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Artist at work

Ruben Moreno, at right, works with high school students from Nicholas County. Moreno spent a week as artist-in-residence in the Nicholas County school system. He worked with high school and elementary students on a project recreating historic Carlisle buildings in ceramic tile.

Moreno's first art experience came in music

By Josh Shepherd
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Ruben Moreno, who worked for a week as an artist-in-residence at Nicholas County schools, said his art work is something he will never entirely master because of the limitless possibilities he discovers with every work.

Ideas and expressions are the essential ingredients to any undertaking, but Moreno said he does not choose to work in any specific medium.

"Any material can express an ideal," he said.

Presently, though, he has acquired a fascination for paint and color.

"Paint is fascinating stuff," he said, "because colors come, in so many infinite varieties and have the ability to express any number of emotions or impressions. The limits I set end up working for rather than against me."

Imagery is a very sophisticated language. It is a personal decision whether to create an abstraction or to delve into a more formalist style of painting, he said.

"There are times when the imagery I want to represent is better expressed in the abstract, other times with concrete images.

"Painting, for me, is a rhythm — like tapping on a drum. There are similarities in painting because, like a drum, it involves striking a taut canvas. I strike a canvas as well, except that my beats leave a dash of color behind. The drum is sound in art and the canvas I use expresses the same art visually. The impression left exists just the same," Moreno said.

Moreno's involvement with art began in his childhood.

His family members were not professional artists though they dabbled a bit in both painting and music.

"My father played the piano since he was very young, and my mother painted. But aside from my father playing piano in a band, neither sought to try and make a living at it," Moreno said.

His home life with its exposure to art may have subconsciously spurned him on to make the decision to become an artist.

Through high school, his only hands on experience in any artistic medium consisted of a trumpet, coronet and piano.

There were no art classes offered in the private Jesuit high school he attended in Tampa, Fla. But there was a band and for a long period of time he felt he might be able to make a living as musician.

Moreno said he only dabbled a bit in the visual art mediums. It was not until he went to college and waded through the required core curriculum that he first realized his interest in the visual arts.

"I was looking through the electives and saw art classes offered and decided to take them. I enjoyed the work very much. So after my freshman year, I transferred to a college that offered degrees in art," Moreno said.

Moreno attended many institutions before finally finishing with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Studio Painting and Sculpture from the University of Southern Alabama.

He developed a connection with the mid-west through his graduate school work at the University of Cincinnati, where he received his Masters in studio painting and another degree in cinematography.

Practical considerations of his chosen vocation rarely were a point of contention between himself and his parents, Moreno said. They were very supportive of his efforts.

The only outside resentment he ever felt toward his decision came from professors in fields outside of art, he said.

"I guess I was a bit graced for the support I got, but it is really quite ironic I became involved in the visual medium at all," he said.

In high school, he was very much involved with music. He played with a band in high school that won a record contract and he felt, because of his early successes, perhaps his life's vocation was geared toward music.

Moreno's teaching experiences concentrated in the Hillsborough County, Fla., area with his undergraduate degree, and upon receiving his graduate degree, he became involved with the Hillsborough Site and Planning office for industrial development.

With that organization, Moreno used his abilities in developing graphics for county brochures and presentations to potential industries looking to settle in the Tampa area.

However, working as an artist-in-residence offers him the opportunity to pass on his abilities.

"I enjoy working with children and the program offers a certain freshness and newness with every project I do, because I work for a short time somewhere and move on. As a full-time teacher at one school, you are either blessed or cursed with one group, all year long.

"The only regret I have is I rarely ever get to see if I have been a positive influence on a child and am not able to watch how their work blossoms and matures as they get older," Moreno said.

Teaching in Tampa has had its share of ups and downs for Moreno, one memorable moment was the day he and several other teachers were held up in a classroom.

I taught an evening class four nights a week in this one classroom, and one evening, as class was ending, this person came in with a ski mask over his head," Moreno said.

At first, Moreno and the others paid no attention to the masked man, thinking he was merely a student playing a practical joke.

Then the man fired his gun at the floor and still, Moreno said, teachers thought the student had let off a cherry bomb. Irritated, Moreno reached to jerk the student and found a gun set next to his chin.

"The guy said, 'This is not a joke, its for real,' but I realized that well enough with the gun," Moreno said.

Moreno recalled he was not as nervous about being held up as losing his wedding ring to the criminal.

"This guy, he had to be pretty desperate because he was robbing teachers at the poorest school in Hillsborough County," Moreno said.

Eventually the gunman was caught after three robberies at the school, and it was discovered the robber was the older brother of one of the students in the school.

Moreno's decision to leave Hillsborough County had little to do with crime as much as it did with the burgeoning population of Tampa.

Studying in Cincinnati, Moreno had developed connections with many students living in Kentucky and had the opportunity to get to know the countryside and he gradually fell in love with the place.

He continued to visit friends in the area, including Wes and Nicolette Mallory, who were building their own home in Robertson County.

"The variety of landscapes and woodland areas and the sparseness of population is rich around here. The combination of hills, trees and old buildings provided me with an inspiration unlike anything I have experienced in Florida," Moreno said.

Robertson County also provided him with the opportunity, with its proximity to Lexington and Cincinnati, to enjoy his urban tastes in foods and art. It is far enough away for Moreno to enjoy a placid existence where people did not have to live wall-to-wall.

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Mathcounts competitors from the junior high section of Nicholas County Elementary School are, from left : Diana Selvage, Ronald Newby, Jackie Flora, Coach Roxanne Bow, Julie Caswell, Rose Ann Farah.

Students advance in Mathcounts

Six Nicholas County Elementary students have qualified for regional Mathcounts competition.

Chosen for regional competition are Julie Caswell, Rose Ann Farah, Diana Selvage and Ronald Newby. Alichia Sibert and James Amburgy were selected as alternates.

The eighth grade students were chosen based on test scores among fellow classmates.

Mathcounts is a national program of competition designed to motivate students to study math and to recognize seventh and eighth graders.

The program offers a $300 scholarship to the top-scoring individual in each of the 13 chapter competitions.

A full-tuition, 4-year award to attend the University of Kentucky or the University of Louisville is given to the top four students in state competition.

In Kentucky, Mathcounts is promoted by the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers and supported financially by Kentucky businesses and industries.

Regional competition is scheduled Feb. 10 at the University of Kentucky, with 14 counties participating.

Local Vietnam vets eligible for bonus

With less than 30 days left only 92 of Nicholas County's 770 Vietnam veterans have applied for veteran's bonuses.

Nicholas County has an estimated 78 eligible veterans of a reported 108,000 statewide who can still apply for their Vietnam Era Veterans Bonus between now and Feb. 28, 1990.

"Bonus applications are really starting to pour in. We have averaged more than 600 per day since Dec. 1st, while prior to that we were averaging less than 400 a day," Division of Veterans Affairs Director, Larry L. Arnett said.

The Bonus Branch toll free hot line number is 1-800-223-0713, or you may call (502) 564-5137 and (502) 564-5226.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday- Friday.

KSP REPORTS

Kentucky State Police reports are provided by Trooper Jim Dolwick, public affairs officer of the Dry Ridge Post of Kentucky State Police.

Trooper Kenneth Jones has charged Mark Terrell, 29, Carlisle with driving under the influence and failure to transfer a vehicle.

The arrest occurred at 12:06 p.m., February 3 in the limits of Carlisle.

Terrell was turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation Officer.

Trooper Jones investigated an injury accident, which occurred at 4:35 a.m., February 3.

The accident occurred 5.4 miles west of Carlisle on KY 548.

The driver involved was Donald R. Sparks, 19, Carlisle, driving a 1976 Chevrolet.

Sparks was taken to Nicholas County Hospital with head injuries, treated and released.

Jones has charged Sparks with driving under the influence.

Sparks was turned over to the Nicholas County Transportation Officer.

Trooper William Hurst investigated an injury accident at 4:05 p.m., February 1.

The accident occurred 1.8 miles south of Paris on U.S. 27.

The drivers involved were Larry T. Elam, 24, Paris, operating a 1980 Chevrolet and Patricia G. Locke, 37, Carlisle driving a 1983 Buick.

Locke sustained head injuries and was to seek her own medical treatment.

The death of George Marshall, 75, West Main, Carlisle, which occurred February 2, is under investigation by Trooper Scott Davenport.

The incident occurred at Lake Carnico at 6:15 p.m.

Marshall was pronounced dead at Nicholas County Hospital, 7:55 p.m., by Dr. Allen Hamon.

What Jesus Taught
By: George L. Rogers

Humility is an essential trait of the person who would be right with God. Jesus taught in the first of the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5:3).

The "poor in spirit" are the humble, the teachable, the open-minded; as well as those who are trustful. Here is a quality that would seem to be absolutely essential to all wholesome human progress. Humility, then, is the way for true greatness. Again Jesus said, "Whosoever shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:4); and "Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled, and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted." (Matt 23:12).

It is indeed to the humble mind that truth and right are revealed, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I said Jesus, "that thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto babes." (Matt. 11:25).

We learn that not alone by precept did our Lord Jesus Christ teach this first of all Christian virtues, but He taught it by doing among His disciples His powerful example of washing His disciples feet is the most touching exhibition of humility that any literature affords (John 13:4-17). Jesus had shown His humility under their very eyes.

No, our Lord is not demanding His disciples to do WHAT He did; rather He has given "an example" in order that they, of their own accord, may do as He had taught. Thus we see nothing here that could indicate a special ordinance or formal observance to be perpetuated in the church, but rather an act of helpful kindness when and where needed.

This humble spirit taught by Jesus was not one of false attempt to depreciate anyone, but rather that each follower of His be conscious of His own worth. It is a wonderful experience to become a child of God by obedience to His commands (Mark 16:16). We rejoice in the knowledge of salvation from our sins. This quality of life belongs to all (Acts 2:36-40). Jesus taught that humility is the door to human progress.

OBITUARIES

Burns

Robert Burns, 89, of 3711 Big Stoner Road, Paris, husband of Irene Alexander Burns, died Wednesday, January 31, 1990 at the Nicholas County Hospital.

A native of Lee County, he was a retired Iron Worker and a member of Christian Church.

Survivors other than his wife are: six sons, Gene Burns, Elsmere, Kentucky, Earl Burns, Richmond, Danny Burns, Winchester, Robert James, Billy and David Burns, all of Paris; three daughters, Reba Whitaker, Carlisle, Ruth Siebenthaler and Geneva Bruce, both of Harrison, Indiana; two brothers, James Burns, Florida and Gentry Burns, Richmond; three sisters, Arcie McCord, Richmond, Beulah Rayburn and Bessie King, both of Florida. Twelve grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Services were held 1 p.m. Friday, February 2, at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Reverend James Gaunce.

Burial in Evergreen Memory Gardens, Bourbon County.

Casketbearers were: Jeff Jolly, Jake McCord, Morris Hall, Wallace Taylor, John Rainey and Jessie Lutes.

Flora

Anna Hammonds Flora, 93, 512 East Main Street, Carlisle, widow of Artie Flora, died Wednesday, January 31, 1990 at Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

Born in Fleming County, she was a member of the Christian Church, Cowan, Kentucky.

She was a former employee of Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

Survivors are: two daughters, Mrs. J.B. (Velva) Sparks, and Mrs. Houston (Martha Joi) George, both of Paris; three grandsons, Rick Alexander, Keith Sparks and Jimmy Wade Earlywine, five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held 2 p.m. Saturday, February 3, at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Reverend Julie Metzger.

Burial in Elizaville Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Mark Woodward, Jimmy Earlywine, Rick Alexander, Edward Mitchell, Keith Sparks and Elmo Marshall.

Honorary bearers were: J.B. Sparks, Houston George, Paul Lawrence and Jo Ann Mitchell.

Hollar

Gladys Roundtree Hollar, 73, widow of Charles Ewan Hollar, died of cancer Monday, January 29, 1990 at St. Claire Medical Center, Morehead.

Survivors are: one son, Billy Hollar, Nepton; three daughters, Wanda Earlywine, Morehead, Judy Wallingford, Nepton, Norma Jean Bussell, Carlisle; one sister, Clarine Shankland, Carlisle, one sister-in-law, Laura Hollar, twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday, February 1, at Nepton Methodist by Reverend Gaylord Gillispie and Reverend William Parker.

Burial in Elizaville Cemetery.

Marshall

George S. Marshall, 75, 364 West Main Street, Carlisle, widower of Mildred Gaunce Marshall, died Friday, February 2, 1990 at the Nicholas County Hospital.

He was a member of the Carlisle Baptist Church, a retired restaurant owner and farmer, veteran of WW II, and a member of the American Legion.

Born in Nicholas County, he was the son of the late James and Georgia Lawrence Marshall.

Survivors are: one son, Michael W. Marshall, Hopkinsville; one daughter, Kay Marshall, Lexington; two brothers, Meredith (Boots) Marshall, Carlisle, Elmo Marshall, Cincinnatti, Ohio.

Services were conducted Monday, February 5, at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by Reverend Greg Owen.

Burial in Carlisle Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Joe Wilson, Greg and Charles Marshall, Gerald Hammonds, Gene Neal and Wayne Gaunce.

Honorary casketbearers were Kevin and Patrick Gaunce.

Hamilton

John T. Hamilton Br., retired Chief of Operations Review Staff, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA, Washington, C.D., died Friday, February 2, 1990.

Following his retirement, he was a consultant to the Queensland Grain Growers Association, Toowoomba, Australia, where he designed a crop insurance program.

At the time of his death, he was associated with National Agricultural Underwriters, Anoka, Minnesota.

Mr. Hamilton was a deacon in the Carlisle Presbyterian Church, and was to have been ordained an elder on Sunday, February 4.

He had served as a director of Nicholas County Hospital, and as a director of the Nicholas County Farm Bureau.

He was a member of Stoner Creek Country Club.

Born to the late Ernest and Etta Bell Hamilton, he is survived by: his wife, Helen, two sons, John T. Hamilton Jr., and William Hamilton, Staunton, Virginia; one daughter, Sarah Hamilton, Lexington; two grandchildren, Shelly and John Hamilton III, one sister, Mrs. Maxwell Burden.

Services were conducted 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 6, at the Carlisle Presbyterian Church.

Casketbearers were: Robert Poline, William Clark Jr., Harold Letton and Nathan Young, all of Carlisle, Marshall Cox, Mt. Sterling, Alex Miller Jr., Millersburg, J. Bruce Joyner, Nashville, Tennessee, and John Petrie, King, North Carolina.

ON THE RECORD

New Suits Filed in Circuit Court

Roseann Ewalt vs. John Milton Ewalt.

Berdie Miller vs. Jimmy Miller.

Jona Raye Helvey vs. Michael Ray Helvey.

Nicholas Circuit Court

Hon. Robert McGinnis Jan.30, 1990

Commonwealth of KY vs. Carolyn Morris (Sadler), DOB 6/16/68. Criminal possession of forged instrument, 2nd degree. Jury verdict, not guilty.

Commonwealth of KY vs. David Thornsburg, DOB 11/11/63. Assault, 2nd. Jury trial 2/6/90 at 1 p.m.

January 31, 1990.

Commonwealth of KY vs. Terry Feeback, Jr., DOB 10/27/69. (1) Burglary, 3rd. (2) Theft. Jury trial held. Found guilty on both counts. Recommended sentence 1 year on each count. Consecutive sentencing 2/21/90 at 10 a.m. Def. to remain on bond.

Nicholas District Court

Hon. Wayne McGinnis 2/5/90

John M. Farrow, DOB 12/16/62. (1) DUI. Jury trial held. Found guilty. Fine $500 plus costs. 90 days jail. 90 days comm. labor. To attend Alcohol Rehab. (2) No insurance. Found guilty. $500 fine. S/C 7/30/90.

Hon. Dan Wolfe, Feb. 5, 1990

Anita Slone, DOB 6/18/65. No insurance. Guilty plea. $500 fine $47.50 costs. No child restraint. Guilty plea. $20 fine/cost merged to pay $55 per month February 4, 1991.

Blanton Sanders, DOB 4/1/53. DUI. Not guilty plea. Pre-trial 3/19/90 at 11 a.m.

David Owen, DOB 10/14/67. Disregarding traffic signal. Guilty plea. STS ordered. $47.50 costs.

Sherman Mitchell, DOB 11/2/50. No reg. plate. Proof presented of current reg. D/M.

Terry L. Scott, DOB 12/13/52. (1) Speeding. Guilty plea. STS ordered $47.50 due. (2) No reg. plate. Guilty plea. Proof presented of current reg. $20 fine.

Gary W. Ballard, DOB 3/13/62. No reg. plate. Guilty plea. $20 fine plus $47.50 . Reg. current.

Joey D. Wasson, DOB 8/16/67. Trespass, 3rd deg. Guilty plea, $15 fine plus $47.50 costs. S/C 3/5/90.

George Sosby, DOB 5/11/22. (1) No opr. lic. Guilty plea 30 days jail. Sent. 3/5/90. Waiver of rights signed. (2) No reg. plate. Guilty plea. $100 plus costs. (3) No ins. Guilty plea. $500 fine.

Comm. of KY ex rel Marsha Ballard vs. Gary W. Ballard. Motion. Order entered.

Ronnie Stone, DOB 5/18/53. Assault, 4th. D/M upon payment of Sher. fee and motion of Comm. at affiant's request.

Jerry Gill, DOB 5/26/53. Non support. Motion for wage assignment. $225. per month sustained.

Timothy L. Crump, DOB 3/20/60. Non support. Agreed order entered.

Dennis Ritchie, DOB 1/22/59. DUI. On motion of Comm. amended to Reckless Driving. Guilty plea $100 fine plus costs.

Jeffery A. Hartley, DOB 2/19/67. S/C. Payments current Re-docket 3/5/90.

Buddy Middleton, DOB 8/5/70. S/C. To pay $25 today, $40 weekly. S/C 4/30/90.

Meredith W. Jackson, DOB 6/29/55. Non payment fine/costs. S/C 2/23/90.

James B. Glass, 4/9/72. Non payment fine/costs. Def. in custody of cabinet. Time extended to 4/30/90. Clerk to notify.

Donald R. Mansfield, DOB 9/8/32. (1) No opr. license. New KY lic. having been obtained, 10 days discharged conditionally. S/C 4/16/90.

Billy D. Brierly, DOB 7/4/66. (1) Opr. on susp. lic. Guilty plea. 30 days jail to serve. (2) No ins. Guilty plea. $500 plus costs. S/C 4/16/90.

Stanley Crouch, DOB 12/27/45. Harassing Communication. Jury trial 3/2/90 at 9:30 a.m. Pre-trial 2/23/90 at 1 p.m.

Clarine Bussell, DOB 8/18/61. Disorderly conduct. To continue until 3/5/90 at 11 a.m. for determination of restitution. To sign 3rd party U/S bond. Cond. of Bond: Stay

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