

# Outdoor Rec / Local

## Vocational rehab a success for self-employed local artist

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Friday, September 22nd, artist Patty Bradford held an open house to show case her many paintings and highlight the special fu ding she received from Vocational Rehabilitation. Bradford is hearing impaired.

In July, Bradford was acknowledged by the state of Oregon as a self-employed small business owner, the first in State to be recognized as such.

Her small business is Burnt River Watercolors and she works from home, painting and selling her works.

Marilyn Parry, a Care Provider through Eastern Oregon Social Services Brokerage, explained that Bradford has always been interested in crafts and arts her whole life and in high school, she began painting. She has been working on her art for several years.

She uses acrylic, water colors, brusho powders, and pastels for her paintings.

Parry has worked for Bradford for seven years and helps her so she can continue living by herself with support.

Bradford also takes retro windows—old windows that people remove from their homes—and paints on the glass using acrylic paints. She will make different scenes of flowers



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Patty Bradford shows off one of her works of art. Bradford has received numerous awards for her work.

and animals and she also does commission works. People have ordered specific paintings on the windows and she has done a lot of them. She also does commission water color paintings as well.

She free hands all of her work; she does not trace or copy her images, but will look at an image and paint it.

Bradford has been in Baker City since 2009 and has made calendars for four years now. For three years, her calendars were barns of Burnt River valley.

She has taken lessons from Becky Litke at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center for five years. She helps Bradman learn different art

mediums and which she likes to work with. Litke has taught at Crossroads for 17 years, teaching primarily pastels, acrylic, oil painting, drawing, and composition designs.

“Patty’s quite the artist,” said Litke. “She’s very talented, she doesn’t ever copy anything, and she draws everything. She has no pattern; she’s very creative.”

It took two years for the Vocational Rehabilitation process and she was recognized with funding for new pieces of furniture and supplies for her art.

“She’s registered with Vocational Rehab,” explained Parry. “They were trying to help her find a job and that was for three or

four years, off and on. And then we made a presentation about Patty and the fact that she loves to paint and she has earned income from it. So, as a result of that—it took a couple years—Vocational Rehabilitation recognized her as a self-employed person. She’s the first one in Oregon that they’ve officially given that recognition. And it was an application, she had to do a business plan and a budget and explain what she was going to do with the funding and how she needed it, so that’s how that came about.”

Bradford will be among other artists to show their work at Crossroads for a Studio Show October 7th.

## ATV advisory committee needs members

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking volunteers to fill three positions within the new All-Terrain Vehicle Highway Access Routes Advisory Committee. The successful candidates will serve on a committee alongside representatives from other government agencies.

New committee positions include the following:  
All-Terrain Vehicle users (two positions available)  
Member of the public

The Oregon Legislature established the All-Terrain Vehicle Highway Access Routes Advisory Committee in 2017 under Senate Bill 344 and tasked it with accepting, evaluating and conducting field reviews of proposed ATV highway access routes on portions of state highway rights of way.

These members along with other committee members will consult with road authorities, law enforcement and other government agencies.

The ATV Highway Access Route Advisory Committee will meet as needed at locations throughout the state to review, evaluate, advise and report on proposed access routes on portions of affected state highways.

The Committee Interest Form is available through a link under ATV Committees within the menu section located online at oregonohv.org. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Nov. 3, 2017.

For more information, contact Jeff Trejo at jeff.trejo@oregon.gov or 503-986-0585.

## Ladies golf and bridge scores

The Quail Ridge Ladies Golf and Bridge scores for September 6 are, golf: 1st Flight Linda Taylor; 2nd Flight Karen Wollard, and 3rd flight Carol Irvine. Birdie: Linda Taylor.

Bridge: 1st Lavelle Raley, 2nd Dianne Ellingson, and 3rd Marlene Cross.

For September 13 golf: 1st Flight Myrna Evans; 2nd Flight Sammye Linzel; and 3rd Flight Nancy Ferree.

Bridge: 1st Place Lavelle Raley; 2nd place Shannon Sullivan; and 3rd place Betty Combs.

September 20 Bridge: 1st Janice Smull; 2nd Shannon Sullivan and 3rd Martha Cassidy.

## Men sought in poaching case



Submitted Photo.

The OSP Fish and Wildlife Division is asking for the public’s assistance in identifying two individuals caught on camera on private property in Morrow County. There is believed to be a third person who were camped in the area of Martin Prairie off FS Road 21 in the Heppner Unit. At least 3 elk were then illegally killed between September 16 and September 23 and much of the meat was left to waste. Call OSP at 541-561-7581 with information.

## OSP seeks public’s help in poaching

The Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division is asking for the public’s help to identify the person(s) responsible for the unlawful taking and wasting of a bull elk in Harney County.

On the morning of September 23rd, 2017, Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers were notified of a dead bull elk on the Silvies Valley Ranch property.

The deceased bull elk was discovered by a ranch employee near the southwest corner of the ranch, near Buffalo Reservoir.

An OSP Fish & Wildlife Trooper responded to the Silvies Valley Ranch and discovered the bull appeared to have been shot with a high powered rifle during archery season.

The bull was left to waste and was possibly

shot one or two days prior to being discovered.

If you have any information regarding this incident please contact F&W Trooper Dean Trent through the Turn In Poachers (TIP) hotline at 1-800-452-7888 or 541-589-2547.

Poaching wildlife and damaging habitats affects present and future generations of wildlife,

impacts communities and the economy, and creates enforcement challenges.

Rewards:  
Bighorn sheep, mountain goat, moose \$1,000  
Elk, deer, antelope \$500  
Bear, cougar, wolf \$300  
Habitat destruction \$300  
Illegally obtaining Oregon hunting or angling license or tags \$200  
Game fish, shell fish \$100  
Upland birds, waterfowl \$100  
Furbearers \$100

A reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered by the Silvies Valley Ranch for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case.

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