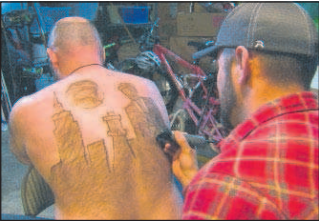




Chinese liquor takes shot at U.S. market/4C



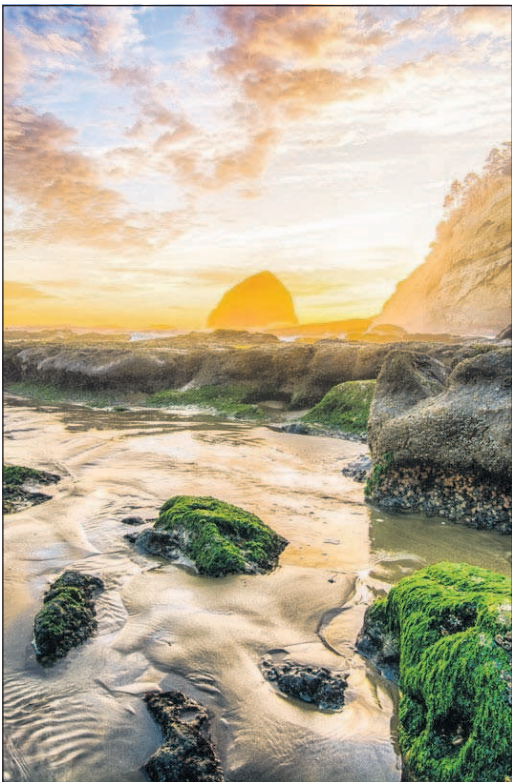
Idaho man finds art in back hair/9C



Oregon prepares to mush/10C



Photographer Mike Morehead, 68, of Pilot Rock, and these mule deer spotted each other at the same time at the base of the Blue Mountains in Pilot Rock. The photo is a Top 10 Honorable Mention in the 2015 Coast Weekend Photo Contest.



Pacific City's Haystack Rock glows in this sunset at Cape Kiwanda, captured in this artistically enhanced photo by Trish Payne, 40, of Bend. The photo is a 2015 Coast Weekend Photo Contest Top 10 Honorable Mention.

The great back yard

Here are some of the top shots of the 2015 Coast Weekend Photo Contest, sponsored by EO Media Group. With 855 photos submitted, determining the best of the best was tough — there were tons of interesting, beautiful and eye-catching entries for judges to look over. This year there were great turnouts by photographers from the coast, the Portland metro area and Eastern Oregon, as well as some entries from northern Washington and southern Oregon.

Graece Gabriel, 54, of Otter Rock, won the judges' pick for First Place with her photo "Minty Wave" (right). She captured a fantastic action shot of an ocean wave hitting a rocky Oregon Coast shoreline. You can almost feel the spray of the water. Placing in Coast Weekend's Photo Contest isn't new to Gabriel — she won Third Place in the 2014 contest.

More than 900 people voted on coastweekend.com for the People's Choice photo (bottom center), a striking purple and yellow sunset photo taken from Barview, an unincorporated community located between Rockaway Beach and Garibaldi at the mouth of Tillamook Bay.

Eastern Oregon photographers earned three of the honorable mention spots, including Mike Morehead of Pilot Rock (above), Meaghan Keffer and Shana Bailey (below).



A wave crashes against rocks on the Oregon Coast in this photo by Graece Gabriel, 54, of Otter Rock. "Minty Wave" won First Place in the 2015 Coast Weekend Photo Contest.



This sunset over Dixie Butte in Austin, Oregon, was shot by Meaghan Keffer, 26, of John Day. The photo is a Top 10 Honorable Mention the 2015 Coast Weekend Photo Contest.



"Long Office Hours" was taken by Shana Bailey, 37, of Pilot Rock. The photo is in the Top 25 of the 2015 Coast Weekend Photo Contest.



Submitted photo by Joanne Ridout "The Abandoned," capturing Third Place in the 2015 Coast Weekend Photo Contest, is by Joanne Ridout, 40, of Monroe, Washington.



This sunset view from Barview was taken by Lori Ann Norton, 48, of Salem. The photo won the People's Choice and is a Top 10 Honorable Mention in the 2015 Coast Weekend Photo Contest.



This photo in Birch Bay, Washington, was taken by Tiffany Bunch, 34, of Kennewick, Washington. The photo is a Top 10 Honorable Mention in the 2015 Coast Weekend Photo Contest.