

High-schoolers' art showcased
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Area high school students submitted pieces to the inaugural High School Student Art Showcase.

Judged by local artist Joe Reynolds, the Greater Greenwood Arts Council conducted a reception for the students May 19 at Greenwood library.

Alexis Nunnely of Center Grove High School won best of show for her piece, "Self-Portrait in Lavender."

Honorable mentions include:

Alyson Arthur, "Something With Voice"; Lyssa Matsat, "Digital Flower"; and Shea Rodriguez-Kinney, "Grr Me"; all of Center Grove High School

Braden Corliss, "Untitled"; Elizabeth Linder, "The Window"; and Jacquelyn Mitchell, "Fly Solo"; all of Greenwood Community High School

Abby Parmer, "Digitally Enhanced"; Whiteland Community High School.

Center Grove High School earned the Most Awarded Traveling Trophy.

The art will be on display on the second floor of the library until June 25. The community is invited to vote for the Peoples' Choice Award, presented to the winner after the Greenwood Freedom Festival parade June 25.

Benjamin Woodworth of Trafalgar was selected to receive a Summer Undergraduate Research Experience Fellowship for a summer research project.

The fellowship provides a \$4,000 stipend and supplies.

Conducted through Marshall University in West Virginia, Woodworth began the 10-week research program May 16 and will complete it July 29.

Jessie McClain of Trafalgar published her first novel, "My Dearest Rose," which she plans to be the first part of a trilogy.

The 2005 Indian Creek High School graduate has been writing for 10 years. She began with songs and poetry and started the book in January 2010.

Self-published through Authorhouse, the fictional drama is about a 24-year-old woman named Iris Reed who raises her younger brother.

McClain is working on the second book of the three-part saga.

Dr. Philip George was honored by the American Optometric Association and Indiana Optometric Association with a 50-year membership recognition award.

A longtime resident of Johnson County and optometrist in Franklin, George began his optometric practice in 1961 and retired in 2003.

He served on the Indiana State Board of Examiners in Optometry for 12 years and was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1983 by Gov. Robert Orr.

George and his wife, Pat, live on Lamb Lake.

The Study Connection program in Franklin celebrated its fifth year of helping students.

Volunteers recognized for five years of service were David Brailow, Sandy Brown, Steve Brown, Carol Chappel, Kris Davenport, Sue Doty, Kevin Findley, Willis Good, Carolyn Hood, Alma Shaul, Steve Shaul, Cleo Simpson, Jim Simpson, Danny Vaught, Eileen Vaught and Harry Westcott.

Emily Wood has stepped down as director. Missy Woods will replace her beginning June 1.

Offered through Leadership Johnson County, the homework support program services students at elementary schools in Franklin.

Zeta Sigma, the Greenwood chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, presented the Greenwood library with a \$1,000 check.

The money will be used to purchase early literacy kits for the children's department and large-print books for the adult section of the library.

The sorority is a national organization committed to supporting the arts, music, literature, speech and hearing. Johnson County has four chapters, Bargersville, Franklin, Greenwood and Providence.

Johnson County residents volunteered or are volunteering with the American Red Cross to help with disaster relief in the southern United States.

Diane Delaney of Greenwood traveled to Tennessee.

Franklin resident Jill Bode volunteered in Missouri.

Dave Halsmer, Greenwood, volunteered his time in Alabama.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Climate Control in Franklin hosted Danielle Dickinson, Indianapolis 500 princess, and her director, Connie Lund, on May 18.

The two arrived at the facility in a Chevy Camaro pacecar and were greeted with a race-themed cake, created by associate Veronica Baker.

Employees and visitors sat in the car and had their photos taken.

Dickinson is the daughter of Dan Dickinson, a quality associate at the facility.

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