

HERMISTON

Plan B features brilliant watercolors

Local artist featured in library display

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When the symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis and lupus got progressively worse, Kim La Plant went with Plan B.

This past fall, the Hermiston woman, whose art moniker is Ozark Hippie, was sitting outside trying to decide what to do. As her physical pain increased, La Plant knew it was time to make some changes.

"Plan A was working. Plan B was the art," she explained. "I said, 'I guess I'm going to go with Plan B.'"

While pondering what path to take, La Plant looked down and saw what she described as a "really cool leaf." She had some Dollar Tree watercolors left over from a project with kids at church and decided to pick up a brush and paint the leaf.

Her husband, Brian, was immediately taken aback at how realistic the painting was. With his encouragement, La Plant dove into her artwork.

"There are times I dream a painting and if I don't get up and paint it, I can't sleep."

Naturally creative, La Plant has never taken formal art classes. She previously worked mostly with charcoal, acrylics, carving and woodworking, as well as re-purposing all kinds of objects. Watercolors, she said, are easier to work with and she instantly fell in love with the medium.

"I've always been crafty," she said. "I can literally take something out of someone's garbage and make something of it."

Growing up in Arkansas in a house without running water or electricity, La Plant knows how to live simply and make the most of resources available.



"Chillin' in the Deep," a watercolor by Ozark Hippie — aka Kim La Plant. The Hermiston woman's art is on display for the month of July at the Hermiston Public Library.

Initially, she continued to use cheap art supplies — making do with what was available.

After selling a commissioned piece, she purchased higher quality paper. In addition, a friend she had helped with some interior design work gave La Plant some higher quality paints and brushes.

"I was using the best I could get, but it was a huge difference," she said.

Her work is currently on display for the month of July at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. It's open Monday through

Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday/Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An artist's reception is Monday, July 24 from 4-6 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy refreshments and learn about La Plant's inspiration with her artwork.

For more information about the library exhibit, call 541-567-2882. To learn more about La Plant and her work, search Facebook for "Ozark Hippie."

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BRIEFLY

Open house features Heppner's Advocacy Center

HEPPNER — The public is invited to learn more about Domestic Violence Services' Advocacy Center in Heppner.

An open house is planned Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first floor of the Gilliam-Bisbee Building, 120 S. Main St., Heppner.

For more information, call Mary at 541-276-3322.

Artist talk features animated print series

PENDLETON — An artist talk and screening is planned Thursday to welcome a London-based artist, author and filmmaker to Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts.

Wuon-Gean Ho is working in the Crow's Shadow studios through July. She currently resides in London, where she is a Print Fellow at the Royal Academy of Art. In a previous visit to Crow's Shadow in September 2015, Wuon-Gean produced a series of reduction linocut prints called

"Shadow Boy" and "Shadow Girl." An animated sequence made from a selection of these prints will be screened during an artist talk beginning at 5 p.m., and Wuon-Gean will share some of her process and recent print works.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the institute at 541-276-3954 or email nika@crowshadow.org.

Summer reading builds fun

ECHO — The summer reading program is continuing at the Echo Public Library.

With a theme of "Build A Better World," activities are Fridays at 2 p.m. The topics for upcoming programs are: Fairies: Make fairy houses (July 21) and Manners (July 28). Also, participants should turn in their reading logs during the July 28 program.

The closing celebration is Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. with a party, awards and a presentation by Christopher Leebrick, an award-winning Oregon storyteller. It will be held in the city hall auditorium.

For more information, call 541-376-8411.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only.

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

BABY & ME LEARN & PLAY, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library back entrance, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Engaging children and getting them excited about music, improving motor skills and sparking creativity while supporting early literacy development. For children ages newborn to 4 years and parent/guardian. (541-567-2882)

STORY TIME, 11:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. 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)

PENDLETON BIKE WEEK, 12-11:59 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton. Motorcycle rally includes Bagger Shootout, Seattle Crossacks Precision Motorcycle Drill Team, Three Dog Night in

concert, tattoo contest, West Coast Bikini Bike Wash, .45 Caliber Poker Run, Wounded Warriors bike show, Rattlesnake 400, Blue Mountain Nitro National Hill Climb, Hardtail Saloon, vendor village and more. Tickets are \$85 for a week pass, \$125 for a VIP pass, available at www.pendletonbikeweek.com/shop. Tent camping and RV spaces (limited) also available. (360-606-5763)

ADULT BEGINNERS' COMPUTERS, 3-4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Registration is required. Classes tailored to the needs of the attendees. (541-966-0380)

MID-WEEK MARKET, 4-8 p.m., Village Square Park, across from Umatilla Library, Sixth Street and H Avenue, Umatilla. Special guest musician James Dean Kindie will play July 19 from 6-8 p.m. (541-922-3226)

ADULT UPCYCLE ART PROJECT, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. For adults only. Free, but registration required. (Jodi Hansen 541-567-2882)

BUILD A SOLAR VIEWER, 6 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Create a viewer for safe eclipse watching. For teens and adults; registration required. (Heather Culley 541-966-0380)

WEDNESDAY IN THE PARK, 6-8 p.m., Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Live entertainment featuring Holiday Friends (July 19), Fox-tails Brigade (July 26), Lincoln Barr (Aug. 2), Ian Moore and The Lousy Coils (Aug. 9) and New Transit (Aug. 16). Bring a chair or

blanket. All ages. (541-276-8100) KIDS CLUB, 6:30-8 p.m., Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. For ages 5-12. Includes open gym, games, prizes, snacks music, puppets and more. Transportation available. (Joanna Hayden 541-561-5573)

VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER, 7 p.m., location varies, location varies. Pendleton. Bring a veggie dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group. Call to RSVP or for driving directions. (541-969-3057)

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