

**"ArtStarT" (cont from page 14)**

Once awarded the grant, the teachers developed a selection process criterion that included a judging panel consisting of local artists and volunteers, and then outlined any matting and framing resources and costs. Next, they began the arduous task of selecting creative pieces amid their art students. Not an easy task, for certain, presenting a challenge, as many children possess a natural affinity for creativity. At this time, they only chose one art piece from each grade however, as the program grows, two or more selections from each grade may become the norm

Since its start, the art teachers received numerous accolades from Fennville residents and businesses alike. All have been positive, encouraging these three teachers to continue their efforts. For 2007, ArtStarT expects a huge attendance again; in fact, they have already selected some pieces for this November's event. Elementary and High school choices were not available at this time, but from the Middle School artists Bruce Curtean, Penny Thompson, and Michele Maicki will be showing off their masterpieces this year. The ArtStarT's 2007 event will again be held in the Fennville Public Library.

The teachers have also noted an increase of interest from the students, including attempts at constructively evaluating their work to improve quality while honing their talents. The students also learned a bit about marketing as the teachers encouraged them to branch out, see outside of themselves as to what would appeal to their targeted consumers - the businesses.

Ms. Nee and Ms. Wilkin's organizing skills crosses into the adult art talent too, organizing an Art Show at this year's Goose Festival. Be sure to check out their booth that highlights a wide array of community artists collectively displaying their efforts.

The thumbnails at the right hardly do justice to the work these budding young artists have done. See larger reproductions in color at:

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**A tradition at the Goose Festival is the recitation of the Fireman's Prayer. This year you'll hear a revised version acknowledging our many female firefighters.**

**A Fireman's Prayer**

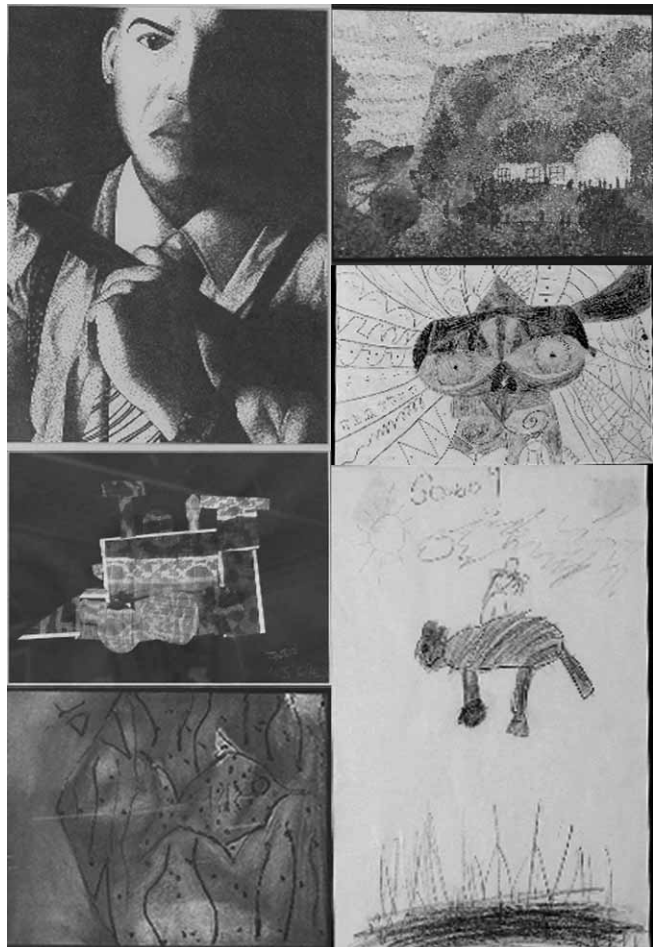
(The original)

When I am called to duty, God,  
Whenever flames may rage;  
Give me strength to save some life,  
Whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child  
Before it is too late  
Or save an older person  
From the horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert  
And hear the weakest shout,  
And quickly and efficiently  
To put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling  
And to give the best in me  
To guard my every neighbor  
And protect his property.  
And if, according to my fate,  
I am to lose my life,  
Please bless with your protecting hand  
My children and my wife.

**A Firefighter's Prayer**

(Revised version)

When I am called to duty, God,  
Whenever flames may rage;  
Give me strength to save some life,  
Whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child  
Before it is too late  
Or save an older person  
From the horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert  
And hear the weakest shout,  
And quickly and efficiently  
To put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling  
And to give the best in me  
To guard my every neighbor  
And protect their property.  
And if, according to thy will  
For me the end does find  
Please bless with your protecting hand  
My loved ones left behind.



A few of the entries in the ArtStarT program

**WHO TO CALL WITH QUESTIONS**

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- Kids Tent, Elice Menear (269) 561-8431
- Kids Talent Show, Pam Jenewein (269) 227-8748
- Gosling Run, Lorie Schut (269) 236-5625
- Carnival, Dan Rastall (269) 330-0582
- Parade, Dan Rastall (269)330-0582
- Sponsorship, Jim Lytle (269) 686-6854
- Pet Show, Kelly Wollins
- Merchandise, Elice Menear (269) 561-8431
- Loose Goose Trolley, Tom Tucker, (269) 561-2397
- Others not covered here, Jim Lytle (269) 686-6854

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