

• **Special to the Leader & Times** Every year, the Western Kansas Scholastic Art Association organizes an exhibit for middle school and high school art students to display their work and compete for the chance to advance to the National Scholastic Art and Writing exhibit. The Baker Arts Center in Liberal has the privilege of hosting this wonderful exhibit which showcases the artwork of young artists residing in the western half of Kansas.

A panel of judges reviews the works and selects which ones will be accepted into the show and the ones to receive awards. The Gold Key and American Vision Award winners are the ones that advance to the National Scholastic Exhibit and become eligible for scholarships. This exhibit began in 1923 and continues to be the best outlet for the recognition of the artistic accomplishments of the youth in our country.

The exhibit will be open for viewing beginning Friday, Jan. 21, and will close with a public closing reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 20. The Baker Arts Center is located at 624 N. Pershing in Liberal.