

PENDLETON

‘Americans and the Holocaust’ opens at the library

Pendleton only library in Oregon to host exhibit

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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.



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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.

WHEN YOU CAN VIEW THE EXHIBIT

“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.

“Pendleton is, of course, no stranger to the events of World War II with the Pendleton Field Airbase 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

ABOUT ‘AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST’

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 antisemitism — 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 Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded. Drawing on a remarkable

collection of primary sources from the 1930s and ‘40s, the exhibition focuses on the stories of individuals and groups of Americans who took action in response to Nazism. It will challenge visitors to consider the responsibilities and obstacles faced by individuals — from President Franklin Roosevelt to ordinary Americans — who made difficult choices, sought to effect change and, in a few cases, took significant risks to help victims of Nazism even as rescue never became a government priority. A full schedule of appearances is available at www.ala.org/tools/programming/USHolocaustMuseum/tour-schedule.

May 31 at 5 p.m. — Speaker Anneke Bloomfield, Holocaust survivor, tells her story.

Shortly after Bloomfield’s fifth birthday, Nazi Germany invaded the Netherlands. Fearing for the safety of his family, her father found families that would take her and her brothers into hiding. During the course of the war, Bloomfield was moved three times to different homes. She was just 10 years old when victory was declared in Europe.

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.

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.

“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 city also announced the following special event at the library in connection with the “Americans and the Holocaust” exhibit:

Funnel cloud forms near Pendleton



This screenshot is from a video Kode Prag reported he took of a funnel cloud at 3:25 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2022, while out feeding horses on Tutuilla Flats near Pendleton. This comes almost three weeks after two tornados touched down near Weston and damaged homes and vehicles. You can view the short video at www.eastoregonian.com.

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Pendleton announces more blasts for Airport Hill project

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PENDLETON — Residents of Pendleton and surrounding areas may feel a shake on Wednesday, June 1, and the week of June 6.

The city in a press release announced the test blast on Thursday, May 26, was successful with shaking in the vicinity of the site of the blast.

The next blast is June 1 between noon and 2 p.m. Aggregate Resource Drilling is performing its second test blast at the site of the new water reservoir and booster pump station near the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport.

“Similar results are expected with minimal ground shaking outside the local vicinity of the second test blast,”

according to the city.

These two test blasts are to assist with preparation of the full-scale blasts for the week of June 6. Shot times will be between noon and 4 pm on June 6, 7, 8 and June 9 if necessary.

“These blasts will be at a larger scale than the test blasts,” the city reported. “Ground vibration is likely to be felt at the west end of Pendleton and may be felt in the greater community.”

Preparing the site for excavation to construct the new reservoir and new booster pump station could require up to four blasts, one each day, to break up the basalt rock. Aggregate Resource Drilling expects to complete their work with only two to three days of blasting.

Blasting will complete one

of the first stages of construction, part of a \$10.5 million project to improve water pressure and storage to the west side of Pendleton. According to the city, the blasting, followed by rock excavation, will make way for a new 2 million gallon welded steel reservoir and new booster pump station, allowing for industrial growth opportunities underway at the airport industrial parks.

The project is part of the city’s Water System Master Plan adopted in 2015. When complete, the project will replace 1940s vintage storage reservoirs and booster pump stations, provide better water pressure for the west end of Pendleton, and allow for additional development at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport.

Wyden announces first of 3 town halls focusing on veterans in Eastern Oregon

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon announced the first of three online town halls he secured just for Eastern Oregon veterans, their families and veterans service providers to ask top Veterans Administration officials health care questions is Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m.

The virtual town hall provides opportunity for Eastern Oregon veterans, their families and veterans service providers to ask VA health care questions, including concerns about its proposals to reduce physical and mental health services.

This first veterans-focused town hall for Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker and

Morrow counties follows a letter Wyden wrote earlier in May about VA recommendations that the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Walla Walla be reclassified to a community-based outpatient clinic and to move its 31-bed residential rehabilitation treatment program 180 miles north of Walla Walla to Spokane. The announcement from Wyden’s office said that is an issue on the table during the town hall.

“The message I heard consistently at my recent town halls in Eastern Oregon made it clear that veterans have lacked a real opportunity to share their legitimate concerns about how these proposed changes will reduce access to both physical and mental health care,”

Wyden said. “Veterans deserve topnotch care here at home thanks to their service, and I’m committed to working with them and the VA through these veterans-only town halls to brainstorm solutions to secure that quality and accessible care.”

Veterans, their families and veterans service providers interested in participating with Wyden, Walla Walla VAMC Director Scott Kelter and Teresa D. Boyd, network director, VISN 20, in this online meeting, can submit questions at bit.ly/3LYF5TA. The link to watch the June 4 meeting is at bit.ly/3N2tkSW.

Dates, formats and times for the next two veterans-focused town halls in Eastern Oregon will be announced soon.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Greater Idaho movement moves forward

MORROW COUNTY — Followers of The Greater Idaho movement are taking steps to make their goal a reality.

According to a Friday, May 27, press release from Citizens for a Greater Idaho, supporters recently submitted a petition at the Morrow County Courthouse to force a ballot initiative onto the November 2022

Morrow County ballot.

The release states they submitted 287 signatures and the ballot initiative’s purpose is “to show state legislators that voters want them to begin talks with Idaho to move the border.”

The movement is asking Oregon legislators for “hearings and for cosponsors for a resolution that would invite Idaho to begin talks with Oregon on moving the border,” according to the press release.

It goes on to point out

the voting habits of people in Eastern Oregon — that voters on this side of the state side with Republicans at a rate similar to Idaho.

“Our representatives would be heard in the Idaho legislature, because they would be a part of the majority party there. Idaho respects rural values and rural industries. Idaho has a lower cost of living and lower taxes,” said Mike McCarter, movement leader, according to the press release.

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Scramble for Scholarships Friday, June 10th

..... 1pm Shotgun Start

Big River Golf Course - Umatilla

Golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate in the 29th annual Scramble for Scholarships Golf Tournament. Four person teams can sign up together or individual pairings can be made by the tournament committee. Your \$100 entry fee covers green fees, a box lunch, BBQ Dinner, and makes a charitable donation to the Foundation to use in awarding scholarships to local students pursuing careers in a medical field.

Register at scrambleforscholarships.eventbrite.com or call 541-667-3409. Entry deadline is June 6th

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