

PENDLETON

Sunridge students give peace poster contest a chance

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On display at the Pendleton Center for the Arts Thursday, about 40 posters tried to convey peace through color, shape and symbolism — but no words.

Show and don't tell is the central conceit of the Lions Clubs International's peace poster contest, a competition that asks middle schoolers to depict peace without letters or numbers.

Sunridge Middle School seventh grader

Erin Picken took home the top prize for her vision of this year's theme — "The Future of Peace."

Erin said her poster was meant to be looked from bottom to top. At the bottom is an international collection of flags depicted as puzzle pieces.

The middle layer were conflicting stick figures in a drab urban environment, protesters on one side, police on the other. A mechanical

hand bursts toward the sky from the middle layer, its hand configured into a peace sign as a dove and other vibrant peace symbols surround it.

"One day, the world will get it together," she said after her win, the strife in her poster inspired by some of the civic unrest across the country in recent years. Erin is the daughter of East Oregonian Publisher Kathryn Brown.

Doves, peace signs, yins, yangs, rainbows and flags were a part of the general motif of

most of the posters, but all of them had a unique spin on the theme.

Sunridge seventh grader Maria Alvarez Barroso drew a dove floating in space, the earth a considerable distance away, the moon covered in flags from around the world instead of just an American banner. The dove had flown in on a spaceship and even wore its own astronaut's helmet for its venture beyond the shuttle.



Erin Picken



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Nearly 40 pieces of art are on display at the Pendleton Center for the Arts for the Lions Clubs International's peace poster contest on Thursday in Pendleton.

"That was my dad's idea," said Maria, who won an honorable mention.

She didn't take much influence from current events, because her rendering was from "way in the future."

Bill Taylor, a 45-year member of the Pendleton Lions Club, got the community service group involved

with the Peace Posters contest in 1996.

Pendleton's participation in the competition has been on hiatus for several years but is back for 2017, the centennial year of the Lion Clubs International.

Following a longstanding rule, only children ages 11-13 were eligible for the contest,

although 14-year-olds with exemplary posters were given honorable mentions.

Taylor said this year's contest was aided by Michelle Sickels, an art teacher at Sunridge Middle School.

Sickels had 140 students participate in the peace poster contest as an assign-

ment, dedicating three weeks to drawing and coloring their posters.

"It's a great teaching tool," Sickels said, because it requires students to express an idea without using words.

The posters were eventually moved to the art center, where they were judged by a panel comprised of Pendleton Lions Club member Subhadra Maharjan, Pendleton Early Learning Center Child Development Specialist Anne Sokoloski and Pendleton School District Superintendent Chris Fritsch.

With Erin winning the Pendleton competition, her piece will be entered into a larger competition against other posters. If she can advance past the regional, state and national competitions, Erin's poster will be considered for the international competition.

The winner of that contest will be flown to the United Nations in New York for Lions Day at the U.N. in March.

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only a traffic violation before the attack, could become violent again. Logman joined Pendleton attorney Michael Breiling at the defense table.

During the next hours, Breiling pushed for treating his client locally and not tearing her away from her support system. For the state, Chief Deputy District Attorney Jaclyn Jenkins argued against, saying Logman had a history of falling off her medications and past drug and alcohol use.

They examined details of the attack. Warning signs came days earlier.

One red flag appeared a few nights prior when Logman awoke certain that someone was hiding under their king-size bed. She was sure the person had stuck something through the mattress and poked her. The police, summoned by Vanessa at 2 a.m., found no one under the bed.

At the urging of family, she headed to the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center the next morning to talk to a counselor, but couldn't get an appointment until 12 days later. Later that day, she disappeared. Dan arrived home to find his dinner warm, but Vanessa, their four young sons and the family van gone. With the gas tank nearly empty and with no food or water, she drove to Indian Lake, near Pilot Rock.

Vanessa told Hill she remembers only "bits

and pieces." She recalled receiving a text from her mother, telling her to go to the lake. No actual text was sent.

Campers recall Logman acting oddly. She didn't sleep, believing people were shooting arrows at her and her children. The next morning, she fled on foot with the boys on the gravel road that would reach Pilot Rock in 21 miles. Temperatures reached 90 degrees and climbed.

When she saw Bill and Brenda Porter's truck, she waved them down and

time in a logbook.

Two mental health professionals, Pendleton psychologist Terrel Templeman, who conducted multiple mental health evaluations, and Rachele Burke, a licensed clinical social worker from Lifeways, recommended a conditional release. They said Logman, who is stabilized with an effective medication regime, has a good local support system. Burke would act as a monitor for the state's Psychiatric Security Review Board, which

Bill Porter, who also has bipolar disorder, took the stand and urged the judge to send Logman to Salem.

"She did try to kill me, whether she was in a mental state or not," Porter said. "She needs to pay for her crime in one way or another."

Hill decided to keep her in Pendleton, opting for a conditional release. The list of conditions, including frequency of therapy and other requirements, is forthcoming.

After the judge's decision, Porter wore a tight

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— Jaclyn Jenkins, Umatilla County Chief Deputy District Attorney

got in back with the boys. Fear suddenly gripped her, Logman said, and she remembers telling him to stop again and again. Later she learned she hadn't shouted those words at all.

"I'm not sure what's real," she told Hill.

According to police reports, she pulled a knife from her purse, grabbed Bill Porter's shoulder and sliced into his throat. The Hermiston man braked and he and Brenda pulled Vanessa from the truck, wresting the knife from her hand.

Since the attack, except for 26 days in jail, family members have monitored Logman and transported her to required mental health appointments. Dan observed his wife taking medication and wrote each

supervises individuals who have been guilty except for insanity.

Jenkins pushed back. "Let's not make assumptions that Ms. Logman is not dangerous," she said. "She stabbed someone in the neck and injured another individual. The State's concern is we don't want to be here again in three months, six months or a year."

Breiling said a "threadbare mental health system" is partly to blame for the attack. If Logman could have gotten help the day before, she likely wouldn't have gone off the rails.

"It's tragic this happened at all," he said. "She actually sought help. It is frankly a terrible pity that it required Mr. Porter to be injured for her to get it."

expression as he headed toward the exit of the Stafford Hansell Government Center.

"Unfortunately, all you have to do is claim insanity and you get away with murder," he said.

Dan and Vanessa Logman came together into an emotional hug.

"We had faith in God, a great attorney and a strong case," Dan said.

"I'm relieved," Vanessa said. "I feel a lot better."

The attack haunts both of them, though, so they do the only thing they can think to do.

"We pray for Mr. Porter every night," Dan said.

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FOODS: Has been an employer in Hermiston since 1990

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ploy the workers as quickly as possible," John Asher of the Oregon Dislocated Worker Unit said.

For the Hermiston Foods closure, CAPECO (Community Action Program of East Central Oregon) and Worksource Oregon have been making visits to Hermiston Foods each week to train employees on things like applying for unemployment, enrolling in health insurance plans in the Affordable Care Act marketplace and writing a resume. CAPECO held a job fair for workers recently, and Worksource Oregon hosted individualized meetings with employees to discuss job hunting.

"We know a lot of manufacturing plants in the area that are desperate for workers," Tara Bishop of CAPECO said.

For some laid-off employees, immediately getting a job at another food processing plant in the area, such as Conagra Foods or Shearer's Foods,

may be their preference. But Bishop said many of Hermiston Foods' hourly workers lack English skills or a GED, and CAPECO is willing to help them get both — or other needed education and skills training — in order to improve their job prospects in the future.

"There are a lot of opportunities for this group, but it's also a great opportunity for them to scale up, increase their education," she said.

NORPAC spokeswoman Amy Woods said in an email that Hermiston Foods' day shift ended early and its night shift started late on Wednesday in order to give employees an opportunity to go to the job fair, which featured booths by 22 local employers and five agencies.

She said production supervisors and quality assurance supervisors have also been encouraged to apply at NORPAC's Quincy facility.

Hermiston Foods has been an employer in Hermiston since 1990, with hiring ramping up

each harvest season. The facility processes peas, sugar snap peas, edamame, lima beans, carrots and asparagus. Woods said most of the produce came from the Hermiston and Boardman area, except for the asparagus, and was sent to NORPAC's warehouse facilities in Salem afterward. NORPAC will continue to contract for peas, sugar snap peas and carrots from area growers but will send them to other NORPAC facilities in future seasons, she said.

In its 2016 financial report, the city of Hermiston listed Hermiston Foods as the ninth largest employer in town, making up 2.8 percent of the city's total employment. Hermiston Foods was also the city's largest water customer. It purchased \$119,584 worth of water from the city over the course of a year.

Hermiston Foods has been a community partner over the years in a number of ways. It has donated produce to the Agape House's food bank, given tours to Leadership Hermiston classes learning about

agriculture, and processed food for Farmers Ending Hunger.

This year's Leadership Hermiston class toured Shearer's Foods instead for its annual agriculture day.

John Burt, executive director for Farmers Ending Hunger, said the nonprofit — founded by Hermiston resident Fred Ziari — has gotten peas and carrots from Hermiston Foods in the past but will work with NORPAC to come up with another solution.

"NORPAC Foods has been a great partner with Farmers Ending Hunger and we expect that to continue even with the closure of Hermiston Foods," he said.

NORPAC Foods is a co-op of more than 200 growers farming more than 35,000 acres in the Pacific Northwest. It is headquartered in Salem. The company has not released information yet on its plans for marketing or re-purposing the Hermiston Foods facility.

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GOP tax bill would cut rates — but also popular breaks

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WASHINGTON — With fanfare and a White House kickoff, House Republicans unfurled a broad tax-overhaul plan Thursday that would touch virtually all Americans and the economy's every corner, mingling sharply lower rates for corporations and reduced personal taxes for many with fewer deductions for home-buyers and families with steep medical bills.

The measure, which would be the most extensive rewrite of the nation's tax code in three decades, is the product of a party that faces increasing pressure to produce a marquee legislative victory of some sort before next year's elections. GOP leaders touted the plan as a sparkplug for the economy and a boon to the middle class and christened it the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

"We are working to give the American people a giant tax cut for Christmas," President Donald Trump said in the Oval Office. The measure, he said, "will also be tax reform, and it will create jobs."

It would also increase the national debt, a problem for some Republicans. And Democrats attacked the proposal as the GOP's latest bonanza for the rich, with a phase-out of the inheritance tax and repeal of the alternative minimum tax on the highest earners — certain to help Trump and members of his family and Cabinet, among others.

"If you're the wealthiest 1 percent, Republicans will give you the sun, the moon and the stars, all of that at the expense of the great middle class," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

And there was enough discontent among Republicans and business groups to leave the legislation's fate uncertain in a journey through Congress that leaders

hope will deposit a landmark bill on Trump's desk by year's end.

Underscoring problems ahead, some Republicans from high-tax Northeastern states expressed opposition to the measure's elimination of the deduction for state and local income taxes. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch of Utah called the House measure "a great starting point" but said it would be "somewhat miraculous" if its corporate tax rate reduction to 20 percent — a major Trump goal — survived. His panel plans to produce its own tax package in the coming days.

The House Republicans' plan, which took them months to craft in countless closed-door meetings, represents the first step in their effort to reverse what's been a politically disastrous year in Congress. Their drive to obliterate President Barack Obama's health care law crashed, and GOP lawmakers concede that if the tax measure collapses, their congressional majorities are at risk in next November's elections.

The package's tax reductions would outweigh its loophole closers by a massive \$1.5 trillion over the coming decade. Many Republicans were willing to add that to the nation's soaring debt as a price for claiming a resounding tax victory. But it was likely to pose a problem for others — one of several brushfires leaders will need to extinguish to get the measure through Congress.

Republicans must keep their plan's shortfall from spilling over that \$1.5 trillion line or the measure will lose its protection against Democratic Senate filibusters, bill-killing delays that take 60 votes to overcome. There are just 52 GOP senators and unanimous Democratic opposition is likely.

The bill would telescope today's seven personal income tax brackets into just four: 12 percent, 25 percent, 35 percent and 39.6 percent.

WOLF: Sixth wolf killed so far this year in Eastern Oregon

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The most recent known wolf population in Oregon was 112 animals, documented at the end of 2016.

Roblyn Brown, acting ODFW coordinator, said dangerous encounters between wolves and people are rare, and wolves will usually avoid humans if they see, hear or smell people nearby.

"If you see a wolf or any other animal and are concerned about your safety, make sure it knows you are nearby by talking or yelling

to alert it to your presence," Brown said. "If you are carrying a firearm, you can fire a warning shot into the ground."

The shooting marks the sixth wolf killed so far this year in Eastern Oregon. Four members of the Harl Butte pack were shot in Wallowa County after repeated attacks on livestock. One member of the Meacham pack was also killed after preying on cattle four times in eight days.

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