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“Silenced” Takes Most Popular in The 17th Annual ArtSpirit High School Art Show & Competition

Amazing! That was the word uttered most during the 17th Annual ArtSpirit High School Art Show & Competition. And... as the voters made their selections for the Most Popular vote, they often mentioned how difficult it was to choose just one. “Silenced” by Mikayla Kunesh is by far the most loved piece in this year’s event.

This wonderful, colorful acrylic painting also won first place in its category. The feeling from the judges and visitors to Gallery Calaveras is that Mikayla’s work reflects the talent and technique of someone much beyond her teenage years. It captures emotion, depth and light... and commands thoughtful attention. Many of this year and past year’s ArtSpirit works are on display at the Calaveras County Office of Education (CCOE). If you are interested in seeing the collection, contact CCOE at (209) 736-4662 for more information.

We would like to thank all of the talented students for their submissions and an extra helping of gratitude and praise is due to their dedicated teachers: Donna Guadagni, Suzanne Smith, Mark Waelty and the staff of Mountain Oaks School. Gallery Calaveras is open Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 10am to 3pm. The Gallery Store exhibits and sells high quality art pieces created by local artists in all the mediums. The store has visual, ceramic, and fabric art, hand painted and photograph cards, jewelry, and hand turned wood bowls, books written by local authors, music and much more. Many pieces in the store honor the theme “My Favorite Spring”. For more information, phone the Arts Council at (209) 754-1774 or visit www.calaverasarts.org



First Annual Rotary “Show & Shine” Car & Vintage Aircraft Show

On Saturday, May 31 at the Eagle’s Nest Airport in Ione, off of Ione Road, vehicles in all categories from street rods to stock pre-1960, modified, foreign cars, trucks and more from throughout California and Nevada will be featured. A pancake breakfast will

be served by the local Boy Scout Troop 477, 7 to 10:30am. All proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to the Troop. Food vendors include a variety of tasty fare. All proceeds will go to local youth organizations and the Interfaith Food Bank. Show and registration: www.ionerotary.com

Young Computer Builder Raises Money for Mind Matters

A hand-made computer, created by Nicholas Tribble, a senior at Bret Harte High School in Angels Camp, CA has resulted in a \$2,000 gift to Mind Matters, the Murphys-based clinic that treats autism and related disorders. When faced with the need to select a senior project, Tribble decided to use his interest in computers to create a unit from scratch and house it in a custom crafted case. To finance his project he created a raffle in which the winner would be given the computer, his expenses would be met, and the remainder of the money donated to Mind Matters. At ten dollars a chance, he was able to raise more than \$3,200.

The lucky winner is Judy Matson, Director of Music Ministries at Foothill Community Church, which Tribble and his family attend. Matson plans on using the computer at the church, replacing a very old model she had in her office. She will receive her unit after April 28th, the day the students must present their projects to the school and the general public. “We are very proud of Nicholas and his accomplishments,” says Dr. Ryan Thompson, the founder of Mind Matters and its current Chief Executive Officer and Medical Director. “We will put his generous donation to good use in our Fast ForWord program, a computer centered learning lab.”

Nicholas Tribble is the son of Derrick and Lori Tribble, residents of Murphys since 1998. Derrick grew up in the area, and also attended Bret Harte High School. Nicholas also has a younger sister, Emma, who shares his love of learning, if not his fascination with computers. Nicholas began his education at the Christian Family Learning center where he met several of the faculty who were

instrumental in the founding of Mind Matters. Active at Bret Harte, being class valedictorian and a member of the golf team, he is enrolled at UC Davis for next fall in the Electrical Engineering department. He hopes to study the inner workings of computer circuitry and pursue a career in line with his interests.

Doug Tribble, Nicholas’ uncle, is on the Mind Matters board of directors. The Mind Matters non-profit clinic exists to help individuals and families cope with the consequences of autism spectrum disorders, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD/ADD), and learning disabilities.

The clinic does this through treatment, counseling, and education. It also works to promote a better public understanding of these debilitating health issues. The clinic is located at 150 Big Trees Rd., adjacent to the Murphys Post Office. Contributions to Mind Matters are tax deductible; for further information, 728-2184 or <http://mindmattersclinic.org>



Nicholas Tribble, young computer builder, built a computer and raffled it off to benefit Mind Matters. *Courtesy Photo*

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