

Details

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While challenging at times, this past year has been a time of renewal and creation for two artists who also happen to be good friends. "Art in the Time of Covid: Oil Paintings by Marnell Brown & Sunnie LeBlanc" will feature works created during this difficult, but inspiring year. The exhibition in the Bigfork Art & Cultural Center will open on July 2 and run through August 7. The center is open Tuesdays through Saturday from 11 am until 5 pm. Admission is free.

An artist's reception will be held on Friday, July 9 from 5 to 7 pm in the Cultural Center. The reception will give the public an opportunity to meet and learn more about the artists and their works. In addition, LeBlanc has scheduled a series of "Easel Talks" to be held each Thursday during the exhibition from 3 pm until 5 pm. Talks are scheduled for July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5. Sunnie will be working on a new painting (we understand it's a scene from Glacier National Park) while also discussing various aspects of the creative process as well as answering questions from interested viewers. A docent for museums in Montana and Fort Worth, Sunnie loves talking about art and sharing her experiences.

Sunnie LeBlanc divides her time between Fort Worth, Texas and her home in Montana's Flathead Valley. Sunnie calls herself "A hard-edged oil painter" who loves painting in the outdoors in Glacier National Park and throughout Northwest Montana. She loves the challenge of portraying the area's rugged mountains, clear lakes and wild creatures.

For Marnell Brown, life off the grid provides the background for her impressionistic oil paintings that reveal the beauty of life in Montana's backcountry. Painting directly from nature on artist-prepared board, her studies of horses, mules and life on a rugged ranch tell of a simple and profound existence.

Marnell Brown was raised on a remote mountain ranch where everything that was worth doing was done out-of-doors. "Our small cabin was too cramped for more than eating and sleeping we spent all of our time in the woods; working, playing, running, exploring, and learning." It is this intimate knowledge of the wild creatures and country way of life that led to a deep desire to paint what she knows best. "I love the untouched forests, the rugged mountains, and God's special wild creatures. I hope to share this love with my viewers."

Brown soon discovered that in order to paint more than a "pretty picture" she needed professional advice. "I am not a self-taught artist," she states quietly, but firmly. Though college art courses left her dissatisfied, the years of study through correspondence courses, attending workshops by such artists as Michael Coleman, Bob Cavanaugh, and Mark Ogle, reading books by established artists, studying the Masters, and long hours in the woods with paintbox and easel, have contributed to the basic technical knowledge of her art skills and approach to each subject. "Everybody has something worth knowing," Brown says with a smile. "An artist must reach for that elusive something that makes a painting worthy of the word 'ART'. I love the Impressionist style, this leaves me the freedom to try to capture the mood or feeling of a subject rather than to imprint detailed features." (right: Marnell Brown, *Rocky Mountain Mule Train*, oil, 30 x 25 inches)



The Gallery

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Presents

WESTERN WOMEN'S ART SHOWCASE 1986

Works by 32 women artists from nine Western states will be on exhibit through Oct. 31st at The Gallery.

The juried show winners are:

1st place-Norma Lane, Spokane, WA.

2nd place-Tricia Florence, Cd'A, ID.

3rd place-Janet Rundquist, Laramie, WY.

4th place-Marnell Brown, Olney, MT.

5th place-Lisa Daboll, Cd'A, ID.

Honorable Mention-Kary Peters, Spokane, WA.

Jurors: Lucille Wines, Cd'A, ID;

Al Isakson, Cd'A, ID.

Hours:

Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.;

Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Advance In Tourney Openers

The Kalispell women's slowpitch softball tournament opened Monday, with two favorites advancing to the winners bracket.

The Pillpushers turned the Powder Keg every way but

loose, in romping to a 59-2 win, while Torgerson's Truckers had little trouble from Bell's Belles, winning 26-4.

The Pillpushers ripped 65 hits off the Keg's pitching, as they put the game away in the early

innings, scoring 17 times in the first inning and 24 more tallies in the second.

Included in the hit parade were eight home runs by the winners, Merry VanHaverbeke hit three, Jackie Young and Marnell Brown, two each and Jane Mildren hit a solo shot.

Mildren and Young also added triples as did Elva Mast and Cynthia Goldizen and Rene Kesler combined for five doubles, three and two respectively.

The Truckers used seven home runs of their own in blitzing Bell's. Bonnie Hanson hit three and Maxine Brewer and Barbara Smith each hit two roundtrippers.

The tourney will continue this week, with the championship game set for Saturday night. The Pillpushers were the regular season champions.



First National Bank maintained a narrow lead over Henricksen's Motors, in Kalispell women's golf league action last week.

Ruby Donahue, Heximer, Helen Gryde and Simpson.

WEEKLY RESULTS
Janco Systems 2, Valley Bank 3;
Cassidy Bank 1, Wheelers 1

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Chuck Harris of Bigfork called in to complain that we had shortchanged him and 14 others.

Harris reasoned that we had listed the first five finishers in the eight-mile, mini-marathon a couple of Saturday's ago at the sixth annual Jerry Anderson Memorial Marathon. We also listed all those who completed the 26 mile, 385 yard marathon course.

"All of us trained pretty hard to be able to complete those races," he said. "I think all the finishers should be mentioned."

All right, Chuck. Here's the sixth through 20th place finishers of the mini-marathon, according to county recreation director Mike Lyngstad:

Kevin Buettner, Kalispell, sixth; Bill Rossiter, Kalispell, seventh; D. Pitman, Columbia Falls, eighth; Marnell Brown, Kalispell, ninth; Michael Stebbins, Kalispell, tenth;

Steve Hogan, Whitefish, 11th; Jim Atkinson, Kalispell, 12th; Chuck Harris, Bigfork, 13th; Joan Hecimovich, Whitefish, 14th; William Tarr, Whitefish, 15th; Randy Riley, Columbia Falls, 16th;

Nancy Auseklis, Kalispell, 17th; Charles Rippey, Whitefish, 18th; Brett Birk, Columbia Falls, 19th; and Rich Thompson, West Glacier, 20th.

Chuck ran his eight miles in 1:03.52. The winner, Bruce Ross of Bigfork, won the event with a 45:26.89 clocking.

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Brown sisters look to nationals

Gig and Marnell Brown would like to compete in the cross-country skiing national championships. Maybe you can help the Kalispell girls. Please see today's sports section A-8-11.

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Spartan Harriers Run

All three Red Bluff High School long distance runners improved on their place finishes this week in a cross country meet held at Anderson High School.

Kim O'Keefe placed eighth in a field of 21 runners with a time of 16:11, with Walter Williams taking 19th.

Winner of the varsity race was Dave Frye of Central Valley, who clocked 14:38 over the 2.7-mile course. Frye was followed to the finish by teammate Wade Brown and Shasta's Jeff Boudreau.

Although Shasta and Red Bluff didn't have the necessary five competitors to make a scoring team, Central Valley and Anderson conducted a dual

meet, with Central Valley winning 18-52 (low score wins).

In the junior varsity competition, Red Bluff's Stacy Fitzpatrick followed Central Valley's Marnell Brown to the tape in 11th place. Both runners are girls.

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ENDS TUESDAY
8:45 ONLY

SABATA

Lee Van Cleef
William Berger

GP 7:00 & 10:35

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Area women initiated into KZN

DILLON — Nine Western Montana College coeds were initiated into Kappa Zeta Nu, women's social sorority.

Area students initiated into membership were Mary Morris and Marnell Brown of Kalispell and Ida Wunderlich of Eureka.

Arts in August

Sponsored by the Bigfork Village Square Art & Cultural Center

**Eighteen area artists will be participating in a unique art show in Bigfork
August 3 - 19**

**The art is on display at Bigfork Village Square Art & Cultural Center
and will move to Sliter's Park in Bigfork**

**Sunday, August 19 — 11 - 7 p.m.
and will be on display and for sale**

Food from the Schiefelbein Haus will be available for artists and public.

Arts in August participants:

Jeanne Hamilton
Dave Coe
Judy Syverson
Gary Reicke
Larry Janoff
Mark Ogle
Gayle Frunhuber

Elmer Sprunger
Anna Dwyer
Lisa Pierce
Lisa Schaus
Ken Bjorge
Marnell Brown
Jeff Wilson

Fred Fellows

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Brown girls place 1, 2 in tourney

SUSANVILLE — Virginia and Marnell Brown took first and second respectively to lead Lassen High to the girl's championship at the Lassen Invitational cross-country tournament.

Virginia was timed in 11:30 and Marnell in 11:46 for the 1.7 mile course. Both girls attend Central Valley High. Virginia's time set a course record.

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Frances Brown, 65

Frances Ann Gilmore Brown, 65, of Olney, died March 24, 1993, at her home.

She is survived by her husband, Robert McKinney Brown, of Olney; daughters Virginia and Marnell Brown, of Olney; and son Douglas Brown, of Denver.

The rosary is to be recited at St. Charles Catholic Church in

Whitefish at 7 p.m. Monday. A funeral mass is to be held at St. Richards Catholic Church in Columbia Falls at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Burial will follow at St. Richards Catholic Cemetery. Father Bud Strom is to be the celebrant.

The family suggests memorials to Our Lady of the Rosary Society, Box 6011, Great Falls, MT, 59406.

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Russell auction artists

Marsha Davis of Kalispell and Marnell Brown of Olney are among the northwest Montana artists selected to participate in the 20th annual Russell Art Auction in Great Falls March 17-19.

Davis is entering "Winter Flight," a transparent watercolor on rice paper and "Bobwhites," an acrylic. Brown has entered "Bluebird Basin," an oil painting on linen.

There were 250 pieces of artwork selected from the more than 650 pieces submitted.

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