

# Big Read encourages reading, dialogue

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Each winter, many Wallowa County residents participate in The Big Read, a community reading program.

The project encourages reading, which provides a leisure activity, can reduce stress and has other health benefits. Also, book clubs and community reading programs create opportunities for people to explore relevant issues together.

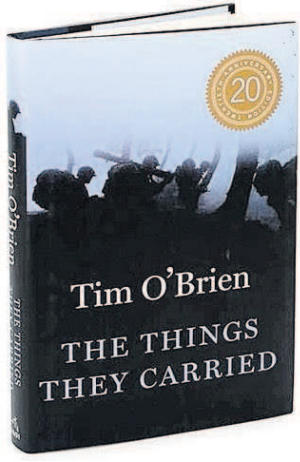
This year's book is "The Things They Carried," a novel about the Vietnam War by Tim O'Brien. The kick-off event is Thursday at 7 p.m. at Hurricane Creek Grange Hall in Joseph. It includes a book giveaway, a screening of the documentary "Dick Cavett's Vietnam" and pie. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for students.

The Big Read continues into February with most activities free of charge. It includes film screenings, guest speakers, a special veterans' art exhibit and a writing workshop.

The event crescendos with a '60s fashion show and dance party Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Joseph United Methodist Church. The cost is \$10. The finale also features what Mike Mildo of Fishtrap describes as a "potluck extravaganza."

O'Brien's book is a semi-autobiographical account of a young platoon on a battlefield. They find themselves dodging sniper fire and their own misgivings. A *New York Times* best seller, the book was a finalist for both the 1990 Pulitzer Prize and National Book Critics Circle Award.

The Big Read includes Thursday night events



Contributed image "The Things They Carried," a novel about the Vietnam war by Tim O'Brien, is the featured book for this year's The Big Read in Wallowa County.

through Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at various locations in Wallowa County. The activities include a panel of Wallowa County veterans (Jan. 19), a presentation by Whitman College professor David Schmitz (Jan. 26), "Life After War," a photo and oral history presentation by Jim Lommasson (Feb. 2) and a viewing of "Good Morning Vietnam," a blockbuster hit starring Robin Williams. The Thursday evening events are free of charge, except the film, which is \$5 per person.

The art exhibit "Exit Wounds: Life After War" is on display throughout the month of January at the Divide Camp office in Joseph and in February at Wallowa City Hall. Also, a morning book discussion is set for Wednesday, Jan 18 at 10 a.m. at Fishtrap in Enterprise.

For more information, contact Mildo at mike@fishtrap.org, 541-426-3623 or visit www.fishtrap.org.

## COMING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11 ADULT OPEN GYM,** 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

**WALKING FOR WELLNESS,** 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)

**BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS,** 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**STORY TIME,** 11:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals on Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

**ADULT BEGINNERS' COMPUTERS,** 3-4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Registration is required. Classes tailored to the needs of the attendees. (541-966-0380)

**THOMAS THE TRAIN ENGINE PARTY,** 4:30 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For ages 0-6. Story, video and train-themed activities. Free, but registration required. (541-966-0380)

**VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER,** 7 p.m., location varies, location varies, Pendleton. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group. Call to RSVP and for driving directions. (541-969-3057)

**THURSDAY, JAN. 12 ADULT OPEN GYM,** 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

**WALKING FOR WELLNESS,** 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME,** 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Stories and activities for young children. (541-966-0380)

**PRESCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME,** 10:30 a.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals on Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE,** 12 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels.

Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to Senior Center by donation. (541-567-3582)

**SENSORY STORY TIME,** 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

**POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS OF ADULTS WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS,** 2:30-4 p.m., Nixyaawii Governance Center Cayuse and Umatilla rooms, 46411 Ti'mine Way, Mission. Self-care classes for family caregivers. Meets weekly for six consecutive Thursdays through Feb. 16; class closes to attendees after first session. Free, but pre-registration requested. (Anita 541-278-5664)

**SKILLS FOR LIFE,** 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities and life skills for middle and high school students. Registration requested. (Danny Bane 541-379-4250)

**ARTIST'S RECEPTION,** 4:30-6:30 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Betty Faves Gallery, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Cory Peeke will discuss his new "this page intentionally left blank" installation of collage work. Free. (541-278-5952)

**THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO,** 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

**FIDDLERS NIGHT,** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookedale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (541-567-3141)

**FRIDAY, JAN. 13 ADULT OPEN GYM,** 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

**WALKING FOR WELLNESS,** 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)

**STORY TIME,** 10:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**TODDLER STORY TIME,** 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

**STORY AND CRAFT TIME,** 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

**VFW BINGO,** 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

**GAMER'S NIGHT,** 7-10:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Tournament gaming and activities for teens. (541-276-8100)

**SATURDAY, JAN. 14 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST,** 6-10 a.m., White Eagle Grange, 43828 White Eagle Road (between Pendleton and Pilot Rock on Highway 395 South), Pendleton. Suggested donation is \$7 for ages 8 and up, \$4 for ages 5-7 and free for age 4 and under. (Gail Wilson 541-276-3778)

# Sessions says he'd defy Trump as attorney general if needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions fervently rejected "damnable" accusations of past racist comments Tuesday as he challenged Democratic concerns about the civil rights commitment he would bring as Donald Trump's attorney general. He vowed at his confirmation hearing to stay independent from the White House and stand up to Trump when necessary.

Sessions laid out a sharply conservative vision for the Justice Department he would oversee, pledging to crack down on illegal immigration, gun violence and the "scourge of radical Islamic terrorism" and to keep open the Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba.

But he also distanced himself from some of Trump's public pronouncements.

He said waterboarding, a now-banned harsh interrogation technique that Trump has at times expressed support for, was "absolutely improper and illegal."

Though he said he would prosecute immigrants who repeatedly enter the country illegally and criticized as constitutionally "questionable" an executive action by President Barack



AP Photo/Alex Brandon

**Attorney General-designate Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., smiles while testifying on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday.**

Obama that shielded certain immigrants from deportation, he said he did "not support the idea that Muslims, as a religious group, should be denied admission to the United States."

Trump earlier in his campaign called for a temporary total ban on Muslims entering his country but has more recently proposed "extreme vetting."

Sessions asserted that he could confront Trump if needed, saying an attorney general must be prepared to resign if asked to do something "unlawful or unconstitutional."

Nothing new came out of the

hearing that seemed likely to threaten Sessions' confirmation by the Republican Senate.

Yet as he outlined his priorities, his past — including a 1986 judicial nomination that failed amid allegations that he'd made racially charged comments — hovered over the proceedings.

Sessions vigorously denied that he had ever called the NAACP "un-American." He said he had never harbored racial animus, calling the allegations — which included that he had referred to a black attorney in his office as "boy" — part of a false caricature.

"It wasn't accurate then," Sessions said. "It isn't accurate now."

He said he "understands the history of civil rights and the horrendous impact that relentless and systemic discrimination and the denial of voting rights has had on our African-American brothers and sisters. I have witnessed it."

Sessions has solid support from the Senate's Republican majority and from some Democrats in conservative-leaning states.

But he faces a challenge persuading skeptical Democrats that he'll be fair and committed to civil rights.

## Wednesday Morning

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 AgDay	Hot/ Cleve.	Good Day Spokane			Paid	Brain	Steve Harvey		Crime Watch Daily (N)	
KPTV	3	Good Day Oregon at 6	Good Day Oregon				Good Day		The 700 Club		Rachael Ray (N)	
KEPR	2	News	News	CBS This Morning (N)			Harry		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
KOIN	19	KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.	CBS This Morning (N)				Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
KNDU	25	Wake Up Northwest	Today Show (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Million? Million?	
KGW	8	KGW News at Sunrise	Today Show (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Portland Today	
KVEU	42	Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)			Live! With Kelly (N)		The View		Paid	The Middle
KATU	5	KATU News Morning	Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View		Live! With Kelly (N)	
KTNW	31	Stretch	W.L.Yoga	SplashB.	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	Peg + Cat	D.Tiger	Thomas	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	SplashB.
OPB	59	Power	Jet Gol	Nature Cat	C.George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	SuperWI

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## AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	The People's Court		2 1/2 Men	Mike&M.	Last Man	Last Man
KPTV	3	12 O'Clock News	Wendy Williams			The Dr. Oz Show	TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News	
KEPR	2	NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		Let's Make a Deal	Dr. Phil (N)		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News
KOIN	19	News	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		The Doctors	Dr. Phil (N)		KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	News
KNDU	25	Wilderness	Paid	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Hot Bench		Wendy Williams		Ellen DeGeneres (N)	News
KGW	8	KGW New	Paid	Days of Our Lives		T.D. Jakes	Tyler Perry		Ellen DeGeneres (N)		KGW News	KGW News
KVEU	42	The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors			Rachael Ray (N)		Minute	Minute
KATU	5	The Chew		General Hospital		Harry			Afternoon Live		KATU News @ 4	News
KTNW	31	Charlie Rose		Chow	F&Porter	Stretch	C.George		Speaks	WordGirl	Arthur	Odd Squad
OPB	59	Paint	Chef	Charlie Rose (N)		Nature Cat	Bob Build		Cat/ Hat	Jet Gol	Speaks	WordGirl

## EVENING

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11 Modern Family "White Christmas"	Modern Family "Playdates"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Lethal Weapon "Lawmen" (N)		Star "Next of Kin" (N)		FOX News First at Ten	:35 Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Faithfully"	:35 Anger Management
KPTV	3	6 O'Clock News	Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "Lawmen" (N)		Star "Next of Kin" (N)		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
KEPR	2	Action News at 6 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons "Blazed and Confused"	Undercover Boss "AdvantaClean" (N)		Criminal Minds "Seek and Destroy" (N)		Code Black "Unfinished Business" (N)	Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 Stephen Colbert
KOIN	19	KOIN Local 6 at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss "AdvantaClean" (N)		Criminal Minds "Seek and Destroy" (N)		Code Black "Unfinished Business" (N)	KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 S. Colbert
KNDU	25	Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Blindspot "Droll Autumn, Unmutual Lord" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Chasing Theo" (N)		Chicago P.D. "You Wish" (N)	Local News	:35 Tonight Michelle Obama
KGW	8	KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	NBC News	Blind "Droll Autumn, Unmutual Lord" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Chasing Theo" (N)		Chicago P.D. "You Wish" (N)	KGW News	:35 Tonight at 11
KVEU	42	Extra	Local News at 6:30	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	The Goldbergs "Snow Day" (N)		Speechless "H-E-R--HERO" (N)		Modern Family "Sarge and Pea" (N)	Black-ish "Lemons" (N)	Match Game (N)
KATU	5	KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg (N)		Speechless (N)		Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Match Game (N)
KTNW	31	PBS NewsHour		BBC World News	WealthTrack	Nature "Snowbound: Animals of Winter" (N)		Nova "The Nuclear Option" (N)		Uranium: Twisting the Dragon's Tail		Crying Earth Rise Up
OPB	59	Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Snowbound: Animals of Winter" (N)		Nova "The Nuclear Option" (N)		Uranium: Twisting the Dragon's Tail		Crying Earth Rise Up

## STATION

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
A&E	52	The First 48	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck D./:05 Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn.	Wahlburgers	Going Siral (N)	L. Remini "Enemies of the Church"		Enemities of the Church"	:35 Duck Dynasty
AMC	60	*** The Departed (2006, Thriller) Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio.			*** The Dark Knight (2008, Action) Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Christian Bale. Batman battles a madman known as the Joker who causes terror and mayhem for fun.							Terminat...
ANPL	24	Tanked!	Tanked!	Tanked!	Tanked!	Tanked!	Tanked!	Tanked!	Dr. Dee: Alaska Vet		Tanked!	
CMT	43	*** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement			Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
CNBC	72	Shark Tank	Blue (N)	Blue (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Blue Collar	Blue Collar	Blue Collar	Blue Collar	Blue Collar
CNN	68	CNN Special	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Special	CNN Special	CNN Special	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360
DISC	51	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush (N)	Bush People (N)	Bush People (N)	Alaskan Bushcraft (N)	Alaskan Bushcraft (N)	Alaskan Bushcraft (N)	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People
DISN	26	Girl World Bizaard.	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	Good Luck	Liv Maddie/Liv Maddie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	33	NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at Oklahoma City Thunder (L)		NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Portland Trail Blazers Site: Moda Center -- Portland, Ore. (L)				SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
ESPN2	34	NCAA Basketball (L)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Basketball   J & J		NFL Live		NFL Live
FX	65	*** Lucy (14, Act) Scarlett Johansson.	*** White House Down (13, Act) Jamie Foxx, Channing Tatum.									*** White House Down
GOLF	68	PGA Golf Classics '16 Sony Open Site: Waialae Country Club			Web.com Golf Bahamas Great Exuma Classic							Golf Central
GSN	76	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Baggage	Baggage
HALL	87	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	62	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers (N)	H.Hunt	House	House	Property Brothers	Property Brothers
HIST	50	American Pickers "Space Oddities"	Amer. Pickers "Picked a Peck of Pepper"		Vikings "Crossings"	Vikings "The Great Army" (N)		Forged in Fire "The War Hammer" (N)		:05 Vikings "The Great Army"		:05 Vikings "The Great Army"
LIFE	29	Little Women: Atlanta	Magic "Finding Magic"		Little Women ATL (N)	LW Atlanta (N)		Black Magic (N)		Vivica's Black Magic		Vivica's Black Magic
NICK	27	H.Danger	H.Danger	Paradise	Thunder	Thunder	GSshakers	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends
ROOT	37	NCAA Basketball Utah State vs. Wyoming (L)			NCAA Basketball North Carolina State at Boston College Site: Silvio O. Conte Forum			The Mark In Depth Few Show		In Depth	Halls of Fame	Focused
SPIKE	42	*** The Rundown	*** Men in Black Will Smith. A cop is recruited by a secret organization to help control Earth's alien population.		*** The Waterboy (1998, Comedy) Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler, Adam Sandler.			*** Bad Boys (95, Act) Will Smith.				*** Push
SYFY	67	*** The Chronicles of Narnia: Prin...	*** National Treasure: Book of Secrets	Nicolas Cage.				Inc. "Executables" (N)				Conan (N)
TBS	59	Seinf. "The Movie"	Seinf. "The Outing"	Seinf. "The Shoes"	Seinf. "The Old Man"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal (N)	Conan (N)
TCM	56	*** Psycho (60, Hor) Anthony Perkins.	*** The Killers (1946, Crime Story) Burt Lancaster, Albert Dekker, Ava Gardner.		*** Days of Heaven (1978, Drama) Brooke Adams, Sam Sheppard, Richard Gere.			*** Pennies From Heaven (1956, Life) Steve Martin.				*** Pennies From Heaven (1956, Life) Steve Martin.
TLC	49	600-lb Life "Brandi and Kandi's Story" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Ashley R.'s Story" (N)				Too Close to Home		My 600-lb Life		My 600-lb Life
TNT	57	Bones	Bones	Bones	*** Tammy (14, Com) Melissa McCarthy.			*** Tammy (14, Com) Melissa McCarthy.				*** Tammy (14, Com) Melissa McCarthy.
UNI	21	Includo	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe	Despertar contigo	Vino el amor		El color de la pasion		Impacto	Noticie.	Noticie.
USA	58	NCIS "Recovery"	NCIS "Phoenix"	NCIS "Lost at Sea"	NCIS "The Namesake"			NCIS "Gone"		Modern	Modern	Modern
WE	118	CSI: Miami "Mayday"	CSI "Countermeasures"	CSI "Special Delivery"	CSI "About Face"							