

The Paradise Center Presents

Kayla Faucett

Thompson Falls Jr High School Spotlight on the Arts – February 2025



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“Spotlight on the Arts” by The Paradise Center honors and encourages students in the arts by highlighting their talent and acknowledging the support they receive through their schools and teachers.

Our “Spotlight on the Arts” student this month is Kayla Faucett, a talented 15-year-old 8th grader from Thompson Falls Junior High School. While Kayla’s primary medium is pencil drawing, she also immerses herself in the world of music through choir, has dabbled with the clarinet, and is

even considering taking guitar lessons in the future.

As a child, she fondly recalls sketching “cartoonish dragons,” but now her artistic focus has evolved. She enjoys creating lifelike portraits and experimenting with shading techniques that evoke a range of emotions. For Kayla, art is all about “capturing a moment,” a concept that resonates deeply with her creative process.

Kayla shared that she is eager to incorporate color into her pieces. In fact, she showed me a recent portrait where she experimented with “bubbles” and added bursts of color within them. Her work is clearly an exploration of new artistic possibilities. Drawing inspiration from one of her close friends, who is also an artist, the two often exchange ideas and encourage one another’s creative growth.

When asked what advice she would give to younger artists, Kayla’s words were inspiring: “Stick with it, practice a lot, have fun with it, and don’t be afraid to show off your work!” Sound advice for anyone beginning their artistic journey. Thank you, Kayla, for sharing your beautiful creations with all of us!