

The Paradise Center Presents

Jacob Dougherty

Thompson Falls High School

Spotlight on the Arts



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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 week is Jacob Dougherty, a 17-year-old from Thompson Falls who is finishing his junior year of high school. His favorite mediums are pencil and watercolor. While he has experimented with other materials, he feels most comfortable working with pencil. Jacob shared that

he has been drawing off and on since middle school-for about four to five years.

Jacob was quick to credit his past art teachers for helping him develop his skills and understand the artistic process. He recently moved to Thompson Falls from a much larger school, which is a significant change for any student. "It's nice to have a period in school to quietly work on my art," he said.

When asked about a favorite piece, Jacob mentioned his "horned owl variety" and a deer with "ornery-looking antlers." He especially liked the deer because it was his first attempt at watercolor.

I asked what advice he would give to younger students interested in art. Jacob said, "Keep at it. You're not gonna be great at first. But stay with it, work hard with the one you choose, and eventually you'll create something great."

Jacob currently sees art as a hobby and a great way to relax. While he isn't planning to pursue it as a career at this time, that could always change. Nice work, Jacob!