

LIFESTYLE

Courthouse Square Arts Guild

By Regina Barnes

Happy Valentines Day! Hoping you get plenty of flowers and candy from your sweetie? If you don't have a sweetie watch out for all those Cupid arrows that will be flying around that day. The Courthouse Square Arts Guild has found many very talented artists in this area and surrounding areas and as you know we try each month to spot light art this month is Michael Wagner. I have been taking an oil painting class at the Balsam Tree Studio in Flemingsburg, where Michael is instructing the class. He is a very talented, skilled painter and instructor. Michael was born in Wallington, KY in 1950 and was raised on a small tobacco and dairy farm. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Art Education and a Master's Degree in painting from Morehead State University.

After teaching your artist for many years he is now retired and works daily in this studio. He has his home in Plumbers Landing, KY. Michael states in his work he explores shapes, both positive and negative and this is why you never see a front facial view in his work. This led into working in clay sculptures of people in every day task, mostly in farm life. Michael states, "In series of works I am not trying to make some Philosophic, political, social, or other deep emotional hidden message. I am simply letting the viewer to take a glimpse into every day life. And his works are lovely. Michael does many shows as matter of fact he is getting ready for a showing in Lexington, KY. Good luck Michael in your career and future endeavors. Michael will have a showing in October in the Central Bank located in the Kincaid Tower in Lexington, KY. The Courthouse Square Arts Guild will have its

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Deal reached in cocaine case

A Nicholas County man accused of trafficking in cocaine entered a plea agreement in Nicholas Circuit Court Feb. 4. Jeremy F. Chewk, 32, of Upper Lake Road admitted that attorney Kelly Caudill advised a scheduled Feb. 7 jury trial and filed a motion to enter a plea of guilty, which was filed in Nicholas Circuit Court Feb. 4. According to court documents, Chewk's plea came after a Commonwealth of Kentucky offer to reduce his charge from a class C felony

of trafficking in cocaine (punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment) to a class D felony. According to court documents, the Commonwealth offered to reduce the cocaine charge to a class D felony if Chewk admitted to consuming alcohol earlier in the evening. A post-arrest search of Chewk's person and his vehicle yielded several small packets of suspected crack cocaine in one of Chewk's boots. Kiskaden submitted the substance to a laboratory for analysis and forensic chemist Doug Wimsatt reported that all of the substance was cocaine. One of the packets weighed in excess of five grams with the other packets weighing less than a gram each. A Nicholas County Grand Jury indicted Chewk Nov. 19, 2007, after jurors heard testimony from Kiskaden. Chewk is scheduled to appear next in court Feb. 18 for formal sentencing.

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No one injured in single vehicle wreck

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Winter storm hits

A winter storm that dumped snow, ice, sleet and eventually rain, across Nicholas County during the evening hours of Feb. 11 and the morning hours of Feb. 12 closed schools and businesses, and kept most motorists and pedestrians unable to travel. Luckily, motorists stayed off of the roadways and used caution when forced to drive. Nicholas County Sheriff Dick Garrett reported that only two accidents that were caused by the slippery

Legislative Update

For the long-term care of persons with disabilities, including those in the state's care. The program would be funded through contributions to the trust fund for other purposes, and be overseen by a board of trustees. HB 13 now goes to the Senate for its consideration. Another human services bill that passed the House last week was HB 234, which would provide a tax credit of up to \$10,000 for those who donate live organs for transplant. It would also give full-time state employees who donate a live organ up to 30 days paid leave to recuperate. HB 234 passed by a vote of 94 to 0 and will join HB 13 for consideration in the Senate.

GENERAL NEWS

of special elections. Former attorney general and Democratic House majority leader Greg Stumbo will represent the 8th House District which covers most of Floyd County. Will Coursey, a banker, will represent the 9th House District seat in western Kentucky. House Democrats look forward to working with these two new members. Responding to news from the United States' Department of Energy that the Bush administration might drop its support for FutureGen, a \$1.1-billion coal-fired power plant located in southern Illinois designed to store carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions underground, Majority Leader Rocky Adkins announced on the House floor that he urged Gov. Steve Beshear to use House Bill 1, energy legislation passed in the previous special session, to attract southern investment in the state of Kentucky. The governor applied and is using a consortium of experts to pursue this endeavor. You can stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest to you this session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-

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