Youth Art Exhibit

Local young art students had their work on display on May 29 at Grace Family Fellowship Church. The young artists all participate in the Grace Fine Arts Program in classes taught by Kerri Boutwell. This term Boutwell taught Acrylic Landscape Painting, Portrait and Drawing. The public was invited to attend the exhibit, which featured works by children aged 8 to 18.

Boutwell's students use references when they are learning and copy other artists work as a learning tool. "These are student exercises and are not intended as originals," explains Boutwell. Boutwell says most of her students do alter their art somewhat from the original references.

The evening also included a music recital by several first year guitar students as well as a special presentation by Boutwell to Jeana Gump of a portrait Boutwell painted of Gump's daughter Savannah.

The art work was voted on in three categories and two age groups by the audience. Winners were: Eloise Pedersen-pianting 8-11, Jessica Gardner-painting 12-18, Paige Cieloha-portrait 8-11, Brook Naron-portrait 12-18, Torey Tolonen-drawing 8-11, Nolan Grant and Jessica Gardner-drawing 12-18.

Far right top: Torey Tolonen

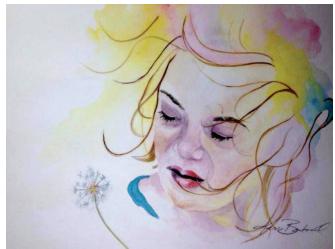
Far right bottom: Kerri Boutwell's portrait of Savannah

Gump.









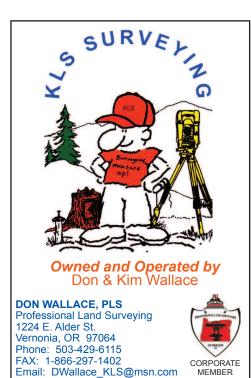




VRFPD Conducts Training Burn

The Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District conducted a controlled burn on A Street on May 31. The burn was a part of a series of training exercises, designed to give local volunteer fire fighters real life experience on an actual house fire. The Fire District has used the home over the last several months for several different training scenarios. The burn was the final training exercise.









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