

Open Regional Exhibit focuses on photography

Submissions accepted April 2

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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 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



Pendleton Center for the Arts/Contributed Photo
A visitor views photographs at the Open Regional Exhibit on May 8, 2014, at Pendleton Center for the Arts. Submissions for this year's gallery show will be accepted April 2, noon to 4 p.m.

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 categories. 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. For questions, contact 541-278-9201 or director@pendletonarts.org.

Hermiston FFA shines at state convention

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Special to the Hermiston Herald

The Oregon State FFA Convention returned as an in-person event after two years of COVID-19-forced virtual conventions.

The Oregon FFA State Convention was in Redmond, Oregon, March 17-20.

The Hermiston FFA Chapter represented Hermiston High School and the entire Hermiston community, as members competed in front of over 3,000 members, advisors and guests from around the state and nation.

Chapter advisors Sandy McKay and Brianna Gilman escorted 24 students to the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond for four days of competition, workshops, delegate business meetings and memory-making.

At the state convention, members were recognized for their accomplishments, further developed career and leadership skills, and they earned the privilege of representing Oregon at the national level in multiple events.

And for the third time in recent years, a Hermiston FFA member was elected to serve as the Oregon FFA State vice president.

To earn their FFA State Degree, recipients must demonstrate the highest level of effort applied toward their Supervised Agricultural Experience projects, outstanding leadership abilities, and exhibit community involvement throughout their FFA careers.

Members awarded their State Degrees this year were Hector Leal, Kylie Temple, Paige Bolen, Grant Hills and Abigail Conner.

Ninth-grade student Ainsley McCann led off the State Creed Speaking contest as the first speaker in the event. McCann's performance set the bar high and earned first place on the judges' score



Hermiston High School/Contributed Photo
Hermiston FFA members hold an award banner. The team appeared at a state competition March 17-20 and was awarded for the performances of its members.

cards and earned her a trip to compete at the national convention this fall in Indianapolis, Indiana.

McCann set herself apart from the crowd by answering the question, "How would she alter the FFA Creed?" In her response, she described how the document could be enhanced by including reference to agriculturists' influence beyond the local area to also include the entire country and throughout the world.

She is coached by longtime supporters of the program Chuck and Bonnie Miller.

Marketing Plan students Helen Cooley, Annikah Perez and McCann placed in the top 10 with their marketing plan developed for Hermiston High School's student-run concession business, Java Dawg.

Through this experience, these young ladies have grown as speakers, gained presentation skills, and they said they learned a lot about marketing and business.

Though Cooley will be graduating this spring, Perez and McCann are already talking about topics for next year.

Extemporaneous Speaker Alexis Leathers placed in the top eight with her speech on the supply chain. she

presented a speech full of research and stories from industry members she had previously interviewed in preparation for the contest.

The Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest requires students to research 30 topics from one broad category.

At the competition, topics are drawn from the potential list at random and students then have thirty minutes to create a four-to-six-minute speech and present it to a panel of judges.

Leathers was called back to the stage a short time after her speech to be awarded the H.S. Gibson Memorial Scholarship.

Kylie Temple competed in the Job Interview contest where she was interviewed by a panel of judges consisting of business leaders, industry insiders and FFA Alumni.

The contest consists of multiple rounds of competition. Following the first round on Thursday, she was one of six competitors who advanced onto the next round. In the second round, she completed six intense one-on-one interviews where she earned nearly perfect marks on her way to winning the State Competition moving on to compete at the National Convention this fall.

Also winning a state title

and advancing to compete in Indianapolis in October was the Conduct of Chapter Meetings team.

This team of seven students conducted a mock chapter meeting to demonstrate knowledge of basic parliamentary law and use of correct parliamentary procedures.

The team consists of 9th grade HHS students Elle Blakely, Amy Armstrong, Cozette Cooley, Addison Garberg, Jaydan McKim, Payton Howard, and Alexis Castillo. These members advanced through multiple levels of competition to reach this point with support from alumni Kennedy Baker.

Advisor Sandy McKay pointed out that this is the inaugural year for this contest in Oregon, making this group the only team that has ever earned this title in our state.

To top Hermiston FFA's success, Hermiston's Grant Hills was elected to serve as the 2022-23 Oregon FFA state vice president.

Officer candidates undergo a grueling three days of interviews followed by a general election by delegates representing each of the FFA chapters in Oregon.

Grant will put his college plans on hold for one year to represent the Oregon FFA Association.

Those advancing to national competition join the Food Science team which previously earned their ticket to Indianapolis in competitions held earlier in the year.

Editor's note: Brianna Gilman and Sandy McKay are Hermiston High School

IN BRIEF

BMCC Foundation seeks scholarship applicants

The 2022-23 application for Blue Mountain Community College Foundation Scholarships is available on the WolfWeb Student Portal. The deadline to apply is March 31.

To access a link to the WolfWeb, visit www.bluecc.edu/about/foundation. The foundation webpage also has information about additional scholarships and tuition assistance programs. For questions or additional information, call 541-278-5762 or email ecorbett@bluecc.edu.

Annual tree give-away held early

Hermiston's annual Arbor Day free tree give-away will be April 2, 9 a.m. in the parking lot at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395.

This will be a drive-thru event, so be sure to research the varieties you wish to pick up and have your choices prepared before arrival. People are permitted to have as many tree starts as they can immediately plant. The varieties include red maple, re-dosier dogwood, green ash, golden chain tree, tulip tree, Dolgo crabapple, European mountain ash and Colorado spruce.

Sponsored by the Hermiston Rotary Club and

Hermiston Parks and Recreation, the tree giveaway has been held in Hermiston for more than 35 years. The event is being held nearly a month before National Arbor Day, which is April 29.

According to a press release from the parks department, they have found people are more successful in getting the tree starts to grow when they are planted the first part of April. For more information, call 541-667-5018.

Oregon sheriffs' association offers scholarships

Students interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement can apply for \$1,600 scholarships awarded by the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association.

Each year, the association awards multiple scholarships, both to graduating high school seniors and students who are already enrolled and attending a community college or university. The scholarship committee may interview finalists.

Applicants will be evaluated on a submitted essay, scholastic achievements and attention to detail in completing the application process. Winners will be notified by July 15.

The deadline to apply is May 1. For additional information and the application, visit www.oregon-sheriffs.org/scholarship.

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