

MISSION

Tamastlikt showcases young artists

131 different artists submitted work

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Emerging young artists were given the spotlight at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute on Saturday during a reception for the 2016 Artworks Junior Art Show and Competition.

The entries will be on display at Tamastlikt through Feb. 27.

The show was open to any young artist under age 19 — tribal or non-tribal — working in any medium.

Collection curator Randall Melton said when the show started five years ago there were about 60 entries. This year, 131 different artists submitted work.

"It's something we look forward to every year, and it's grown every year," he said.

Entries in this year's contest included paintings, drawings, photography, tile mosaics, collages, origami and other mediums.

"It's a lot of fun to see what the kids come up with," Melton said.

Artwork was judged by Karl Davis, executive director of Crow's Shadow Institute of Arts; Susan Crawford, art collector; and Dusti Leetch, a past winner and current Eastern Oregon University student.

Grayson Hughbanks, 17, from Pendleton, won the grand prize for the 15-18 category with his brown and tan origami bird on a tree stump. He said he got into origami after taking a class in sixth grade.

"I just really like origami," he said. "I do it all the time. It's one of my passions."

He said he chose the bird to submit because it was one of his new designs when the contest came up, and it took him a long time to make.

Jenna Thomas, 13, from Hermiston, won the grand prize in the 11-14 category for a black and white oil pastel called "Morning Nibbles," which depicted a rabbit eating hay. Thomas said she



Grayson Hughbanks, 17, of Pendleton, receives the grand prize in his age category for the Artworks Junior Art Show and Competition while Randall Melton reads the judges' comments about his origami piece "Little Bird."

Staff photo by Jade McDowell

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was inspired by her other hobby of showing rabbits at the Umatilla County Fair.

"I have three bunnies at home," she said. "I love taking care of them."

She said she did the piece in a school art class and it was her first time working with oil pastels, which she found she enjoyed and had a knack for. A comment from the judges on her entry form read, "Oil pastels are a pain, you handled them extremely well!"

Thomas said she was excited to enter the show after her mother saw it advertised.

"I like expressing myself and what I like," she said.

Erin Monagle, 17, of Pendleton, got an honorable mention for her colored pencil drawing "Native War Horse."

"I thought it would be a challenge to do all the detail," she said.

She said drawing is a stress-reliever for her and

she was glad Tamastlikt put on one of the few junior art shows in the area so she had a chance to showcase her work.

For the 1-10 age group, the grand prize went to "The Whole Other Story," a charcoal drawing by Carson Oyama. Excellence prize went to Daniel Dick for an untitled photograph and merit prize went to Elijah Bearchum for the watercolor "Birch Trees in Winter." Honorable mention went to Rytta Quaempts-Snively, Sascha Quaempts, Avery Quaempts, Nizhoni Bearchum and Otto Quaempts-Snively.

In the 11-14 age group, Jason Bearchum got the excellence prize for an untitled leatherwork piece and Lucy Oyama got the merit prize for chalk drawing "Stand Strong." Honorable mention went to Meritza Arroyo, Esmerelda Moffin, Adilene Uribe, Kipling Bose, Evelyn Garcia, Banyan Moss, Lilee Roggow and

Makenzie McLead.

In the 15-18 age group, excellence went to Alexis Sharpe for graphite pencil drawing "Native American Bride," and merit went to Frances Gomez Chalakee for colored pencil drawing "At Peace with Herself." Honorable mention went to Chelan Gomez, Arlen Blue Thunder, Elise Griffith, Teata Oatman, Erin Monagle, EllaMae Looney and Jacqueline Fischer.

Best Emerging Artist, voted on by Tamastlikt staff, went to Tianna Arthur for "Flowers and Dreamcatchers." Second place artists' choice went to pencil drawing "Chief" by Elise Griffith and first place artists' choice went to "At Peace with Herself" by Frances Gomez Chalakee.

Artwork from the junior show can be seen at the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, 47106 Wildhorse Blvd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday until Feb. 27.

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MILTON-FREEWATER

Last defendant in kidnapping gets 10 years

By PHIL WRIGHT
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The third defendant in a 2015 Milton-Freewater kidnapping and robbery case told a judge he was getting a "raw end," but accepted a plea deal and a 10-year prison sentence.

Prosecutor Jackie Jenkins of the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office said John Adam Phillips, 33, had the opportunity to take the deal, or he could head to trial. Phillips already pleaded no contest to second-degree robbery and second-degree kidnapping, and Monday he appeared in circuit court in Pendleton via video from the Umatilla County Jail for sentencing.

Jenkins told Judge Christopher Brauer that Phillips, 33, of Walla Walla, Skyler Ian Glasby, 27, of Dayton, Washington, and Samantha Kaye Noethe, 23, Kennewick, concocted a plan to rip off Andrew Litchfield, 31, of Walla Walla. Noethe acted as "the bait," Jenkins said, and sent pictures of herself to

Litchfield and enticed him to go to Wildhorse Resort & Casino with her early on Sept. 1. But instead, Noethe took Litchfield to Phillips and Glasby in Milton-Freewater, where they assaulted and robbed him before leaving him without shoes or a cell-phone on the outskirts of Walla Walla.



Phillips

Jenkins recommended a total of 10 years for the robbery and kidnapping — a mix of consecutive and concurrent prison time — and said the state would dismiss six other charges.

Brauer gave Phillips the opportunity to address the court. He said he wanted a fair sentence, and 10 years did not seem fair. He argued he should serve both sentences at the same time, for a total of five years, 10 months.

"I do feel like I'm getting the raw end on this whole thing," he said, before accepting the deal.

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HERMISTON

Umatilla County Fair unveils 2016 logo

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

Items synonymous with the Umatilla County Fair — a ferris wheel, musical performer, farm animals and a blue ribbon — are featured in the logo for the 2016 event.

Representing the theme "Traditions & Transitions," the logo was unveiled during the annual Fair Appreciation Dinner, held Jan. 30 at Thompson Hall on the fairgrounds in Hermiston.

Created by Sofi Smith of Master Printers NW, the Pendleton company participated in the logo contest as a way to show support for the fair. The runner-up was MaKenzie Mize, a senior at Griswold High School.

A Heppner High School graduate, Smith was born and raised in Heppner. She studied art at Linfield College in McMinnville, although never completed her degree. Mostly a self-taught artist, Smith has worked her entire career in newspapers and commercial print shops.

Residing in Pendleton, Smith has been married to

her husband, Darrell, for 25 years. They have two sons, Spencer and James.

The 2016 Umatilla County Fair is Aug. 9-13 in Hermiston. The logo will be utilized to help promote the event.

Angie McNailey, fair administrative assistant, said details about a logo contest for the Fun at the

Fair Day Camp will soon be announced.

Open to kids in first through fifth grades, the winning logo will be featured on camp T-shirts and other materials to promote the camp, which focuses on things for kids to do on the fairgrounds during fair week. The camp includes arts and crafts, science experiments, music and more.

For more information, contact McNailey at 541-567-6121, 800-700-3247, angie.mcnailey@umatillacounty.net or visit www.co.umatilla.or.us/fair.

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BRIEFLY

Republican group to address wolves

PENDLETON — A pair of speakers will discuss wolves during the upcoming RoundUp Republican meeting.

Bonnie Sager will share about Oregon's beginning and the involvement of wolves and Greg Rimbaugh of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife will talk about wolf predation and today's status.

Those interested are invited to the no-host luncheon, which is Thursday at 11:45 a.m. at Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. The gathering also includes a short business meeting.

Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by Wednesday morning. For more information or to RSVP, contact rounduprepublicanwomen@hushmail.com or 541-276-1206.

Malheur Wildlife director heads up bird program

PENDLETON — Tim Blount, executive director of Friends of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, is the guest speaker for the upcoming Pendleton Bird Club meeting.

The public is invited to attend the event, which is Thursday at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton.

For more information, contact Jack Simons at 541-276-8566 pendletonbirdclub@gmail.com.

Oregon Rural Action sets open house

LA GRANDE — The public is invited to an open house to learn about the current campaigns and projects of Oregon Rural Action.

Promoting social justice, agricultural and economic sustainability, and stewardship of our region's land, air and water, people can find out how to get involved during the event.

The open house is Friday from 4-7 p.m. at 1119 Washington Ave., La Grande. Refreshments, including local wine and craft beer, will be provided.

For more information or to RSVP, contact 541-975-2411 info@oregonrural.org.

Blue Mountain Alliance sets annual meeting

MILTON-FREEWATER — Mike Denny of the Blue Mountain Audubon Society is the guest speaker for the Blue Mountain Alliance annual meeting.

The public is invited to attend Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Albee Room at the Milton-

Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave.

Other agenda items include the election of officers and a recap of the activities for the past year.

The Blue Mountain Alliance is focused on protecting natural resources in the Blue Mountains and local surrounding areas. For more information, call Richard Jolly at 541-938-4623.

Hermiston firefighter gets ready to climb

HERMISTON — Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services has a team that is raising money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Team member Destry Stewart is asking people to make a donation on his behalf as he prepares to participate in the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb. The event is Sunday, March 6 at the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle. Participants will race up 69 flights of stairs in full fire gear while raising money to combat blood cancers.

Donations are tax-deductible. To make a donation on behalf of Stewart, visit www.firefighterstairclimb.org, click donate and then search for "Destry Stewart." Additional information about the event is available at the website.

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