

# Local artist wrangles in talent

Murphy's artwork on display at Hermiston library

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An interest in art was sparked at an early age for Andrea Murphy as she would gaze upon her mother's (Linda Phillips) work adorning their Hermiston home.

"She had some nice pen and ink horses on the walls that she had drawn, and she used to sketch these cute little horses for my sister and me," Murphy said. "I think we drove her crazy asking for them."

Murphy went on to take drawing and painting classes at Hermiston High School, where she graduated in 2004. Later, she studied art at Blue Mountain Community College and Portland Community College.

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The artwork of Hermiston native Andrea Murphy is on display during the month of February at the Hermiston Public Library.

display during the month of February at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday-Saturday

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Specializing in acrylic equine art, Murphy said she enjoys other subjects and media, but her main inspiration is the colorful western lifestyle. She describes her-

self as a wife, mother of two boys and an ENFP — referring to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, it stands for Extroversion, Intuition, Feeling, and Perceiving. Moving back to Herm-



Murphy

iston in 2009, she ended up meeting her future husband, Chance, who was riding bulls at the Pendleton Round-Up. After getting married in the fall of 2012, the couple has moved to Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and back to Montana before landing most recently back in Hermiston.

For the past six years or so, Murphy has been a part-time artist and stay-at-home mom to their sons, who are now 4 and 5 years old. However, she often can't find enough time to devote to her artwork.

"Sometimes I get tired from all the things that pull me in different directions," she said.

However, Murphy does carve out time each year to participate in a couple of quick draws and live auc-

tions where artists create work on-site and then it's auctioned off. "It's thrilling and terrifying, which seems ironic for an art event," she said. "I get to paint alongside some well-known Western and wildlife artists. It is humbling and enriching every time."

Murphy especially enjoys the opportunity to meet the people who purchase her work — calling it "an unspoken connection."

Some of her work was recently on display at the Hamley Western Store in Pendleton. In addition, she maintains a presence on social media. In addition to making some sales and commissions, Murphy said it results in some valuable connections.

For more information about the library display, call 541-567-2882. To learn more about Murphy's artwork, search Facebook or Instagram (@AndreaMurphyArt).

## BRIEFS

### Fun run/walk supports youth mission trip

Cupcakes will be passed out after a fun run/walk to raise money for a spring youth mission trip to Mexico.

In its second year, the Sprinkles are for Winners 5K Fun Run/Walk is Saturday, Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. at Riverfront Park, Orchard Extension, Hermiston. The entry fee for the non-competitive event is \$5 or \$25 with a T-shirt. Cupcakes with sprinkles will be available at the finish line.

The fun run is sponsored by Higher Power Fitness and One More Apparel. For a registration form, stop by Higher Power Fitness, 2120 N. First St., Hermiston, or search for the event on Facebook. For questions, call 541-314-2092 or 541-289-5483.

### HEF seeks scholarship applicants

The Hermiston Education Foundation will award eight scholarships of \$2,500 each to 2019 Hermiston High School seniors.

Important factors in the evaluation of applicants include academic scholarship, community service, leadership and financial need.

The nonprofit organization started its scholarship program in the spring of 2017. HEF also awards grants to district personnel for projects that enhance the educational experience of students.

The application is due by Friday, March 22. Applications are available at the high school counseling office. For more information, visit [www.hermiston-educationfoundation.org](http://www.hermiston-educationfoundation.org), call George Clough at 541-314-3182 or write HEF, P.O.

Box 1096, Hermiston, OR 97838.

### Poster contest seeks youth artists

Oregon students in first through eighth grades are invited to design a poster that represents the importance of acceptance and diversity in our neighborhoods.

Sponsored by the Fair Housing Council of Oregon, the theme of the 21st annual poster contest is, "Everyone is Welcome in My Neighborhood." The top entries will receive cash awards and the chance to showcase their artwork throughout Oregon.

To qualify, posters must be horizontally-oriented on an 11x17 sheet of white paper or poster board. Materials may include crayons, colored pencils, magic markers, tempera paint, pastels or chalk. Glitter or glue are not to be used. All entries must be received by Friday, March 15 at Fair Housing Council of Oregon, 1221 S.W. Yamhill St. #305, Portland, OR 97205.

The contest provides an opportunity to engage youngsters in open discussions about civil rights in housing. Youths can learn how fair housing laws protect Oregonians against discrimination.

For more information, visit [www.fhco.org/index.php/news/poster-competition](http://www.fhco.org/index.php/news/poster-competition). For questions, contact program assistant Eleanor Doyle at [edoyle@fhco.org](mailto:edoyle@fhco.org).

### Fire marshal to recognize hot achievements

People who know civilians or fire service personnel that provide outstanding work in fire prevention or public fire safety education are encouraged to submit their names for an award.

The Office of State Fire Marshal will present a pair of awards during the 2019 Oregon Fire Marshal Conference in May. Jim Walker, Oregon State fire marshal, said there have been many Oregonians who have made significant contributions and encourages the public to inform his office.

The Golden Sparky recognizes a member of fire service and the Silver Sparky goes to a civilian person or group. In 2018, Gretchen Erickson, fire safety educator for Umatilla County Fire District #1, received the Golden Sparky and the Silver Sparky went to the Pendleton Lions Club.

The nomination deadline is Friday, March 15. Submit completed forms, which are available at [www.oregon.gov/osp/Docs/Sparkyform2019.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/Docs/Sparkyform2019.pdf) or by contacting Sally Cravinho at 503-934-8205, [sally.cravinho@state.or.us](mailto:sally.cravinho@state.or.us) or 3565 Trelstad Ave. S.E., Salem, OR 97317.

### Book club to discuss 'Sold on a Monday'

A new novel by New York times bestselling author Kristina McMorris is the topic of the upcoming Bookminders, the Hermiston Public Library book club.

Participants will discuss "Sold on a Monday" Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 1:30 p.m. at The Pheasant Bar & Grill, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston. The club meeting is free and people may arrive early for a no-host lunch.

The book is said to be a powerful story of love and redemption.

The book club, which is free and open to everyone, meets the second Tuesday of each month. A limited number of copies of "Sold on a Monday" are available at the library. For more information, call 541-567-2882 or stop by the library at 235 E. Gladys Ave.

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