

Banned books given voices

Group reads excerpts from challenged literature

By JENNIFER COLTON
East Oregonian

"We need not to be let alone. We need to be really bothered once in a while. How long is it since you were really bothered? About something important, about something real?" — Ray Bradbury, "Fahrenheit 451"



Staff Photo by Jennifer Colton

Andrea Simpson reads from "Charlotte's Web" during a banned book reading at the Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center on Wednesday.

even if there are things we don't agree with, we should have the option to read it. Anyone can walk away, but they should have that option."

Recently, members of the Smoke & Mirrors Literary Group and a creative writing class were asked to research a book that had been challenged or banned. Students could choose any book that had been banned from a library or school in any country. For the American Library Association, a group that publishes annual lists of the most banned and chal-

lenged books, a challenge is "a formal, written complaint, filed with a library or school requesting that materials be removed because of content or appropriateness." In 2015, the ALA recorded 275 challenges, down from 311 in 2014.

Wednesday, any book that had been banned or challenged was fair game for the reading, a part of BMCC's Arts & Culture Festival. The event was also open to community members, and anyone interested in reading an excerpt from a book was

allowed to do so.

Mattie LeDay, for example, read from "And Tango Makes Three," a children's book in which two male penguins hatch and raise a baby penguin.

"The whole premise of this book is to teach kids the basics of a homosexual relationship through a family of penguins," LeDay said. "The reason it was banned was for its whole purpose."

Other children's books read included Shel Silverstein's "A Light in the Attic" — banned for being disrespectful toward parents and showing talking animals — and Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are," banned for being too scary for the age group and showing a child going to bed without dinner.

Andrea Simpson chose to read from "Charlotte's Web" and said she loved the idea of a banned books reading.

"It's interesting to find out why books that I grew up with have been banned," she said. "Some of them were made into movies that my grandchildren have seen. It's sad."

Even Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451," a novel about censorship and the burning of books, has been banned and challenged and was read during the event. Other readings featured Anne Frank's "The Diary of a Young Girl," "Son of Hamas" by Mosab Hassan Yousef and Ron Brackin, Anthony Burgess' "A Clockwork Orange" and Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird."

"To Kill a Mockingbird" is No. 4 on the ALA's list of banned and challenged classics, falling only behind "The Great Gatsby," "The Catcher in the Rye" and "The Grapes of Wrath." According to the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, 46 of the Radcliffe Top 100 Novels of the 20th Century have been banned or challenged.

Before and in between readings, the group discussed the process of banning books.

"It's ultimately counterproductive," said Jacelyn Keys, of Eastern Oregon University. "If we don't own those and understand where we came from, then we will repeat them."

Lawsuit over wolf delisting ruled 'moot'

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Bureau

SALEM — An environmentalist legal challenge against Oregon's decision to remove wolves from the state's endangered species list has been dismissed due to legislation passed earlier this year.

Wolves were delisted by state wildlife regulators last year, but three environmental groups — Cascadia Wildlands, Center for Biological Diversity and Oregon Wild — asked the Oregon Court of Appeals to reverse that decision, claiming it wasn't based on sound science.

Earlier this year, lawmakers passed House Bill 4040, which held that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife had followed the law in delisting wolves.

Opponents of the bill claimed it would deny the environmentalists their day in court. Supporters, on the other hand, argued the lawsuit was filed to pressure wildlife regulators while Oregon's wolf recovery plan is updated.

Gov. Kate Brown signed the bill despite environmentalist calls for a veto in March, stating in a signing letter that the "trajectory of wolf populations in Oregon remains strong."

The legislation was expected to nullify the legal challenge, which proved correct — on April 22, the Oregon Court of Appeals held that HB 4040 rendered the environmentalist petition moot.

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Travel Pendleton turning hipsters into 'tripsters'

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Travel Pendleton is refining its marketing messages from hipsters to tripsters.

The committee of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce launched a marketing campaign last year using \$10,000 in Umatilla County economic funds to advertise to millennials in certain Seattle neighborhoods. At the time, Pat Beard, head of Travel Pendleton, dubbed it "the hipster project."

Now the campaign is shifting from Seattle to Portland, Beard said, and aiming for "tripsters." He said those are the sort of folks who are keen for an authentic experience they cannot have right in their own back yard. Eastern Oregon offers craft beer, scenic road trips and a real sense of Americana, he said — "things that would appeal to millennials."

Beard, during a recent update to the Umatilla County Board of

Commissioners, said millennials — born between 1977 and 2000 — remain the target audience because they make up 25 percent of the country's population and account for 21 percent of discretionary spending. And 80 percent of them took four or more "get-away trips" last year.

Social media — namely Facebook and Instagram — remains the main tool Travel Pendleton uses to bring attention to the Round-Up City. The marketing effort at the end of 2015 reached 33,000 people with a post or video on Facebook, Beard told the board, and more than 5,000 people "took an action," such as sharing a video or commenting. Those people, he said, are the most likely to visit Pendleton.

Beard on Friday said larger numbers of visitors are showing up in Pendleton from the Portland area. That makes sense, given Interstate 84 is a direct route between the two cities and Pendleton already has some name recognition. An increase

in visitors helped account for about a 20 percent increase in Pendleton's tourism promotion assessment charge, he said, the per-night fee for staying in hotel rooms and using mobile home or trailer park spaces that funds Travel Pendleton and capital improvements for the city's convention center.

Last year's campaign used videos featuring a trio of young travelers sampling Pendleton. Beard said the story of those travelers continues in photos and videos 15-60 seconds long available on Travel Pendleton's Facebook page. He said those snippets in 2015 piqued the interest of more than 19,000 people who reacted to them in some way on Facebook.

SeaPort Airlines and a couple of local hotels also are trying to get in on the get-away trips, Beard said. The lone air service provider to the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport, Pendleton, is working to come up with a package for a three-day weekend. He said that could be

available within two weeks, and SeaPort would advertise it.

Umatilla County had 800,000 overnight visitors in 2013, according to Travel Oregon, the state's tourism promotion department, and overnight and day visitors spent \$134 million. It takes \$62,086 in visitor spending to support one job, according to the report. Beard said local shopping and restaurants survive because of those tourism dollars.

That money could grow this year. The Pendleton Cattle Baron's Weekend in the second weekend of May has become an established annual event. Pendleton Bike Week is returning for a second year. Beard told commissioners the motorcycle-themed event last summer brought 5,800 visitors to Pendleton and already 12,000 people registered for this year. And tickets now are on sale for the new Pendleton Whisky Music Fest in July.

Pendleton, Beard said, is ripe for events like these.

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Some sun, a shower; not as warm	Variably cloudy with a shower	Times of sun and clouds	Times of clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy
65° 47°	60° 39°	59° 42°	62° 37°	65° 42°
71° 48°	65° 42°	66° 45°	68° 40°	69° 42°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE HIGH LOW
Yesterday 76° 52°
Normals 64° 40°
Records 95° (1934) 29° (2006)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.11"
Month to date 0.32"
Normal month to date 0.86"
Year to date 4.31"
Last year to date 3.01"
Normal year to date 4.86"

HERMISTON

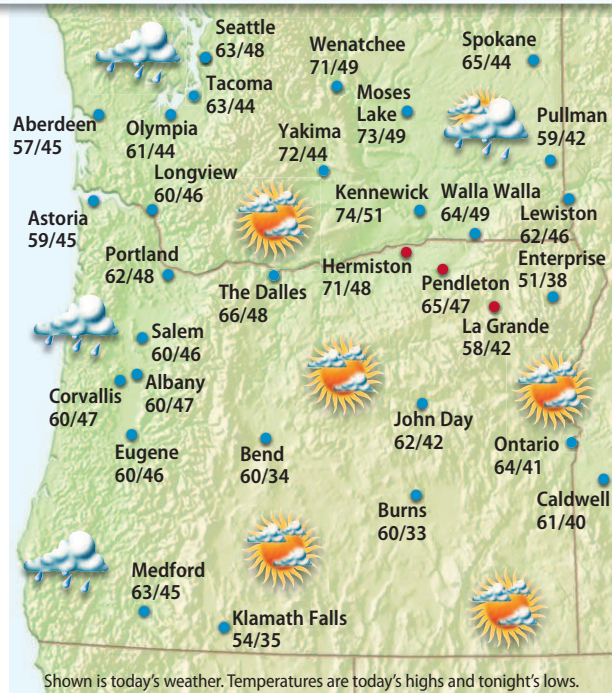
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TEMPERATURE HIGH LOW
Yesterday 72° 49°
Normals 66° 40°
Records 94° (1934) 25° (1951)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.28"
Normal month to date 0.60"
Year to date 2.98"
Last year to date 1.78"
Normal year to date 3.74"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:55 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:52 p.m.
Moonrise today 9:26 p.m.
Moonset today 7:01 a.m.



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today with a passing shower or two.
Eastern and Central Oregon: Times of clouds and sun today with a shower in the area.
Western Washington: Cloudy most of the time today with a shower in spots.
Eastern Washington: Clouds and breaks of sun today; a shower near the Idaho border and in the mountains.
Cascades: Mostly cloudy today with a couple of showers.
Northern California: Partly sunny today; a few showers in central parts during the morning.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	59	45	sh	56	42	sh
Baker City	58	34	pc	53	29	c
Bend	60	34	pc	49	28	sh
Brookings	57	47	sh	54	41	c
Burns	60	33	pc	53	28	sh
Enterprise	51	38	c	51	36	sh
Eugene	60	46	c	56	37	sh
Heppner	62	42	pc	56	37	sh
Hermiston	71	48	pc	65	42	pc
John Day	62	42	pc	54	34	c
Klamath Falls	54	35	pc	49	27	c
La Grande	58	42	c	55	37	c
Meacham	55	39	c	53	35	sh
Medford	63	45	c	56	37	sh
Newport	56	45	c	53	40	sh
North Bend	59	48	sh	54	41	sh
Ontario	64	41	pc	63	38	c
Pasco	73	48	pc	67	38	pc
Pendleton	65	47	pc	60	39	c
Portland	62	48	c	56	41	sh
Redmond	62	35	pc	51	26	sh
Salem	60	46	c	55	39	sh
Spokane	65	44	c	59	39	c
Ukiah	57	38	pc	53	33	sh
Vancouver	60	48	c	55	40	sh
Walla Walla	64	49	pc	61	40	c
Yakima	72	44	pc	66	38	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	73	43	pc	80	61	s
Hong Kong	84	75	c	82	76	t
Jerusalem	81	60	c	82	67	pc
London	53	37	pc	51	39	c
Mexico City	71	48	t	78	46	t
Moscow	49	31	pc	56	45	pc
Paris	53	35	pc	50	35	sh
Rome	65	55	t	66	45	t
Seoul	65	44	t	70	46	s
Sydney	69	62	sh	71	61	sh
Tokyo	69	57	c	64	58	r

WINDS

(in mph) Today Sunday
Boardman WSW 12-25 WSW 10-20
Pendleton WSW 15-25 W 8-16

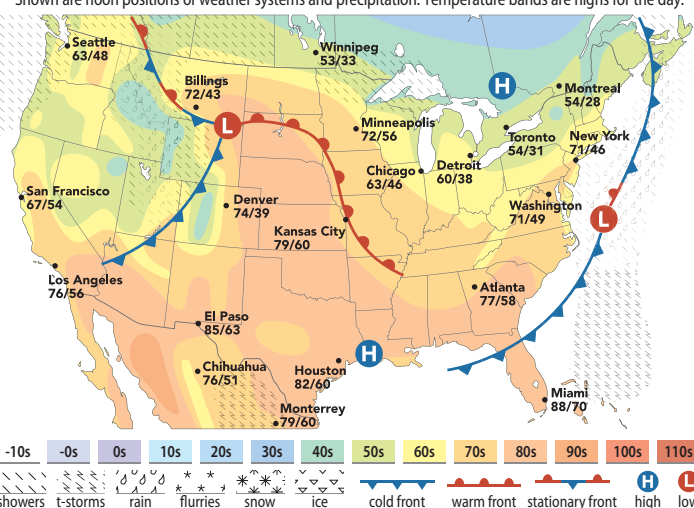
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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme
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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



National Summary: Dry weather will return to the East today. As cooler air invades the Northeast, warmth will build in the Southeast, Ohio Valley and Plains. Rain will fall in parts of the Upper Midwest, Rockies and Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 97° in Needles, Calif. Low 21° in Leadville, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	79	46	pc	72	45	s
Atlanta	77	58	s	82	61	s
Atlantic City	64	47	pc	59	48	s
Baltimore	71	43	c	69	46	s
Billings	72	43	t	44	34	r
Birmingham	79	54	s	84	60	s
Boise	60	43	sh	62	38	c
Boston	61	42	pc	54	44	s
Charleston, SC	82	59	pc	80	57	s
Charleston, WV	69	45	pc	81	54	s
Cleveland	63	46	s	77	58	pc
Dallas	54	37	s	67	52	pc
Denver	74	39	pc	67	40	pc
Detroit	60	38	s	65	52	pc
El Paso	85	63	pc	85	61	s
Fairbanks	62	36	pc	63	41	pc
Fargo	70	47	c	54	37	c
Honolulu	85	72	pc	85	72	pc
Houston	82	60	pc	78	65	c
Indianapolis	68	46	s	77	57	s
Jacksonville	84	57	pc	82	60	s
Kansas City	79	60	s	79	61	t
Las Vegas	78	58	s	81	59	pc
Little Rock	81	57	s	83	62	s
Los Angeles	76	56	pc	76	58	pc
Louisville	73	50	s	82	61	s
Memphis	79	59	s	83	64	s
Miami	88	70	pc	87	72	s
Millwaukee	53	41	s	69	47	c
Minneapolis	72	56	pc	71	48	r
Nashville	78	51	s	85	61	s
New Orleans	81	63	s	83	65	pc
New York City	71	46	pc	66	51	s
Oklahoma City	80	57	pc	77	61	t
Omaha	80	60	s	77	53	t
Philadelphia	73	47	pc	70	50	s
Phoenix	87	61	pc	89	65	s
Portland, ME	63	33	pc	55	38	pc
Providence	66	42	pc	60	43	s
Raleigh	75	52	sh	77	54	s
Rapid City	85	48	t	60	35	r