

The Paradise Center Presents

Elise Myers

Home 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.

Elsie Myers has many hobbies and interests. As a 14-year-old, 9th grade home school student, she is involved in 4-H taking several projects including Photography, Baking, Cooking, Outdoor Adventures, Sport Fishing, and Leadership. Taking

photos of birds, animals, insects, and scenes from nature are her specialty. Many of Elsie's photos were taken at her home outside of Plains where her family has several bird feeders to attract her subjects and on hikes, or fishing and hunting trips with her family. She had a beautiful photo of water droplets published in the January/February issue of the Montana Outdoors magazine. Elsie recently showed several photos at the Sanders County Fair including ones of a bobcat, a grouse and flowers. I asked her how she was able to get so close to her subjects and she said by using a 400mm lens and by being patient enough to sneak up close.

Elsie became interested in photography when she was 8 years old when her father, who is also a photographer, gave her one of his cameras. She now uses a digital Nikon camera and is experimenting with different lens and settings such as the aperture to control the lighting. Many of her photos are in color, but Elsie also likes to use black and white photos. Besides taking pictures of nature she takes photos of her four younger siblings. After our interview Elsie was going to soccer practice. She also enjoys playing volleyball and frisbee. It was a pleasure to interview such a well-rounded young woman. She has a bright future ahead of her.