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Sixth grade artists honored

Submitted story

The sixth annual Avenues in Art Awards took place again this May. The artwork submitted was of high quality and, once again, proved what talent and skill our Fremont school students possess.

The Avenues in Art Awards began in May 2003. The awards were created to showcase the talents of sixth-grade students in our community.

Three pieces of art are chosen from each public elementary school. First-, second- and third-place award ribbons are given to these pieces based on skill, originality, effort and creativity.

After the ribbons are awarded, three overall winners are chosen. The top three overall winners are awarded medals along with the individual's artwork being custom framed.

This year, the top three artists of the Avenues in Art Awards are: Tony Veith -- first overall (Otis); Brooke Shiets --second overall (Washington); and Chris Trolio -- third overall (Stamm).

Following are the students, by school, whose artwork was chosen as winners:

- **Atkinson Elementary:** Robert Joerg (first); Marquel Harris (second); Tressa Eberly (third)
- **Croghan Elementary:** Lily (first); Jiayan Tong (second); Kelsey Carreras (third)
- **Hayes Elementary:** Logan Eberly (first); Christopher Adams (second); Elodia Erape (third)
- **Lutz Elementary:** Joe Meyer (first); Willie Arlington (second); James Blue (third)
- **Otis Elementary:** Tony Veith (first); Brooklyn Swaisgood (second); Daniel McAfee (third)
- **Stamm Elementary:** Chris Trolio (first); Michaela Mehling (second); Emily Slaughter (third)
- **Washington Elementary:** Brooke Shiets (first); Haley Fisher (second); Kara (third)

"I'm very happy for all the students involved. They showed exceptional quality and talent -- their art teachers should be very proud," said Holly Elder, owner of Avenues for the Home, a custom framing & sewing business she operates from her home. "I feel it is important to allow children a creative outlet for expressing themselves and for learning. Art is often a forgotten part of our children's education. By continuing this award, I hope I am nurturing an awareness of the arts for many children."

The students' artwork will be on display for viewing at the main branch of Croghan Colonial Bank through May 29.

