploring the many factors — including the Great Depression, isolationism, xenophobia, racism and anti-Semitism — that influenced decisions the U.S. government, news media, organizations and individuals made as they responded to Nazism.

According to the press release, this exhibition challenges the commonly held assumptions that Amer-



City of Pendleton/Contributed Photo

The traveling exhibit “Americans and the Holocaust” is on display at the Pendleton Public Library through July 1, 2022. Pendleton is the only city in Oregon to host the exhibit.

## VISIT THE EXHIBIT IN PENDLETON THIS MONTH

“Americans and the Holocaust” is open for public viewing now until July 1 during library hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, contact the Pendleton Public Library at 541-966-0380.

icans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded.

“Americans and the Holocaust” will be on display at the Pendleton Public Library, along with a series of related special events, through July 1.

The library is hosting other upcoming special events at the library in connection with the “Americans and the Holocaust” exhibit:

- June 7 at 5 p.m. — World War II: A Local Story: Join in the library art gallery for a walk through of local news coverage of World War II.

East Oregonian newspapers will be on display, featuring major events from the war and the impact felt in Eastern Oregon.

- June 21 at 5 p.m. — Author Clarice Wilsey speaks on behalf of her late father, World War II U.S. Army physician Capt. David B. Wilsey, who was present at the liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp.

He was one of 27 physicians who treated 30,000 survivors in a makeshift field hospital.

# Courthouse Concert Series opens June 9

Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — Locals and visitors to Wallowa County will once again enjoy a variety of live music every Thursday on the shady lawn of the county courthouse in Enterprise.

The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance has been presenting this concert series since 2006. Everything from folk songs to brass bands will delight audiences as they pause for some relaxing outdoor time with family and friends. Musicians from all over



Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, Contributed Photos

Tracy Spring, left, and the duo of Carolyn Lochert and Janis Carper known as Zebebel's Mother will kick off the Courthouse Concert Series on Thursday, June 9, at 5:30 p.m. in Enterprise.

the Pacific Northwest will grace the courthouse stage this summer.

The opening concert on June 9 will feature Wallowa County's own

Zebebel's Mother (Carolyn Lochert and Janis Carper) with special guest from Bellingham, Washington, Tracy Spring. All three artists are accomplished songwriters and performers, and feature some wonderful vocal harmonies.

Concerts run 5:30-7 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Snacks, picnic blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged.

The Courthouse Concert Series schedule can be found at [www.wvmusicalliance.org](http://www.wvmusicalliance.org).

## DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

### Julie A. Blubaugh Brown

La Grande

Julie Ann Blubaugh Brown, of La Grande, died May 17, 2022, in Charleston, North Carolina. A celebration of her life will be held July 3 at 2:30 p.m. at the Island City Faith Center. The family prefers casual dress. After the service, there will be a reception at the Riverside Park Pavilion. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Kendal Neustel

La Grande

Kendal Neustel, 95, of La Grande, died May 26, 2022, at his home. A service will be held June 3 at 11 a.m. at the Island City Cemetery. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

### Richard "Dick" Odell

La Grande

Richard “Dick” Odell, 87, of La Grande, died May 30, 2022. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Samuel F. Orr

Formerly of Haines

Samuel F. Orr, 70, formerly of Haines, died Sept. 21, 2021, in Portland. A celebration of his life will be held June 18 at 1 p.m. at the Haines City Park.

### Doris J. Robertson

Formerly of La Grande

Doris Jean Robertson, 92, formerly of La Grande, died May 26, 2022, in Sweet Home. A service will be held June 16 at 11 a.m. at the Island City Cemetery. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### MONDAY, MAY 30

9:03 a.m. — A caller on the 300 block of South Street, La Grande, reported a mentally ill person was requesting assistance. An officer responded and explained options.

3:18 p.m. — A caller reported a disturbance involving a juvenile on the 1000 block of Jackson Avenue, La Grande. An officer responded and the parties separated.

4:48 p.m. — La Grande police received a request for officers at Safeway, 2111 Adams Ave., for someone experiencing mental illness. An officer responded and the person went to the hospital.

6:08 p.m. — A resident on the 2000 block of Q Avenue, La Grande, reported a theft from a yard. An officer took a report.

7:21 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about harassment on the 400 block of North 15th Avenue, Elgin. A deputy made contact and explained options.

10:04 p.m. — A resident on the 100 block of Willow Street, La Grande, reported harassment. An officer responded and will follow up.

### TUESDAY, MAY 31

4:23 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2300 block of Jefferson Avenue on a noise complaint. An officer made contact with the caller, but the noise had stopped. The person would call back if it happens again.

9:46 a.m. — A caller reported animal abuse in the area of 63700 Bean Coffin Lane, Summerville.

11:08 a.m. — A caller reported finding a gun near the Wallowa River at Elgin. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and took a report.

12:34 p.m. — A caller reported a dog was in with livestock on the 1000 block of Y Avenue, La Grande.

4:33 p.m. — A resident on the 200 block of West Harrison Street, Union, made a complaint about a passing vehicle that honked its horn twice. A Union County sheriff's deputy contacted the driver and found she honks her horn in memory of a friend who used to live there.

6:34 p.m. — A La Grande resident reported harassment over social media. An officer made contact and provided options.

8:10 p.m. — A caller on the 1000 block of North Fifth Street, Union, reported a turkey was trapped in a yard. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and resolved the situation.

9:26 p.m. — A resident on the 62000 block of Fruitdale Lane, La Grande, reported a male asked if she wanted to buy a bear liver. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and looked for the liver seller.

9:41 p.m. — A caller reported people with flashlights were breaking into a metal box at Safeway, 2111 Adams Ave., La Grande. An officer responded and found employees dealing with the can return.

11:45 p.m. — La Grande police arrested Logan Joel Anderson, 27, of La Grande, for first-degree theft and second-degree trespass.

### David Ables

October 21, 1926 - May 25, 2022

David Ables, 85, of Union, Oregon, died Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at Ashley Manor in Baker City, Oregon.

David was born Oct. 21, 1936, to parents Reginal and Mae Ables. He was raised in Soddy-Daisey, Tennessee, where he received his education.

David moved to Oregon in 1952 with his uncle's crew to work at a sawmill in Union when he was 17 years old. He loved Oregon so much that he spent the rest of his life here, except for three years when he was employed for Rose Air Craft in San Diego, California. David notably worked for the Cattle Company of North Powder, Oregon, for 30 years as a ranch hand mechanic. Dave met Darlene George as a fateful day while she was at work in a restaurant in Union, Oregon. They were married on Aug. 13, 1956, in Chula Vista, California. They had six children, and he was very proud of them.

David loved woodwork, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed summertime, campouts with his family, and Country Western music. A memorable highlight in David's life included a surprise wedding for his son David and his wife in Tennessee.

David was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Glen Ables; and three infant children.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Ables of Union; three children and their spouses, David and Charlene Ables of La Grande, Oregon, Curtis and Deanne Combs of Pasco, Washington, and Debbie Ables of Union, Oregon; four grandchildren; and sisters, Mildred Bean, Jean Griffith of Tennessee and Mary Bingamen of Maryland.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of David, the family suggests the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, PO Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).



### Michael P. Berglund

July 30, 1946 - May 19, 2022

Michael Paul Berglund, 75, of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, passed away on May 19, 2022, in Las Vegas, Nevada, after a four-month battle with cancer.

Mike was born July 30, 1946, in Mount Vernon, Washington, the son of Paul Berglund and Alyce Carlson Berglund. He graduated from Sunnyside High School in 1964 and served as a staff sergeant with the Air Force in the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1970. During his military tenure, Mike earned a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal and Bronze Star.

Mike settled in the Tri-Cities, Washington, reaching the rank of detective within the Pasco Police Department. Mike left law enforcement to manage security for the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, acting as chief of security for government contractor Fluor for 23 years. Mike retired from Hanford in 2002 and accepted a position as the sheriff of Columbia County, Washington, where he remained for five years before retiring to La Grande, Oregon. Since 2017 Mike has shared his time between his home in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and the Edman Farm in Pennock, Minnesota.

Mike will be remembered for his passion for community, service and family. Mike was active in the communities in which he lived; among other service, he was a Freemason, president of the Dayton Kiwanis Club, member of the La Grande School Board, participant in numerous committees, and volunteer at the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Food Bank in La Grande for the better part of a decade. Mike will also be remembered as an early riser, an avid “car guy” with a fondness for Volkswagens, and a collector of mountain properties and good friends.

Mike was blessed with several loving and patient partners throughout his life as well as seven children, seven grandchildren, great friends and a few good dogs. Remaining to cherish Mike's memory are his partner, MaryAnn Loftus; children, Monique Rosenau, Deb Clinton, Michael (Sheri) Berglund, Scott (Narita) Berglund, Sarah Berglund, Lindsay Costigan and Jim Costigan; grandchildren, Lennon (Emma) Rosenau, Jeremy Rosenau, Tyler Berglund, Catelyn Berglund, Aaron Rosenau, Mary Berglund and Camden Berglund; sister, Jerryne (Wallace) Cole; niece, Jenna (Simon) Hamm; nephew, Land Cole; and his dog, Pudge. The Berglund family would also like to acknowledge MaryAnn's daughters, Tara, Kate and Caroline, as well as their spouses and children, for their roles in Mike's life.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Alyce, and former wife, Tarri Berglund.

Mike's family will gather to honor his memory at the Edman Farm in Minnesota in August. In lieu of flowers or monetary donations, a contribution to your local food bank would be most appreciated to honor Mike's service.

