

PUBLIC SAFETY

Friday, Nov. 12

9:05 a.m. — A vehicle crashed into a utility pole at Diagonal and North Edwards roads, Hermiston, knocking down come lines from the pole.

9:26 a.m. — Pendleton police responded to Motel 6, 620 S.W. Tutuilla Creek Road, on a report of a disturbance.

9:43 a.m. — Rite Aid, 105 S.W. Second Ave., Milton-Freewater, reported someone stole two bottles of cologne.

11:16 a.m. — Pilot Rock police responded to a 911 call about a domestic disturbance on Southwest Cedar Street.

12:21 p.m. — Pendleton police responded to the 2200 block of Southwest Court Avenue on a report of an assault. Police cited a person.

4:51 p.m. — Hermiston police responded to the 800 block of South Highway 395 on a report of a robbery.

7:04 p.m. — Emergency services responded to South Earl Street, Stanfield, for a motor home on fire.

Saturday, Nov. 13

2:12 a.m. — A 911 caller reported a vehicle rolled on Rhea Creek Road, lone, and someone was injured. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office and other emergency agencies responded.

4:56 a.m. — A 911 caller at Driftwood RV Resort, 800 W. Kunze Lane, Boardman, reported losing her emotional support dog, a Saint Bernard/husky mix. Boardman police said they would keep an eye out for the dog.

10:20 a.m. — A caller at the North Morrow County Transfer Station, 69900 Front

age Lane, Boardman, reported losing his wallet, which contained about \$85 cash and several credit cards.

4:01 p.m. — A caller at Love's Travel Stop, 78665 Tower Road, Boardman, reported he received a report of a man by the garbage about an hour earlier and telling someone on the phone he was "hiding from the cops." The man then took off in a vehicle without license plates to a Motel 6.

7:18 p.m. — A resident on Craig Road, Hermiston, reported people parked in two vehicles on Shoop Lane near his house were suspicious and yelling.

8:13 p.m. — A 911 caller reported hearing gunshots on Highway 207, Echo.

Sunday, Nov. 14

3:47 p.m. — A caller on Southwest Cedar Street, Pilot Rock, made a complaint about harassment.

7:32 p.m. — A resident on Olson Road, Boardman, reported hearing gunfire from a semiautomatic weapon and loud music from the area of Kunze Lane for about 30 minutes. The caller said this could be a party.

10:31 p.m. — A caller reported hearing four gunshot coming from west of Northwest Oregon Avenue, Irrigon.

Arrests, citations Nov. 13

• Umatilla Tribal Police arrested Richard Danial Lemmon, 26, for assault and domestic abuse.

• Hermiston police arrested Luizinho Martinez Penalzoza, 28, for strangulation and violating a restraining order, both

misdemeanors.

• The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Nicholas Perry Knudtson, 19, for driving with a suspended/revoked license, driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and three counts of reckless endangering.

• The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Seth Ryan Charette, 37, on two warrants for failure to appear and on charges of reckless driving and reckless endangering.

• An Oregon State Police trooper at 10:17 p.m. on Highway 395 near milepost 3A, Umatilla, saw two vehicles take off from a stop light at high speeds and with engines hitting "high audible" revolutions per minute. The trooper stopped one vehicle, a gray Chevrolet Camaro. The 17-year-old male driver from Hermiston admitted he and the other driver were friends and were racing, according to OSP.

The teen also was driving without a license.

The trooper had a tow truck take the Chevrolet, and the teen got a ride from a friend.

• Oregon State Police cited Jose Maria Ambriz Ponce, 18, for DUII.

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• The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Pedro Antonio Pineda, 30, for DUII (alcohol) and reckless endangering.

• Pendleton police arrested Dino James Jones, 35, for two misdemeanor counts of fourth-degree domestic violence assault.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Martha's House offers tours, information

HERMISTON — For the past nine years, Martha's House has served as a drug-free transitional housing program for the greater Hermiston area. The family-first mission is to help create pathways from homelessness to a stable and sustainable lifestyle.

The community is invited to learn more during an upcoming open house. The event is Saturday, Nov. 20, 2-4 p.m. at 305 S.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. People will have an opportunity to tour the facility, meet the house manager and volunteers and ask questions about its services and programs.

Martha's House is managed under its parent organization Eastern Oregon Mission, which also operates Agape House. The program is in the midst of some changes and is excited to share about it with the public and community leaders. For more information, call 541-567-8774, visit www.agapehousehermiston.org or search Facebook.

apprenticeships in her studio.

The Arts Council of Pendleton raised money for a commissioned piece by Feves for the Vert Auditorium. However, she died before it was complete, and the funds then were used to create a gallery in her memory.

To be considered for the 2022-23 academic year, submissions must be received by Feb. 1, 2022. For more information, call 541-278-5952 or visit www.bluecc.edu/community/feves-art-gallery.

Travel club to discuss trip plans

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Travel Club is meeting to share upcoming tours and ideas for future trips.

The gathering is Thursday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m. at The Saddle Restaurant & Lounge, 2220 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Everyone is welcome. For questions, call Karen at 541-276-0923.

Arts center sets online auction

PENDLETON — People are invited to bid on items for a chance to win something cool while helping raise funds to support Pendleton Center for the Arts.

Featuring unique hand-crafted items, gift certificates and a variety of experiences, such as a private concert, meals and more, bidders might find something cool for their Christmas shopping list. Items will be available for preview and bidding beginning Wednesday, Nov. 17. Bids will close Saturday, Nov. 27.

While the arts center is looking forward to again hosting its gala auction event, the online fundraiser will help cover expenses associated with the cost of health insurance for the center's salaried and full-time staff.

For more information, visit www.pendletonarts.org or contact 278-9201 or director@pendletonarts.org.

Betty Feves gallery seeks artist proposals

PENDLETON — The Betty Feves Memorial Gallery is accepting proposals for consideration for the 2022-23 academic year. The call for artists includes both established and emerging artists.

Located at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, the exhibit space aims to connect emerging and established artists with BMCC students, staff and the general public.

The gallery's namesake is Betty Feves, who moved to Pendleton in 1945. She began exhibiting her work in 1952 and became an internationally known ceramic artist. Feves helped mold the work of many artists, offering art

Artist residency focuses on creativity

Nika Blasser enjoys camaraderie at Ucross

By TAMMY MALGESINI
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Pendleton artist Nika Blasser recently returned from a fall 2021 artist residency at Ucross Foundation, a nonprofit program in northeastern Wyoming.

She received studio space, living accommodations, meals by an onsite professional chef and a stipend to help defray travel expenses. Held in July and August, Blasser said costs associated with the fall residency were supported by a partnership with The Ford Family Foundation. This was Blasser's first time at Ucross and she gave the facility and staff high marks.

"It was a wholly supportive environment in a gorgeous setting on a massive ranch in eastern Wyoming near Sheridan," she said. "It is a prestigious residency for a reason, which I came to more fully appreciate after I arrived."

Blasser called the invitation to participate "an absolute privilege and honor." Past residents may only apply to re-attend after four years.

Residencies, Blasser said, offer the time and space to focus on art — something that typically requires some juggling while prioritizing other work. Blasser, who served as the marketing director at Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts for nearly six years, began teaching at Blue Mountain Community College in the fall of 2020.

The Ucross residency, Blasser said, offered more opportunities for social interaction — a past residency she participated in Denmark was solo, thus a more solitary experience. At Ucross, she was among a cohort of other creative individuals — and they were able to connect on a meaningful level while sharing meals and projects from their various disciplines, Blasser said.

"Being around the other creatives committed to their craft — writers, composers, musicians, filmmakers, and other visual artists — was incredibly inspiring," she



Pendleton artist Nika Blasser created a series of cyanotypes (a historical photo process) during a fall 2021 artist residency at Ucross in northeastern Wyoming.

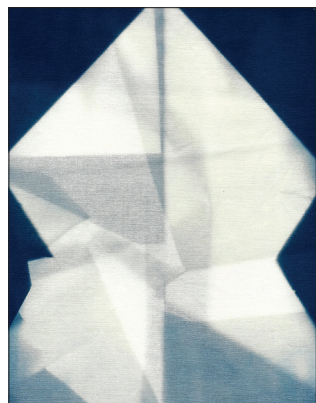
said. "The last couple of years have presented many trials, and being among these extremely talented, brilliant, and generous folks was restorative on a spiritual level."



Blasser

While at Ucross, Blasser said she was able to delve into several areas, including evaporated salt paintings, a series of cyanotypes (a historical photo process), as well as photo and video work. Each morning she would head to her studio, where she spent all day focused on making artwork. After eating with other residents, they would either return to their individual studios or share about their projects at readings or visit with others.

Last year at BMCC, Blasser started with the basic design foundations sequence class, which she taught on Zoom. This term, she is teaching two classes in



Nika Blasser/Contributed Photo
Nika Blasser of Pendleton worked on cyanotypes (a historical photo process) during a fall 2021 artist residency at Wyoming's Ucross.

person — basic design and painting.

"It is great to be back in a classroom with art students," she said. "I did miss teaching and there seems to be a lot of interest in these classes at BMCC."

For more about Blasser and her work, visit her website at www.nikablasser.com or search Instagram @nikablasser.

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