

OPB shines spotlight on two local artists

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PENDLETON — Oregon Public Broadcasting recently showcased a pair of local artists who were featured in unrelated specials.

Pendleton artist Hiroko Cannon was included in a segment as part of the Oregon Art Beat and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation member Acozia Red Elk appeared in the Oregon Field Guide.

A watercolor artist, Cannon has studied and painted the plants and animals of the region for nearly 20 years. In 2015, she was one of 21 Oregon artists to receive a career development grant through the Ford Family Foundation and the Oregon Arts Commission.

In an August 2015 East Oregonian interview, she said she would utilize the award to frame paintings for her first major solo exhibit in the East Oregonian Gallery at Pendleton Center for the Arts. Since that time, she has had two additional solo shows at the arts center.

Born in Japan, Cannon moved to Pendleton in 1987 when her husband wanted to return to the United States. She didn't start painting until after her children were grown.

Her work immediately caught the eye of the local art community. Roberta Lavadour, arts center executive director, called the intricate



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Acozia Red Elk positions an eagle feather while preparing to dance on July 5, 2014, at the Wildhorse Powwow. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation member was featured in an Oregon Field Guide segment on Oregon Public Broadcasting on Feb. 17, 2022.

details of each feather “amazing” in Hiroko’s “Great Blue Heron” painting. That piece, Lavadour said in January 2018, launched Cannon’s successful line of high-quality reproductions more than a decade prior.

The artist donated the original painting to the art center’s 2018 Arts Gala & Auction. In addition to the arts center, Cannon’s artwork has been featured in auctions to benefit other local organizations, including Blue Mountain Wildlife and the Oregon East Symphony. Her work also has been on display throughout the region, including Pendleton Art + Frame, Art Center East in La Grande and the Wenaha Gallery in Dayton, Washington. Also, she assisted with a mural project along the river

parkway in Pendleton.

A number of her original watercolors, reproductions and notecards can be purchased at www.pendletonarts.org/hiroko-cannon.

Red Elk is a world champion jingle dancer — including five back-to-back world championships from 2004 to 2008 at Gathering of Nations in New Mexico. In an April 2015 East Oregonian interview, Red Elk shared about deciding at the last minute to attend the Gathering of Nations where she won her eighth world title. Concerned about only having two dresses, she created one in 12 hours and then hit the road to Albuquerque.

“It’s expressive — a lot like an Irish river dancer. It’s all footwork,” Red Elk said in describing jingle dancing.

“You keep your upper body firm. You glide all over the ground.”

In addition, the multi-talented woman teaches yoga and has strutted the runway while modeling traditional Round-Up wear in September 2018 at Hamley’s Slickfork Saloon. Also, a 1997 photograph taken of Red Elk after winning the American Indian Beauty Pageant contest was featured in an August 2014 exhibit, “National Geographic Society’s Greatest Photographs of the American West,” at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute.

In the OPB feature, she shares about her childhood trauma and how her sister having a powwow dress made for Red Elk for Christmas helped carry her onto powwow dance floors.

Introduced to yoga about eight years ago, Red Elk credits it with making her dancing better. She now teaches yoga classes, saying exercise is key to maintaining good mental health.

She told the East Oregonian that the metal cones or bells sewn to her dress provide a sound of healing. And through yoga and dancing, she strives to help facilitate healing by teaching yoga and dancing to young tribal members.

To read the OPB reports and view videos, about the two local residents, search “Hiroko Cannon” and “Acozia Red Elk” at www.opb.org.

STUDENTS

Pilot Rock announces honor roll

PILOT ROCK — The Pilot Rock Jr/Sr High School first semester 2022 honor roll includes the following students:

Sixth grade, **4.0:** Steve Osborn; **3.9-3.5:** Abigail Bense, Lydia Henderson, Abigail Johnson, Andrea Schonert; **3.49-3.0:** Brylee Anthony, Rylee Bedard, Trevor Rhodes, Hailey Severe, Jaxon Siegmund, Amber Sutherland, Gage Williams.

Seventh grade, **4.0:** Paige Hansen, Gracee Hemphill; **3.9-3.5:** Alissa Bailey, Lauren Bohms, Madison Cartmell, Jada Deist, Jadian Hiatt, Kessa Litfin, Kaydin Whitaker; **3.49-3.0:** Brian Anderson, Wyatt Fitzpatrick, Cody Hollis, Ashton Munkers, Kaylee Smith.

Eighth grade, **4.0:** Aubrey Corwin, Coley Gibbs, Shelby Sutherland, Hailey Thieme, Kaija Warren; **3.9-3.5:** Alexander Anderson, Andrea Black, Gabriel Endersby, Julian Endersby, Issabella Hiatt, Ayden Hoeft, Carter Vanhouten-Chase; **3.49-3.0:** Allysa Funez, Deacon Gourlie.

Ninth grade, **4.0:** May Benson, Emily

Brown, Lewis Hansen, Lillie Holman, Nakayla Myrland; **3.9-3.5:** Maise Bense, Presley Cartmell, Sophia Helgeson, Caleb Price, Alison Warner, Lynn Williams; **3.49-3.0:** Eli Hinkle, Krister Litfin, Rylen Bronson, Kenzie Hoeft, John McBride.

10th grade, **4.0:** Broc Erickson, Paige Moffit, Ali Smith, Brock Stelk; **3.9-3.5:** Cali Alanis, Bryson Baleztena, Paedyn Bennett, Chase Corwin, Maggie Taylor; **3.49-3.0:** James Montee, Bravery Pereira, Miles Standley, Jaxynn Thurmond.

11th grade, **4.0:** McKenna Bray, Aiva Ellis, Kalyn Gambill, Malory Walborn; **3.9-3.5:** Lisa Collin, Jennifer Evoniuk, Aaliyah Hanson, Teagen Thornton, Jenna Wells; **3.49-3.0:** Tanner Bedard, Kailee Clark, Mya Futter, Montana Hamilton, Carley Hoeft, Skylar Jeffers, Trysten Walsborn.

12th grade, **4.0:** Mackenzie Bennett, Hailey Dick, Chance McCormack, Madyson Moffit, Dezarae Putnam, Vanessa Winks; **3.9-3.5:** Jade Atkins, Natalie Lankford, Madison Lunzmann; **3.49-3.0:** Paul Hays, Gauge Hill, John Nelson, Wyatt Stillman.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Foundation seeks scholarship applicants

HERMISTON — The Red & Gena Leonard Foundation is accepting scholarship applications to benefit average students of good character with poor financial circumstances. The goal is to provide assistance to students who have a desire to seek further educational opportunities, but may have a limited ability to receive scholarships.

Eligible applicants include those who will graduate this year or have graduated in the past or obtained a GED from Arlington, Boardman, Condon, Echo, Fossil, Heppner, Hermiston, Ione,

Irrigon, Monument, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Spray, Stanfield, Ukiah or Umatilla high schools. Students must attend an accredited college, university, community college, vocational, trade or technical program based in Oregon — exceptions may be made if the training is not offered in Oregon.

Priority is given to students who are not at the top academically, have limited financial resources, show the ability to become upstanding citizens and have an interest in a trade or working class type profession. While the foundation’s first priority is to help students interested in a trade program or trade school, it also helps students in several other areas. The foundation is invested in help-

ing adults return to school for education or additional training to better their position in the workplace and community.

Gena Leonard was a nurse by trade — to honor her, scholarships also are available for students attending nursing school or other medically-related fields. Applicants do not have to be current high school graduates.

Since it first began the scholarship program, the foundation has awarded 2,870

scholarships to local students, totaling \$5.7 million.

Applications are available at www.leonardfoundation.org, from high school counselors, at Blue Mountain Community College or by contacting Tracy Gammell, executive director, at rglfoundation@qwestoffice.net. The application deadline is March 31. For more information, email Gammell or mail to P.O. Box 1024, Hermiston, OR 97838.

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Judith (Judy) Anne Grooms Duff

January 15, 1943 - December 23, 2021

Judith (Judy) Anne Grooms Duff passed on Dec. 23, 2021, at St. Michael’s Medical Center, Silverdale, Washington. Judy was born Jan. 15, 1943, at the National Homeopathic Hospital, Washington, D.C., to Paul Franklin Grooms and Anne Lois Power Grooms, of Silver Spring and Bethesda, Maryland. She was the eldest of three children, with siblings Gail Ellen Grooms Reinholz and William Roger Grooms.

Judy’s education included being a graduate of Walter Johnson Senior High School, 1960, and a graduate of The Washington School for Secretaries, 1961, after which she went to work for the IBM Washington Steno Pool.

She met Franklin Duane Duff, of Adams, Oregon, in Annapolis, Maryland, and the two were happily married April 14, 1962, at Clifton Park Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Maryland.

As the wife of a naval officer, she lived in many places, such as Oakland, California; San Diego, California; Long Beach, California; Woburn, Maryland; Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington; Subic Bay, Philippines; Mare Island, California; Burke, Virginia; and finally settling in Silverdale, Washington.

Judy was employed at several Navy exchange stores, and volunteered at the vet clinic and the Loot Locker in Subic Bay, Philippines.

Her hobbies and interests included movies, especially musicals, collecting Beanie Babies, bowling (until arthritis set in), dancing and especially Christmas.

She had a love of sports. She played softball and volleyball in school, grew up with the Washington Senators baseball team, and later rooted for the Seattle Mariners. Judy was also a football fan, being particular to the Washington Redskins, the Seattle Seahawks, the Midshipmen (the Naval Academy football team), and the Eastern Washington University Eagles.

Her charities included the Central Kitsap Food Bank, Kitsap Hospice, the Kitsap Regional Library Foundation, the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital and Toys for Tots.

Judy is survived by husband, (Franklin) Duane Duff, of Silverdale, Washington; daughter, Deborah L. Duff, of Silverdale, Washington; son, Robert S. Duff, of Belfair, Washington; granddaughter, Heather N. Duff, of Belfair, Washington; great-granddaughter, Cassandra R. Swanson, and great-grandson, Dawson J. Murphy.

Judy had a quick and challenging wit, was tough yet loving and had been a generous friend. She is greatly missed. Lots of love — no regrets. Thanks for the memories.

A private memorial service will be held by family.



Ernest C. "Ernie" McCabe

February 3, 1925 - February 26, 2022

Ernest C. “Ernie” McCabe, 97, longtime Heppner resident, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at the High View Cemetery, Ione.

He was born on Feb. 3, 1925, on Rhea Creek near Ione, Oregon, the son of Alonzo and Lola Olden McCabe. He was raised and attended school in Ione where he graduated from high school in 1943.

Ernie was a World War II veteran, serving four years in the United States Navy. He worked in a munitions depot on Guam and also on a mine sweeper.

On April 18, 1948, he married Mary Jean Bristow at Ione. The couple had four children.

He was a longtime member of the Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358, and an active member of the United Methodist Church. Ernie sang in their choir for 25 years during his younger years.

His occupation was a butcher, starting in Ione at the grocery store which was Bristow’s Market. He was also a meat cutter at Bay City, Oregon, for 2-1/2 years. He followed that career in Heppner at what was then Central Market. He custom cut many a fine Morrow County beef over the years. He later bought Central Market with his partner, Forrest Burkenbine.

Family was foremost to Ernie. He especially loved his brothers in law, the famous Bristow Boys, and enjoyed many wonderful times with them and their wives. He was very fond of all his nieces and nephews. Many years of enjoyment were had through high school sports watching his son play and then his grandchildren.

Ernie enjoyed gardening, wood working (having made many birdhouses), the Oregon Coast and decorating his house with lights at Christmas.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years, Mary Jean, of Hermiston, their four children, Pam Doherty and her husband, Jim, of Golden, Colorado, John McCabe and his wife, Sonja, of Heppner, Lisa Gifford and her husband, Joseph, of Hermiston, and Laurie Wilson and her husband, Dan, of Newberg, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner United Methodist Church, PO Box 733, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, of Heppner, is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com

