## Viks

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time," said Johnson. "You lay out a cross country course [and] it's really kind of hard to visualize how it's all going to play out. So, it was a little bit nerve-wracking just to make sure everything

was going to work and it was a little bit wet, so some of the footing was a little bit slippery."

Despite the new course and the rain, which was coming down heavily at the finish of the girls' race, the team persevered and ended strong.

The boys team also finished on top, defeating Bandon 25-30, with five runners finishing in the top 10. As with the girls, the Vikings had runners come in first and third, with junior Chad Hughes clocking in at 17:24.7, and sophomore Samuel Ulrich

crossing the finish in 17:42.1.

Sophomore Kyle Hughes (18:17.0), senior Jaxson Jensen (18:29.1) and senior Ryan Jennings (19:03.8) placed fifth, sixth and 10th, respectively.

With such a positive beginning to their season, Viking runners from both teams said they can't wait to compete again.

"All in all, it was a good time," said Johnson. "We had fun and we got a chance to compete again. We're looking forward to more opportunities as the year progresses," said Johnson.

Siuslaw competes again March 4, when the Vikings host Tillamook High School at Florence Golf Links beginning at 3 p.m. As with all races this season, no spectators can attend the meets.

## Art

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Jacobs Gallery and Portland's Blue Sky Gallery. Her work has been juried into numerous shows: Corvallis Art Guild, Florence Festival of Art and Jazz, Florence Artistic Visions, and more.

Pattie Brooks-Anderson, Backstreet Gallery's President, creates her signature paintings with a wash of rich colors in various water media.

Though she starts with an idea, the fluid motion of the colors and patterns begin her inner inspiration and reflections of images filtering through her mind.

Brooks-Anderson's spontaneous, intuitive process combines natural locales with animals or people in a magical way. Trees are an ever-present subject that surround her subjects.

With no particular subject in mind and with no "why," she s says the painting imparts this knowledge to

Beginning with



Photography by Stephanie Ames (top) and art by Patty Brooks-Anderson (above)

brush, she adds a layer of black ink, a web-like structure that defines

the subject which slowly reveals itself to her.

She refines this with a long time that these im-

pen and ink.

"I have believed for a

ages and the subsequent messages are transmitted through a source greater than myself, or perhaps, from a part of myself that is connected to this source," says Brooks-Anderson.

Once the idea blossoms, she often uses the Internet to find multiple images that enhance her ideas.

A remarkable creation, in an unusual and unique style, emerges.

After completing her paintings, Brooks-Anderson's mind turns to

inspirational words. Her love of nature, animals and her concern for the environment result in animal stories that touch the hearts of both children and adults in her illustrated books.

Backstreet Gallery is located at 1421 Bay Street, across from Mo's.

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