

# Photo contest winners capture life in the country

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The winners of the annual Spokane Ag Expo photography contest bring a unique perspective to life in the country.

“The ones that rise to the top are the pictures that are able to show us something in a way we haven’t seen it — in our world and in ourselves,” said judge Rajah Bose, photographer for Gonzaga University in Spokane. “This year’s contest was one of the best in our memory. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos, it was difficult to make our final choices.”

Karen Baumann, of Washtucna, Wash., placed first in the adult category with “Stay Close.”

“A great moment on the farm,” Bose said. “The falling snow, the beautiful simple color palate of the red and brown made us feel like we were there.”

Dakota Street of Mabton, Wash., placed first in the youth category, with “Rain on a Window.”

“This image stood out for its vision and detail,” Bose said. “Pairing the rain with the light on the window of a car was a great use of juxtaposition that added meaning to what would have been a beautiful sunset on its own.”

Bose had high praise for the youth entries.

“The youth category really sang this year,” he said. “We enjoyed getting closer to the subjects, taking us to places we hadn’t seen, and showing us parts of ourselves we hadn’t thought about.”

Photographers were asked to submit photos depicting agriculture in the Inland Northwest.

In the adult category, Steve Shinning of Spokane placed second with “Old Tractors,” and Tracy Delya of Colville, Wash., placed third with “Hay Stacks.” Baumann also re-



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Judges Diahne Gill of Greater Spokane Incorporated, Spokane Ag Expo Director Myrna O’Leary and Gonzaga University photographer Rajah Bose consider an entry in the annual photo contest Dec. 4 at the Greater Spokane office.

ceived the show director’s choice award for “Standing in Daddy’s Overalls.” Honorable mentions went to Shinning for “McCoy Elevator,” David Huck of Deer Park, Wash., for “Hay Rolling Storm,” Daniel Leitz of Spokane for “Starlit Barn,” and Dennis Morissey of Mead, Wash., for “In a Cloud of Dust.”

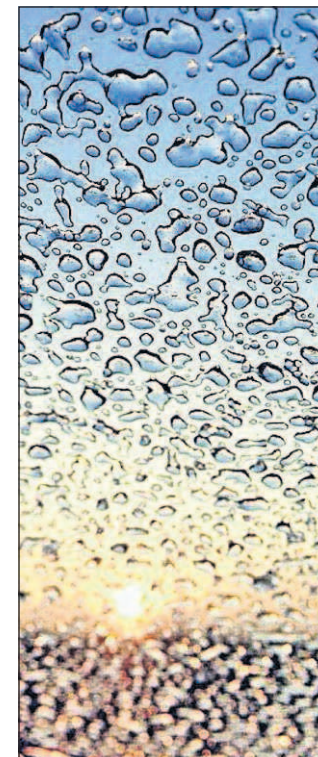
In the youth category, Linda Rubio of Mabton placed second with “A Day at the Grape Field,” and Remadi Lyn Maple of Coulee City, Wash., placed third with “Wheat Fall.” Anna Leitz of Spokane received show director’s choice award for “Ladybug.” Honorable mentions went to Anna Leitz for “Palouse Ammonia,” Danielle Rogne of Addy, Wash., for “Seeing Red,” Garrett Lewis of Rockford, Wash., for “Man in Field” and Adriana Gutierrez of Mabton for “Driving into the Sun.”

Greater Spokane Incorporated staff selected Baumann’s “Standing in Daddy’s Overalls” and “Lewis’ “Man in Field” for Greater Spokane Incorporated’s Choice awards.

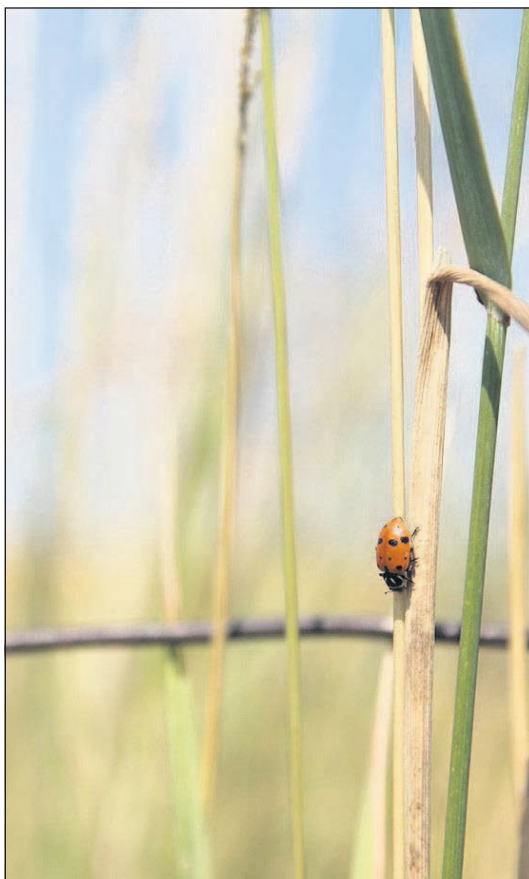
All 93 entries will be displayed during the Spokane Ag Expo and Pacific Northwest Farm Forum in the Spokane Convention Center Exhibit Halls. Winning photos will be posted on the Spokane Ag Expo website following the Expo.



Karen Baumann, First Place, Adult category.



Dakota Street, First Place, Youth category.



Anna Leitz, Dir. Choice, Youth category.



Anna Leitz, Honorable mention, Youth category.



Garrett Lewis, Honorable Mention and GSI, Youth category.