# **OPB** shines spotlight on two local artists

**By TAMMY MALGESINI** East Oregonian

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 Acosia 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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Acosia 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 Tamastslikt 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

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 "Acosia 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**: Stevee Osborn; 3.9-3.5: Abigail Bensel, Lydia Henderson, Abbigail 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, Jullian 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 Bensel, 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, Board- school, it also helps students man, Condon, Echo, Fossil, in several other areas. The 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 foundation is invested in helping adults return to school for education or additional training to better their position in the workplace and commu-

Gena Leonard was a nurse have to be current high school

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

Anne Judith (Judy) 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 Reinholtz 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; Sand 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 mem-

A private memorial service will be held by family.

#### James (Jim) Henry Cahill July 10, 1932 - February 16, 2022



Dad's life ended where it began, in Thornhollow, Oregon. In between those two dates though he would travel the world as a valued member of the United States Air Force, marry Dolores Emter and have five devoted

James (Jim) Henry Cahill grew up on the family farm near Thornhollow where he attended the one room school house. He rode Ol' Pinky to school,

raced the troop trains that went by the house during World War II and helped neighbors gather cows. Riding horseback was where Dad was the happiest.

Dad loved to tell stories about going to town (Pendleton) and the "working" girls who would talk with him from the various upstairs hotel windows downtown. He talked of his Dad playing Pan at the Club Cigar. Of watching his Grandad play pool down at Sheehan's pool parlor. As a teenager how he and his friends would go out to a field at night, park their cars in a circle with the headlights all pointing in and turn on

He graduated from Pendleton High School in 1950 and his basketball prowess got him playing time at Oregon State University and later Clark College. Dad was more interested in basketball than academics at that time of his life. Yet it was his move to Clark College that gave Dad the chance to meet and marry the love of his life, Dolores Emter.

After their marriage in 1953, they left for Dad's first duty station as a young one striper in the Air Force. While stationed in Germany, Dad continued to play and coach basketball. Their trip to see occupied East Germany and the ruins left from World War II left an indelible mark on them. The first of the five children, Kevin, was born in Germany. After a brief return to the civilian side, Dad and Mom returned to Air Force life and were stationed in London, England. There, Kelly and Liz joined Team Cahill. Kathy and Jamey rounded out the family when Dad was ordered stateside to Arizona.

In a move that would shape Dad in profound ways, he left for a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1964. There he met a Jesuit priest and converted to Catholicism. He spent many hours at an orphanage run by the Jesuits and greatly admired them. In many ways his tour was the pinnacle of his military career although not the end of it. When he came back from Southeast Asia, we were stationed at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls and then to Dow AFB, Bangor, Maine. Dad achieved the rank of senior master sergeant. After 22 years of military service, Dad retired in 1973 and we moved back to live on the property where Dad had grown up

Dad was an active participant in the communities wherever we lived. He coached Pop Warner football, he instructed altar boys and sang in the church choirs that Mom directed. When he retired, he was elected to the Athena-Weston School Board and served for almost 25 years. He was a member of the Citizen Review Board in Pendleton helping to sort out the difficult and heartbreaking cases of child custody and parental rights. He was a principled man, not afraid to make tough decisions, to listen and learn and change his position on issues

when information and experience warranted it. Dad and Mom enjoyed many golfing trips with dear friends throughout the West and Canada. Dad loved and Mom gamely went along with rafting trips down the Minam and Rogue rivers. They packed into the Wallowas and RV'd throughout the southwest. But Dad's most anticipated times were those on horseback helping his friends gather cows. There was no place Dad would rather be than on his horse with his dogs, Zeke and Buddy, searching for cows. While Buddy and Zeke did not mind going some of the places Dad took his horses, the list grew shorter of people willing to ride with Dad a second time. He just knew there was a "good" way to get down into that canyon. Or there just had to be a way around those down trees, across that shale rock and through that pucker brush that would get us back to where we wanted to be

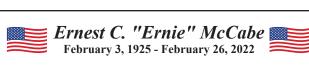
Even with almost 90 years under his cowboy belt, we all would have loved more. He left us a treasure trove of great memories and stories. He taught us the value of hard work, the wonder of reading, the joy of being outside, the rewards of competition, the importance of a loving and forgiving family and the responsibility of living your faith. He was a good man, took care of his family and helped where he could.

Dad (Jim) is survived by his brother, Cason (Jean), Umatilla, Oregon; son, Kevin (Beth Wasley), La Grande, Oregon; son, Kelly (Jane Stuessy), Port Townsend, Washington; daughter, Elizabeth (Diane Groff), Thornhollow, Oregon; daughter, Katherine Britt (Rusty) Lexington, Oregon; and son, Jamey, Pendleton, Oregon. His loving legacy also includes 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Not to be forgotten are his trusted, faithful and mostly obedient cowdogs, Zeke and Buddy, and his horses, Chester and Freckles.

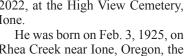
The recitation of the Holy Rosary will be said on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Athena, Oregon. The funeral Mass for Jim will be held on Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with reception following in the parish hall. Military honors will be presented at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton. after

Funeral arrangements made through Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom Bishop Funeral Home, Pendleton, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Sa-

cred Heart Catholic Church or the Wounded Warrior Project. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of James (Jim) Cahill, please visit our website www.pioneerchapel.com.



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.



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.

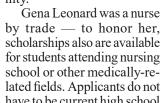
Family was foremost to Ernie. He especially loved his brothers in law, the famous Bristow Boys, and enjoyed many wonderful times with them and their wives. He was very fond of all his nieces and nephews. Many years of enjoyment were had through high school sports watching his son play and then his grandchildren.

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,

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



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