**Artistic talent on display**

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**MILTON** — Thirty-four pieces of artwork were displayed during one of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit’s (CSIU) biggest events of the year as friends, family members and teachers gathered Wednesday to celebrate the artistic talent of area students.

The CSIU Art Program was launched in 2017 to allow students from local school districts to submit their art pieces for the CSIU to purchase and professionally display throughout its lobby.

At a Wednesday reception, CSIU Executive Director Dr. John Kurelja introduced each student artist from 14 regional school districts and their respective piece of art, which were crafted with various mediums.

“We love putting this on for the students and recognizing them; it’s just a great event. I feel like it gets bigger and bigger every year,” said Heather Dagart, CSIU communications coordinator.

“I love all of the art pieces; some of them are just so life-like, it’s just amazing.”

As part of the reception, students stood next to their works. Some were exhibited inside a handcrafted glass cabinet, such as Line Mountain High School senior Leah Dangler’s ceramic piece, “The Stringless Void.”

“It makes me feel really accomplished for me,” Dangler said, of her displayed work.

Her black-and-white ceramic teapot is characterized by various patterns, such as vines, checkers and endless abstract lines.

Dangler said it took her did this; it’s like a big accomplishment for me,” Dangler said, of her displayed work.

**Painted panthers to promote community pride**

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Ray Coker, with a painted panther like the ones which will be available to Milton businesses to decorate for display during the Milton Harvest Festival.

**Pirate program to raise funds to feed hungry children**

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**WATSONTOWN** — More than a dozen people have been preparing for the past three months for a musical production designed to raise funds for a ministry to feed hungry souls.

“Kidnapped on I-Land” will be presented at 6 p.m. Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, at Revival Tabernacle, 960 Susquehanna Trail, Watsontown. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the Soup for Souls program, which feeds needy children in the Philippines.

Vicki Cool is serving as the play’s director. She proposed the idea of the church offering a spring musical to Jilline Bond, who serves as a pastor at the church alongside her husband, senior Pastor James Bond.

The church immediately embraced the production, particularly since it was designed to raise funds for a ministry...
nearly four weeks to assemble the piece, including “pulling an all-nighter” to finish in time.

Lewisburg Area High School student Vivian Vance took a different approach with her piece, which was a 19th-century amusement park in Copenhagen, Denmark. “I played piano (at this reception) last year and it’s really awesome that I get to be on the other side of things,” Vance said.

Vance explained that her impressionistic painting took around 10 hours to complete after working on it during art classes and at home. “It’s a sesquicentennial at Lewisburg, Linghan Wan, displayed her watercolor painting, “Koi Fish,” just a few feet down the hall. The painting shows four multicolored carp fish swimming through a lily pond. It was framed by the CSIU with a light green boulder framing is really nice; I think it’s wonderful; it’s a lot better than I expected,” Ulrich said about her display. “I don’t usually paint. This is probably the third time I’ve painted in my entire life, and I’m very proud of myself for how it came out.”

Ulrich also thanked her art teacher, Shawn McGigan, for pushing her out of her comfort zone.

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activity in which campers could purchase handmade wooden bears for display at their campsites.

“We made them as three sizes, mama bear, papa bear, baby bear,” Ray explained. “We had our campers do it as a family activity. They loved it.”

The Cokers approached the festival committee with a similar idea, which was immediately embraced. “We tried to pick the Milton Area School District mascot, the Cokers are crafting and priming 30 wooden panthers. The wooden panthers are being made available for businesses to paint and display at their campsites.

“We are selling (the wooden panthers) for $25 each, to merchants,” Cool said. “I wanted to raise money for missions. We try to stay away from religion and politics (in the designs),” Ray said.

Businesses interested in purchasing a panther to paint should email miltonharvestfestival@gmail.com. According to the festival website, a full slate of activities are scheduled for the festival.

- Friday, Sept. 6: Tomato Bowl, 6:30 p.m. pre-game ceremonies, Milton Area High School Alumni Field.
- Saturday, Sept. 7: Arts, crafts and food vendors open, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Broadway and Broad Avenue.
- 28-mile bike race, registration opens at 8 a.m. on Filbert Street. Race starts at 9:30; pet parade, 9 to 9:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. parade, Elm Street, Milton Model Train Museum open, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Milton Community Center third floor, 139 S. Front St.; Milton Area High School marching band concert, 11:45 a.m., Lincoln Park; Princess pageant, 7 p.m. Milton Area High School auditorium.
- Sunday, Sept. 8: Little Miss/Miss Junior Miss Pageant, 4 p.m., Milton Area High School auditorium.
- Monday, Sept. 9: Pumpkin Roll, 6 to 6:30 p.m. registration, Academy Avenue and Locust Street.
- Tuesday, Sept. 10: Scarecrow Patch, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Race and South Front Streets.
- Wednesday, Sept. 11: 5 to 8 p.m., Boogie on Bound, Bound Avenue. Featuring music by Ann Kerstetter Band, 9/11 ceremony 6 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park and Walkway.
- Thursday, Sept. 12: Harvest Pops Concert, 7 p.m., St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church, 102 L Market St., Milton.
- Saturday, Sept. 14: Arts, crafts and food vendors open, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Broadway and Broad Avenue.
- 5K race, registration at 7:30 a.m.; race starts at 9, Filbert Street; Chalk the Walk, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Elm Street. Milton Model Train Museum open, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Milton Community Center, 139 S. Front St.; Harvest parade, 1 p.m., Front Street.
- Sunday, Sept. 15: Harvest Festival Concert, 7 p.m., Milton Lutheran Church, 190 Mahoning St., Milton.

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supported by those who attend the church.

“I have a heart for missionaries,” Cool said. “I wanted to raise money for missions. I used to write to missionaries as a child.”

“She was particularly moved by the program in the Philippines. Cool works at a local hospital, where she works alongside nurses who are from the Philippines. “The Philippine nurses, are like family to me,” Cool said. “It kinda puts a special price on her service when you realize we are all family. We are God's family. How can we not help our brothers and sisters wherever they are?”

According to Cool, the Soup for Souls program needs to raise $2,500 to sustain its efforts for the remainder of the year. Along with the play, Cool will be showing a Power Point presentation featuring missionaries supported by the church.

“When you see the Power Point about the children we serve, you realize how you can’t let them down or you are called to a greater purpose?” Cool asked.

That message, she said, fits the play’s message. “That message, she said, fits the message that it’s not right into the play’s message. It is a passionate desire of theirs, and Revival Taber-nacle, to help those in need around the world, and in our own community,” Jilline said. “This musical has cast members of all ages who will be telling a very distinct story of how lives can be changed when we focus on others.”

The cast of the musical includes Nathan Cool, Hunter Cool, James Cool, Julian “Jace” Cool, Erin Noah, Jovie Buck, Maiakyla Tate-McCann, Paisley Tate-McCann, Jenny Santana, Aleaha Sipe, Lynette Ackley, Melanie Saltsgiver and Janikiel Santana.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the cause, but is unable to attend the productions, can do so online at RevTab.com, and by specifying a donation for missions. Kevin Merts can be reached at 570-742-9671 ext. 117 or kevin@standardjournal.com.

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