

TOUGH BY NATURE

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Rugg agrees that women in the American west have often been overlooked, but adds that some, like herself, might prefer it that way.

"A lot of women in the west have been ignored. I don't know that I have," she says. "I never wanted to be noticed. The less conspicuous, the better I liked it."

Rugg is being noticed now; she is one of 49 women from 13 western states who are featured in Lanker's work. Lanker worked with a variety of media including pencil and charcoal, oil pastel, egg tempera, plate and stone lithography, engraving and drypoint to create work that echoes the style of Andrew Wyeth and Thomas Hart Benton.

In addition to the book, Lanker's work will also be featured in an upcoming exhibition at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at the University of Oregon. The exhibit, also titled "Tough by Nature," will be on display in the Barker Gallery July 1 through September 9.

"The subject matter was one that resonates strongly with our constituents, and we anticipate it will do the same with others as the show travels around the U.S.," says Jill Hartz, JSMA executive director and Tough by Nature curator. "The artist is local, well known and respected, as was her husband, Brian Lanker, who brought the project to me originally."

The exhibition is accompanied by a major catalog, made possible by the Ford Family Foundation and private support, and is touring under the auspices of Landau Traveling Exhibitions.

For Rugg, life on the



Lynda Lanker, Shirley Rugg, 1998, graphite, © Image courtesy of the artist

ranch will continue... a life she says she couldn't imagine any other way.

"I wouldn't like to live any other life," she says in Tough by Nature. "With the life I have now, there's always something different. You can go down the same road every morning and there's something different."

Or, to put it more simply, "I've been blessed my whole life."

A Hollywood twist to a country fairytale

Two Heppner High School boys, Austin Guitierrez and Austin Roberts, noticed recently that something was missing from Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Maggie Collins' horse trailer.

The problem? There was nothing on it. It was plain, drab and ordinary.

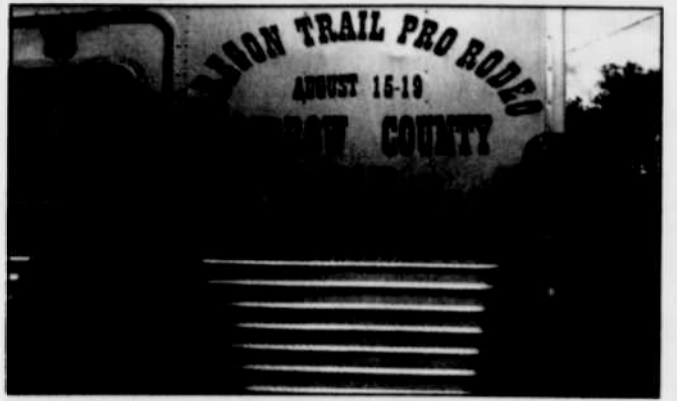
That, they decided, was not acceptable.

A few days before school let out, the boys met with each other, Queen Maggie, and her mother, Jeannie Collins, to discuss what could be done.

"I told them some ideas I had, but I wasn't quite sure what could be done in that small amount of time," Maggie Collins said.

The boys got their heads together and, with the help of HHS TSA advisor Dave Fowler, created a masterpiece.

With careful precision and abundant help from the Collins and Bergstroms, the boys created a trailer Morrow County can be proud of. The knowledge that it was created by teens from the community makes the result even more amazing.



Austin Guitierrez and Austin Roberts stand by one of the upgrades they made to the trailer of Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Maggie Collins. The boys saw the need for more flair to the queen's trailer and took the task on themselves with the support of various community members.

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"It makes me so very proud and thankful that I live in this community," said Jeannie Collins. "Knowing that Maggie has made most of her outfits—she helped make her flowers; her belt and serepe are all handmade—and now her trailer is Morrow County-made. No one else can boast about that!"

Maggie has a week off before she starts her parades in earnest for the fair and rodeo season. She travels at the end of June to Coulee, WA to attend the Queen University and Bible

Camp, sponsored by Jamie and Stan Rauch. She then will attend the Boardman and Ione parades on the 4th of July.

Maggie also wants to remind everyone that she is selling raffle tickets for half a pig cut and wrapped to raise money for her queen activities. The tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Contact Maggie or her mom, Jeannie, at 541-676-8037 or by cell at 541-922-7204 to purchase. Drawings for each half will be held Saturday and Sunday during the Morrow County rodeo.

Ione gets ready for 4th

Ione is gearing up for its 2012 edition of the Cruisin' to the Blues 4th of July celebration.

Festivities kick off on Friday, June 29, with a Bank of Eastern Oregon customer appreciation barbecue on Main Street in Ione from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The party keeps going that evening with a pulled pork meal and Route 74 bar at the Ione Legion hall at 5 p.m., followed by a Texas Hold'Em and cribbage tournament at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3, there will be a golf tournament at Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner beginning at 9 a.m. The rest of the events are in Ione, with an art show and Topic Club book sale at the Legion Hall all day and a talent show in the Ione City Park at 6 p.m., with music by Corey

Peterson to follow.

The Independence Day celebration starts early on July 4 with a fireman's breakfast at the Ione Fire Hall at 7 a.m. and the preschool 5k walk/run on Main Street at 7:30.

The art show and book sale continue in the Legion Hall from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Blues Cruise Car Show will be in the city park beginning at 10:30 a.m., and various food and merchandise vendors will open at 11 a.m. The fish pond, frog jump and bike raffle will take place at the fire hall and city park at 11 a.m., and the altar society will hold its pie sale at the fire hall at that time.

The Red, White and Blues Parade will take place at 1 p.m. with the Ione Cardinal Volleyball 1A state champions serving as

grand marshals. Park activities also begin at that time, with entertainment by local artists in the gazebo until 3 p.m. and free swim at the Ione pool if open. American Legion bingo will take place at the Legion Hall at 2 p.m. and blues bands will take the stage at the Ione Amphitheater starting at 3 p.m. Performances this year will be by The Vermeil, Ione All-Stars, Terry Evans and the Jim Mesli Band. The boat trip auction and raffle drawing will take place on stage at the Ione Amphitheater at 7 p.m.

During the day, there will be a U.S. Navy fly-over. Finally, the day will end with the traditional fireworks display at dusk.

Check in next week's Gazette-Times for a full 4th of July schedule of events.

COOKS AND BOOKS

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"It's crazy."

They spent time in places like Cheyenne, WY; Sidney, NE; Tucson, AZ and, of course, Heppner. His job as chef at Ruggs Ranch brought them here, but Kulon says it was a conscious choice to stay. She was living and working in Savannah, GA, where they intended to move. The couple changed plans, choosing rural Eastern Oregon over coastal Georgia.

Despite the pun at the beginning of the article, Kulon doesn't fool around when it comes to bookkeeping. She has her lower-level payroll certification through American Payroll Associates and will go for the higher certification in 2013. She is also studying to become a Certified Professional Bookkeeper (CPB) through the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers (AIPB), a Certified Payroll Profes-

sional (CPP) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). That last certification is for forensic accounting.

"(It's to) find money that's missing," Kulon explains. "Think of what happened at Enron. Those were forensic accountants who went in and found the money trail of what they did."

Among the services Kulon offers are regular, full-charge bookkeeping, payroll, payroll taxes (but not company taxes, since that's a certification she doesn't have), and set-up and training on QuickBooks.

When they're not working and the weather is nice, the Kulons can often be seen out on their motorcycles. She says she also hopes to spend time with her two daughters and nine grandkids in Denver and Michigan, including two sets of twins...one from

each daughter, delivered back-to-back.

Finally, Kulon shares some of her husband's love of cooking, calling herself, "The baker in the family." In fact, she had been thinking of attending culinary school when she first met John Kulon.

"I never made it," she says. "I didn't need to."

Those things don't detract from her focus on bookkeeping, though.

"I've met people, especially ranchers' wives, who have to do all the bookkeeping, and they don't have time for other things. I'd like them to farm it out to me," says Kulon. She also adds that she doesn't want people to be intimidated by her certifications or the letters behind her name. To her, they represent a commitment to quality, as well as something she enjoys. "I like bookkeeping; it's a challenge to me."



Earn While You Learn Program

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Program Features*:

- Pays \$1 directly into an open Youth Savings Account for every "A" (or top grade) that our 1st through 12th grade students receive on their end-of-the-year report cards.
- Reports cards must be presented at the local Community Bank branch during the months of **June or July** of the same year of the dated report card.
- Students do not have to be previous customers - a Youth Savings Account must be opened before bonus can be paid.



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DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Mary Ann Bass, 38, pled guilty to harassment, a Class B misdemeanor and was sentenced

to seven days jail time with credit for time served. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$330.

PUBLIC NOTICE			
FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING			
A public meeting of the Heppner Rural Fire Protection District will be held on June 25, 2012 at 5:30 pm at 180 Rock Street, Heppner, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 as approved by the Heppner Rural Fire Protection District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 180 Rock Street, Heppner, Oregon, between the hours of 9:15 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period, and was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as used in the preceding year.			
Contact: Thomas Wolff, District Accountant		Telephone: 541-678-5114 Email: twolf4945@gmail.com	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2011-12	Adopted Budget The Year 2011-12	Approved Budget Next Year 2012-13
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	84,302	94,915	96,115
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges		0	0
Federal, State and All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	10,789	0	0
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt			
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	1,875	16,500	11,205
All Other Resources Except Property Taxes	1,690	950	900
Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	43,482	42,960	44,405
Total Resources	141,938	155,225	155,625
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	750	750	750
Materials and Services	42,465	32,315	33,715
Capital Outlay	0	103,340	106,955
Debt Service			
Interfund Transfers	1,875	16,500	11,205
Contingencies			
Special Payments			
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	2,320	3,000
Total Requirements	44,890	155,225	155,625
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
District Fire Fighting Measures and Prevention	44,890	155,225	155,625
FTE (# of Full-Time Equivalent Employees)	None	None	None
FTE			
Non-Departmental / Non-Program			
FTE			
Total Requirements	44,890	155,225	155,625
Total FTE	None	None	None
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING			
No Changes in Activities and / or Sources of Financing			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 7908/1,000	Rate or Amount Imposed 7908/1,000	Rate or Amount Approved 7908/1,000
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 7908 per \$1,000)			
Local Option Levy	N/A	N/A	N/A
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds	None	None	
Other Bonds	None	None	
Other Borrowings	None	None	
Total	None	None	

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Affidavit