



Pendleton Public Library/Contributed Photo

A young library patron climbs in a backhoe during Big Truck Day in 2017 at the Pendleton Public Library. This year's event is Tuesday, June 8, 1-3 p.m.

Pendleton library goes big for summer reading program

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PENDLETON — The first big summer reading activity at the Pendleton Public Library is Big Truck Day. The free event is Tuesday, June 8, from 1-3 p.m.

Children will be able to meet the men and women who drive the big rigs. No registration is required. This year's Big Truck Day features a backhoe, police and fire apparatuses, lawnmowers of unusual size and a flight simulator. The vehicles will be parked behind the library, but make sure you stop inside for some fun vehicle-related activities.

As youths are finishing up school, the Pendleton Public Library is gearing up to start seeing lots of tiny faces making their way through the stacks. Library director Jennifer Costley said each year the library hosts a summer reading program for all ages. This year's theme is "Reading Colors Your World." Participants can register online or in person.

Each person that turns in a completed reading log will receive a free book of their choosing. In addition, there will be a grand prize drawing

for each age group. Costley said thanks to the Knights of Pythias, the library will give out three bicycles for grades 1-3 and a grand prize for kids from birth to kindergarten, as well as teens and adults.

For those of you who are not familiar with the motivation behind the summer reading program, Costley urges people to consider the following information:

Children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall. Whereas children who read a minimum of six books during the summer, and participate in the summer reading program, score higher in reading and math when they return to school.

The Pendleton Public Library is at 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. It's open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday/Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 541-966-0380 or visit www.pendletonlibrary.com.

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Pendleton Pride gets ready for Pride March

PENDLETON — United Pendleton Pride is gearing up to celebrate Pride Month.

Young people who spearheaded the 2020 Pride March started the new local group, said Alice Hepburn, president of PFLAG Pendleton.

Pride parades, marches and gatherings are held to help spread awareness of the LGBTQIA+ community who have struggled and fought to be accepted for who they are, Hepburn said in a press release.

The Pendleton Pride March, titled "Proud Together," will be Saturday, June 12, beginning with a gathering at noon in the Museum Park parking lot on Southwest Frazer Avenue, Pendleton. A 2 p.m. march will head down Main Street to Brownfield Park.

Also during the month of June, there will be an art showcase at various locations. Pendleton Center for the Arts, Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, Pendleton Art + Frame, Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co. and Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts have agreed to display works of art expressing the experiences of LGBTQIA+ and others who have found it difficult to be heard and understood. Participants are invited to tell their stories through art.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/up.pride.50 or send an email to pflag.pendleton.or@gmail.com.

Cemeteries commission adds three members

SALEM — A La Grande archaeologist who previously worked with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation was appointed to the Oregon Commission on

COMMUNITY BRIEFING



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The 2020 Pendleton Pride event drew about 75 participants to the streets of Pendleton to raise awareness and celebrate the LGBTQ community. This year's Pendleton Pride March will be Saturday, June 12.

Historic Cemeteries.

Lisa Sumption, director of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which houses the Oregon Historic Cemeteries, made Shawn Steinmetz's appointment last fall and added two additional members in May. Steinmetz said his interest in nondestructive technologies can be employed to document, preservation and helping interpret historic properties, and can benefit historic cemetery management.

The other appointees are Sarah Baylinson, who fills a vacated Central Oregon position, and Lisa Sears, who will fill the vacated coastal position. Baylinson is the collections manager and exhibits coordinator for the High Desert Museum in Bend. Sears is a genealogist and family history researcher who is volunteering in Tillamook County. The new commissioners join Milo Reed, chair, from Portland; Bev Power, vice-chair, from Medford; Charlotte Lehan from Wilsonville; and Sarah Silbernagel from Pendleton.

State law established the seven-member commission to maintain a listing of all historic cemeteries and gravesites in Oregon; promote public education on the significance of historic cemeteries; and help obtain

financial and technical assistance for restoring, improving, and maintaining their appearances. For more information, visit www.oregonheritage.org. For questions, contact coordinator Kuri Gill at 503-986-0685 or kuri.gill@oregon.gov.

Library district nixes late charges for overdue items

MORROW COUNTY — The board of directors of the Oregon Trail Library District recently voted to adopt a fine-free policy. Patrons no longer will be fined daily for overdue materials.

The change, according to a press release from library director Kathy Street, is part of an institutional movement from libraries nationwide, guided by the recommendations of the American Library Association in an effort to increase free public access to library services. As a special gift to patrons during these challenging times, the Oregon Trail Library District also will erase all past overdue fines for patrons. This does not include past fees for lost or damaged items. Street is very excited for the change.

"Many new patrons are afraid to establish an account

for fear of costs. Especially families," she said.

Fines should not prevent any member of the community from accessing services, Street said. Studies in libraries that have eliminated fines show there has been no impact on return rates. In fact, it can even increase use of library materials.

Only the overdue (late) charges will disappear; lost and damaged charges will remain the patron's financial responsibility. If a patron orders items from another library and then checks them out at an OTLD branch, they will not be charged overdue fines. If you go to a different library that still charges fines, and check items out at that location, you will be charged fines for overdue items. Street said the Oregon Trail Library District cannot waive those fines.

Going fine free doesn't mean people don't have to return books to the library. Items still have a due date and materials need to be returned. Materials can be renewed two times if there are no holds. If an item is not returned, or is returned damaged, patrons still will be charged for lost or damaged items. Many libraries in Oregon have gone fine free already.

For more information, contact Street at kstreet@otld.org or 541-481-3365.

Local grads earn distinction at Whitman

WALLA WALLA — Salma Anguiano of Hermiston and Kaitlynn Jensen of Milton-Freewater earned academic distinction for the most recent semester at Whitman College.

This recognition is given to students who have completed a minimum of 12 credits and have earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on no fewer than nine graded credits during the semester.

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