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said she's been taking the same printmaking class at Clatsop Community College for 10 years as a way to keep practicing the art form.

In that time, she's become a huge evangelist for the medium, motivated to teach children printmaking in the face of the rising popularity of digital art.

One of the reasons Lippold came to the Monothon is to report back to a group of people interested in staging a similar event in Oregon's north coast, a region where the tourist industry is so lucrative that local artists say art needs to be able to fit into a suitcase.

Ironically, many of the artists have more personal experience with the Monothon than some of the Crow's Shadow staff members.

Crow's Shadow Executive Director Karl Davis moved to Pendleton with his wife, Nika Blasser, who was recently hired as the institute's marketing and administrative assistant.

In her new role, Blasser has been hitting social media hard, adding updates



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

More than 100 monotypes are up on display and for sale after this weekend's Monothon at the Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts in Mission. Fifty-eight artists from all over the Northwest participated in the three-day event.

to the event on Facebook and Instagram.

"There's a lot of people in Pendleton that don't know we're out here," she said.

Davis said the Monothon started in 2007 as a fundraiser for Crow's Shadow staff and artists to take a

trip and share art in New Zealand. Although New Zealand is no longer the goal, the Monothon has remained one of Crow's Shadow's biggest fundraisers.

Davis said the institute was stepping up its fundraising efforts to try to

expand Crow's Shadow's reach, including more printing sessions, increased residencies and a full-time assistant to master printer Frank Janzen.

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happened.

The environmental group Oregon Wild has called the deaths "suspicious" because wolves have been killed illegally in Oregon previously and "there is a very vocal minority that enthusiastically encourages it."

ODFW confirmed the Sled Springs Pair killed a calf in June. Coggins, who works out of OSP's Enterprise outpost, downplayed the possibility that the wolves were killed by ranchers or others in retaliation. Cattle have been attacked by wolves many times in Wallowa County, and no one has shot wolves in response, he said.

Oregon law defines probable cause as a "substantial objective basis" for believing a crime has been committed and a person to be arrested is responsible for it.

Northeast Oregon Wolves are protected under the state Endangered Species Act and killing them is a crime. But their presence is controversial, especially among cattle and sheep producers who

bear the cost and stress of livestock losses and of non-lethal defensive measures.

The investigation began the week of Aug. 24 after a tracking collar worn by the female of the pair, OR-21, emitted a mortality signal. State police and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife searched the area, north of the town of Wallowa, and found the female dead. Coggins said he went to the area the following day and found the male wolf dead as well. Police have said the wolves' bodies were within 50 yards of each other.

State police and ODFW did not announce the deaths until Sept. 16. OSP spokesman Lt. Bill Fugate said at the time that investigators delayed disclosing the information because they did not want to tip their hand.

The pair had pups that would have been about five months old when the adult wolves died. A ODFW spokeswoman said the pups have not been seen, but they should be weaned at this point and are most likely "free-ranging" and able to fend for themselves.

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must find a way to balance "rights and responsibility," finding a sweet spot between protecting citizens' second amendment rights while also closing loopholes like straw purchases.

Irrigon resident Sue Oliver asked Wyden about the federal government's ban on funding for gun violence research.

Wyden said the law was introduced by former Arkansas Republican Rep. Jay Dickey, who recently told the Huffington Post that he has since regretted pushing the law after mass shootings like the one at UCC.

Despite early discussion focusing on gun control, questions from the audience

soon veered into questions and comments about mental health.

Wyden asked for comments from George Shimer, a school resources officer for the Boardman Police Department and the husband of Riverside High School Principal Marie Shimer.

Shimer said he would like better integration of the police force and mental health organizations to give him more latitude in dealing with people who are suffering with mental illnesses.

Wyden said there needed to be a better warning system for potentially dangerous people with mental illnesses to prevent violent incidents.

Many in the audience pointed the finger at the lack of mental health facilities in

Eastern Oregon.

Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack said there haven't been any adequate facilities in close vicinity to the county since the state closed the Blue Mountain Recovery Center and Eastern Oregon Training Center, with one of the closest facilities being the Juniper Ridge Acute Care Center in John Day.

"They broke something on purpose and had no fix at all," he said. "That's what's frustrating."

Morrow County Court Judge Terry Tallman said increasing mental health opportunities was one of the county's top priorities.

The audience requested answers for other hot topics, like the Congress' recent investigation into

Planned Parenthood after a anti-abortion group accused the organization of illegally selling fetal tissue.

Wyden said he supported a woman's right to abortion but also supported alternatives like family planning, foster care and adoption.

A local physician's assistant said the federal government should direct its family planning dollars to clinics that provide those services without doing abortions instead of Planned Parenthood.

Wyden countered with the fact that none of the federal government money that goes to Planned Parenthood pays for abortions.

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UCC: Some students skipped class to avoid reporters

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The campus was closed to the media for much of the day. Despite that, many students skipped class Monday because they didn't want to confront reporters, Cavin said.

"We're hoping they understand this level of press activity is going to diminish really quickly, and it will feel safer to come back," Cavin said. "Some of them are just holding back and waiting for the campus to look like the campus they left."

Supporters started lining the street before dawn.

Workers from AAA Sweep, a Roseburg parking-lot sweeping company, arrived at 5:30 a.m., even though some of them didn't get off work until 2 a.m.

"UCC touches everybody in this community in some way," company owner Carl Bird told *The Register-Guard* newspaper. "You've got displaced workers that come here, you've got kids out of high school coming here, I've hired people from here."

"And they all put back in the community when they graduate," he said. "So it's just something that I felt we should support."



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