

# Open Regional Exhibit focuses on photography

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PENDLETON — This year's Open Regional Exhibit at Pendleton Center for the Arts focuses on photography. The show is open to all adult amateur and professional artists who live in Eastern Oregon or southeastern Washington. In addition, there is a category for youths ages 13-17.

Roberta Lavadour, arts center executive director, said the exhibition typically features upwards of 100-120 photographs, representing the work of about 75 visual artists. She is hoping to capture even more during the 2022 show. In an effort to do just that, arts center staff reached out to area high



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**Visitors view photographs at the Open Regional Exhibit on May 8, 2014, at Pendleton Center for the Arts. Submissions for the 2022 gallery show will be accepted April 2, noon to 4 p.m.**

schools and colleges. Lavadour also encourages photographers of all skill levels to enter their work.

"With the technology

of cameras today, it offers amateurs an opportunity to take great photos," she said.

Photographers are encouraged to choose their best

shots, which must have been taken in the past five years. Each shutterbug may enter two photographs — the registration fee is \$10 per work for adults and \$5 for teens. Photographers may indicate their work is for sale, with the arts center receiving a 30% commission.

Serving as judge for the 2022 show is Charly Bloomquist. A senior adjunct professor of art at Whitman College, he has taught photography at Whitman since 1994 and at Walla Walla Community College from 1995 to 2007. In addition, Bloomquist's work has been exhibited in New York, California, Washington and in Managua, Nicaragua.

The judge will award at least \$1,000 in prize money in the adult and youth catego-

ries. In addition, the Jacqueline Brown People's Choice Award will be presented based on the votes of visitors to the exhibit. The \$200 award is provided by the Picken/Brown family.

The Open Regional Exhibit, which began in the mid-1970s, features photography in even-numbered years and other art mediums in odd-numbered years. Lavadour said the event contributed to the creation of a cultural community that has withstood the test of time.

"It's amazing to have this event continue for almost half a century," she said.

The beauty of the exhibit, Lavadour said, is attracting both seasoned professionals and "your next door neighbor." In addition, she said artists gain personally from

having their work on display.

"Seeing you work on the wall in a gallery is a thrill," Lavadour said. "And being able to provide a direct link for people is what we're about."

The drop-off date for submissions is Saturday, April 2, noon to 4 p.m. at the arts center, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Arrangements for other times may be made by contacting arts center staff. The judge's critique and awards ceremony is April 14, 5 p.m. The exhibit runs April 14 through May 27 in the art center's East Oregonian Gallery.

For more information, including registering/labeling entries, visit [www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org). For questions, contact 541-278-9201 or [director@pendletonarts.org](mailto:director@pendletonarts.org).

## Learning the sum of the parts



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**Fourth graders Jack Gregg, left, and Mya Thompson attempt to locate the beak of their squid Friday, March 18, 2022, during a squid dissection at Washington Elementary School in Pendleton.**

### Upcoming election forums provide voter information

UMATILLA COUNTY — People are encouraged to mark their calendars for upcoming candidate forums. Voters will have a chance to learn more about Republican candidates for governor of Oregon and those vying for the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners. Each of the events begins at 6 p.m.:

- March 24, Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton: Republican Gubernatorial candidates.

Candidates who have confirmed they are planning to attend include

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Reed Christiansen, Christine Drazan, Kerry McQuisten, Amber Richardson and Marc Thielman.

The following forums feature Umatilla County commissioner candidates:

- March 31, Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate.

- April 7, Oregon National Guard Armory, 900 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

- April 8, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 109 N.E. Fifth St.

For questions about the April 7 forum in Hermiston, contact [valerie.bradley@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.bradley@gmail.com) or [joshiahbaron.pcp@protonmail.com](mailto:joshiahbaron.pcp@protonmail.com). For the other three forums, contact [ucrp@gmail.com](mailto:ucrp@gmail.com) or Suni Danforth, Umatilla County Republican Central Committee

chair, at 541-215-9389 or [ucrpchair@gmail.com](mailto:ucrpchair@gmail.com).

### City Auto Sales gears up with celebration

HERMISTON — A grand opening celebration is planned at City Auto Sales.

The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce will start the event with a ribbon-cutting Friday, March 25, noon at 80857 N. Highway 395, Hermiston. People are encouraged to stick around with all kinds of fun planned until 4 p.m., including food, raffles and local vendors.

For more information, call 541-561-8314 or search Facebook.

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**World War II Air Force veteran Bob Stangier, left, and Korean War Army veteran Ken Garrett volunteer Feb. 24, 2022, at the Pendleton Air Museum near downtown Pendleton. The two nonagenarians will be recognized during the museum's annual meet-and-greet Thursday, March 24, 5:30 p.m. at Mac's Bar & Grill, Pendleton.**

## Air museum takes flight

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton Air Museum invites the public to learn more about its mission.

The museum will recognize a pair of nonagenarians as volunteers of the year. Bob Stangier, a 98-year-old World War II Air Force veteran, and Ken Garrett, a 90-year-old Korean War Army veteran, will be honored during the museum's annual meet and greet. Mike Short, one of the museum's founders, will be the special speaker.

The no-host event is Thursday, March 24, 5:30 p.m. at Mac's Bar & Grill, 1400 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Order food in advance by calling 541-278-5531 or via [www.macsbargrill.com](http://www.macsbargrill.com). People are encouraged to attend and learn more about the museum.

"I want to get people excited and get acquainted with the museum," said Debbie Rasmussen, museum coordinator. "Also, we're always looking for more volunteers."

Also, through the end of March, visitors are invited to drop by the museum at 21 S.W. Emigrant Ave. for a cup

of coffee featuring products from Operator Coffee. And in observance of Vietnam War Veterans Day, all Vietnam vets will receive a service ornament on Monday, March 28.

And on the horizon, a pair of events offer a chance to have fun while raising money for the museum's building fund. They include:

- 80th Remembrance of the Doolittle Raid, April 18, 5 p.m. at BackFire Station, 911 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Tickets for the 1940s-style dinner and silent auction event are \$30 each.

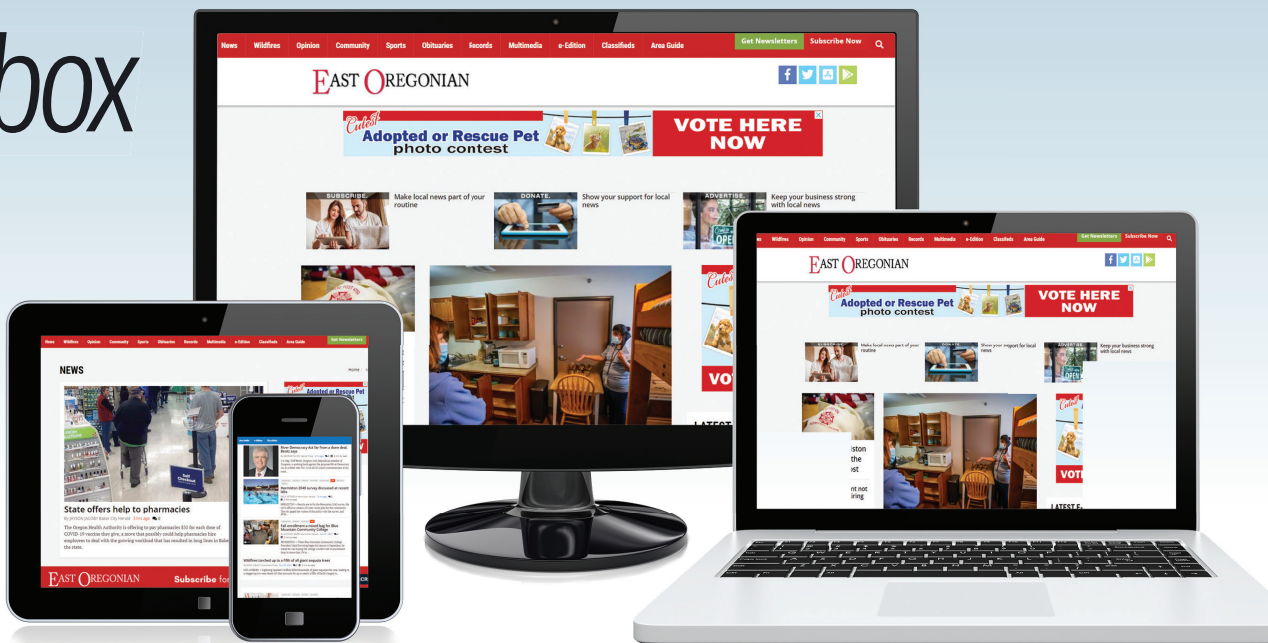
- USO-style Dance, April 23, 6 p.m. in the Let 'er Buck Room at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds. Tickets are \$25 for museum members and \$30 for non-members. The Brass Fire Band will play music from the 1940s and beyond. People are encouraged to don period style from the 1930s to 1950s, with door prizes presented to the best dressed.

The museum is open Monday and Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 2 p.m. Admission is by donation. For more information, visit [www.pendletonairmuseum.org](http://www.pendletonairmuseum.org). For questions, call 541-276-6156.

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