

PENDLETON

Exhibit features local photographer

McIntosh develops eye for nature

By TAMMY MALGESINI
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Exploring the Eagle Cap Wilderness area, Debbie McIntosh became frustrated that her photographs weren't reflective of the beauty she saw.

"It was actually my intensified interaction with nature that fueled my passion for photography," the Pendleton woman said.

Although she always enjoyed taking snapshots, McIntosh became more serious with her photography nearly a decade ago — taking a photography course from Gregg Berlie at Blue Mountain Community College. The course gave McIntosh the foundation and confidence she needed to embark on a course of serious self-study that continues today.

In addition to reading books and manuals, attending seminars and watching webinars, McIntosh continues to hone her craft by continuously shooting. Specializing in nature photography, she prefers digital photography for the ability it provides her with making adjustments.

An exhibit featuring McIntosh's latest images will be on display at Pendleton Art + Frame. "The Blues and Beyond" opens with an artist's reception Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at 36 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. The free event includes refreshments and door prizes.

Among the works are landscapes, wildlife and vistas of the Blue Mountains. All pieces are for sale and are available in various



Photo by Debbie McIntosh

This photo of a pelican is included in an exhibit by Pendleton photographer Debbie McIntosh. It opens with an artist's reception Thursday at Pendleton Art + Frame.



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Specializing in nature photography, McIntosh enjoys capturing awe-inspiring moments that take your breath away. Relishing those moments, McIntosh seeks to share them with others through her work.

"I identify the essence of the moment, what it is I'm responding to emotionally, and that becomes the inspiration for the photograph," she said. "It is my hope that people feel something, that 'a-ha' moment, when they view my images."

Although she spent the night perched on a ridge in the Eagle Cap Wilderness in October 2014 shooting

the lunar eclipse, McIntosh typically doesn't go out looking to capture a particular photo.

"I don't visualize a shot and then go take it," she said. "Nature is ephemeral and I find my best images by exploring, being tuned in, patient and totally open to whatever is happening around me."

Even in daily life, McIntosh finds herself constantly observing, framing images in her mind and studying what it is about something that grabs her attention.

So even though it's not always possible to take a photograph, McIntosh said it's always possible to

appreciate and relish nature.

McIntosh has won several awards for her photography, including first places last year at the Wild Landscape of Northeastern Oregon photography exhibit at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture and the Wallowa Valley Festival of Arts, both in Joseph. In addition, she was one of the ArtsEast juried artists for the 2014 Eastern Oregon Biennial Exhibit and received the people's choice award at the 2012 Open Regional Photography Exhibit at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

The exhibit will remain through April. Pendleton Art + Frame is open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more about McIntosh's work, visit www.debbiemcphoto.com.

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BRIEFLY

Elfering to address Republican group

PENDLETON — Umatilla County Commissioner Bill Elfering is the guest speaker for the upcoming RoundUp Republican Women meeting.

Everyone is invited to the no-host luncheon Thursday at 11:45 a.m. at the Red Lion, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. Commissioners Larry Givens and George Murdock also will be in attendance. The topic will include highlights for the coming year, as well as land use development and water resources for Umatilla County.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Wednesday morning at rounduprepublicanwomen@hushmail.com or 541-276-1206.

Fire chief brews coffee, conversation

The public can learn more about the local fire district during Coffee with the Chiefs.

Chief Scott Stanton of Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services and others will meet with people over a cup of joe Thursday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Chuckwagon Cafe, 81027 N. Highway 395, Hermiston. The March 17 gathering is at Lucky Jam Barn, 270 S. Main St., Stanfield. Watch the *East Oregonian* coming events calendar for the venue of other meetings this month.

Stanton hopes to reach out to people about the upcoming reformation vote, as well as general information about the fire district.

For more information, call Stanton at 541-567-8822.

NARFE welcomes Pendleton fire chief

PENDLETON — Chief Mike Ciraulo of Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Department is the guest speaker for the upcoming Pendleton NARFE Chapter 2115 meeting.

Those interested in hearing from the chief, who started in October 2015, are invited to attend. Ciraulo previously worked in Battle Ground, Washington, where he also served 12 years as a city councilman and mayor.

The no-host luncheon is Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Shari's Restaurant, 319 S.E. Nye

Ave., Pendleton. NARFE is the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. It's a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting pay and benefits of federal employees, retirees and their survivors. The Pendleton chapter meets the second Thursday of each month from October through June. For more information, visit www.narfe.org.

Spaghetti dinner set for Rae Gilliam

ATHENA — A spaghetti dinner will serve as a fundraiser for Rochelle "Rae" Gilliam.

Gilliam, who attended school in Athena and Weston before graduating in 2013 from Walla Walla High School, was injured in a single-vehicle crash on March 25, 2014. She is being treated at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. Money raised from the event will go toward medical equipment, medical supplies, co-pays, lodging and transportation to and from Baltimore.

The Benefit Spaghetti Dinner is Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 318 E. Main St., Athena. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The event also includes a silent auction and afghan raffle.

For more information, call Debi Castor at 541-566-2902 or 541-429-0348.

Spring break camp offers exploration

PENDLETON — An exciting camp experience for children in kindergarten through fourth grade will offer art projects, exercise activities, science experiments and fun.

Spring Break: XPlore Pendleton Camp is Monday, March 21 through Thursday, March 24 from 8 a.m. to noon. The venues include Pendleton Center for the Arts, the Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, Pendleton Recreation Center and the Pendleton Public Library.

The \$40 fee includes all four days and is due by Thursday, March 17. Registration is limited to 40 participants. Parents are responsible for dropping their kids off and picking them up.

To register, visit www.pendletonparksandrec.com (activity #5533) or stop by the parks office, 865 Tutuilla Road. For more information, call 541-276-8100.

Umatilla wins Chairman's Award for robotics

Team will advance to Portland district match

By JENNIFER COLTON
East Oregonian

Umatilla's Team 4125 "Confidential" brought home the Chairman's Award this weekend from the Spokane Regional FIRST Robotics Competition.

Considered the most prestigious award at the competition, the Chairman's Award honors the team "that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST."

The award automatically qualifies the Umatilla team for the Pacific Northwest District Championship at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

"The Chairman's Award is the highest honor you can get in robotics," team senior project manager Megan Lorence, a senior at Umatilla High School, said Monday. "It shows what your team has done to impact your community, so it's more than just the robot. It's anything and everything you can do through FIRST. It's about changing the culture in your community."

This is Team Confidential's third time winning the Chair-

man's Award for a regional competition. In addition to winning the Chairman's Award, the Umatilla team was chosen for an alliance to compete in the finals at the competition but ended the regional event in 26th place.

"We didn't place as high as we would have liked, but the team is proud of how our robot performed, how our team did, and everything we accomplished this weekend," Lorence said.

FIRST — For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology — is a nonprofit organization aimed at increasing student interest and participation in STEM

fields. Umatilla's 4125 competes in one of FIRST's programs, the FIRST Robotics Competition, the highest level of competition the organization offers.

The Umatilla robotics team also will compete in regional matches in Ellensburg and Boise this month before moving on to the District Championships April 6-9. The top teams from the district championship will move on to the FIRST World Championships in St. Louis, Mo.

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COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 8
ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-276-8100).

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave. (541-449-1254).

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Costs \$4 for seniors 55 or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257).

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs \$4 or free for children under 10. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Meals on Wheels available. Transportation arranged by donation. (541-567-3582).

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101).

CRAFTERNOONS, 4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. (541-966-0380).

FAMILY CLAY NIGHT, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. People of all ages can explore with clay, with all materials provided. Costs \$15 per adult and \$5 per child ages 7-12, drop-ins welcome. (541-278-9201).

PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave. (541-966-0380).

PENDLETON EAGLES BINGO, 6:30-9 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 28, 428 S. Main St. (541-278-2828).

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Pub-

lic Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave. For elementary school-age children. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)

HERMISTON EAGLES BINGO, 7 p.m., Hermiston Eagles Lodge, 160 N.W. Second St. (541-289-7107).

EASTERN OREGON FORUM, 7 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Science & Technology Building room 200, 2411 N.W. Garden Ave., Pendleton. Former Oregon senator Gordon Smith presents "Living with the Challenges of Mental Health." Costs \$6 (free for members).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9
ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-276-8100).

AARP TAX AID, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Walk-ins welcome, no appointment necessary.

WORLD WAR I HIGHWAY SIGN DEDICATION, 9 a.m., Pendleton VFW, 1221 S.E. Court Place. A ceremony honoring Umatilla County veterans who served and died in World War I includes speeches by military veterans, Color Guard and "Taps" played by a military band. Three signs honoring WWI vets will be erected on Highway 395 south of Pendleton and north of Hermiston on Thursday. (Glenn Scott 541-667-3125).

BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-966-0380).

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STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt. Costs \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others.

TOT TIME, 1-2 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. For children ages 0-5. Cost is \$1 per child. (541-276-8100).

ADULT BEGINNING COMPUTER COURSE, 3 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free, but registration required. (541-966-0380).

COMMUNITY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS RESOURCE FAIR, 5:30-7 p.m., Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Learn about training and employment programs and take advantage of free oral, cholesterol and blood pressure checks and screenings. Free dinner from 5-6 p.m., drawings throughout the event. (541-567-6151).

ARTS CENTER HAPPY HOUR, 6-7 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Hang out with friends, meet new people, have a drink and make art. This week: paint "Happy Little Trees" with Nika Blasser and Ian Shadle. Free; wine and beer available by donation. (541-278-9201).

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE, 6 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton. A light supper of soup and bread is followed by a special service and a sermon by Rev. Rod Harwood. Free, but a freewill offering will benefit Domestic Violence Services.

VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER, 7 p.m., call 541-969-3057 to RSVP and for driving directions. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group.



Jacob Tyler Jones

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