

Final Art Trip of Year

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Seniors William Bartlett and Melinda Stretch pose with art work they took to the Fort Hays High School art Exhibition.

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The Wauneta Breeze

Eight Wauneta-Palisade students made their final art trip of the year to Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan, April 18.

The 38th annual High School Art Exhibition drew 1,500 students from around 60 schools.

Wauneta-Palisade students took art work to be judged and attended workshops and visited four downtown Hays galleries throughout the day.

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Workshops included a demonstration in print-making, wheel throwing demonstration and an iron pour.

Dakota Washum, Brooklyn Nordhausen, Melinda Stretch, Jake Day, Jasmyn Smith, Kassandra Carl, William Bartlett and Renae Gardner made the trip. The eight brought home 12 awards of excellence for their art.

Nordhausen received four awards, Smith three, Washum three and Gardner two.

This year, the art class has also traveled to McCook for a Paint-In. Smith's painting received the Judge's Choice Award at the event.

At McCook, a painting by Nordhausen received second runner-up. Carl, Gardner and Bartlett received scholarship awards.

"This was a very big deal because all the paintings from about 20 different schools were judged and Jasmyn won the whole thing and Brooklyn got second runner-up in painting," said Janessa Wood, art teacher.

Wood and her students have traveled to three shows, RPAC, McCook Paint-In and FHSU High School days. The eight students have earned 22 awards.