

Optimist Club Visual Arts Competition runners-up

WEST BEND — The Optimist Club of West Bend recently announced the results of its 2025 Visual Arts Competition.

The winners and their artwork were included in Tuesday's edition of the Daily News. The runners-up in the competition include Gwendolyn Porter (second place in the drawing category), Brianna Thimm (tied for third place in drawing) and Melanie Morales (tied for third place in drawing), as well as Elsie Strassburg (second place in the painting category) and Coraline Graham (third place in painting.)

The themes of the 2025 Visual Arts Competition was "Bringing out the best."

"Through their artwork, children illustrated what it means to uplift, inspire, and foster positivity in their communities," the Optimist Club said in a news release. "The Optimist Club of West Bend remains committed to its mission of 'Bringing Out the Best in Kids,' and events like this competition highlight the incredible potential of youth in our community. By providing a platform for creative expression, the club continues to encourage confidence, imagination and artistic growth in children."



Photo courtesy of the Optimist Club of West Bend
Gwendolyn Porter with her second-place drawing in the Optimist Club of West Bend's 2025 Visual Arts Competition.



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Brianna Thimm with her drawing that tied for third place in the Optimist Club of West Bend's 2025 Visual Arts Competition.



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Melanie Morales with her drawing that tied for third place in the Optimist Club of West Bend's 2025 Visual Arts Competition.



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Elsie Strassburg with her second-place painting in the Optimist Club of West Bend's 2025 Visual Arts Competition.



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Coraline Graham with her third-place painting in the Optimist Club of West Bend's 2025 Visual Arts Competition.