



Housman's work dates back to the 1960s.

EXHIBIT

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Housman said was among his favorites. “The world is full of interesting things. I enjoy taking photos of pretty girls and beauty queens, although it doesn’t pay the bills,” Housman said jokingly. Housman was asked if he had any advice for young photographers and artists. “You need to learn your craft until it becomes art,” he said. “A degree means nothing in the art world. If you spend four years to get a degree you lose time you could be using for your art. Pursue it.” Although Housman attended a few art courses in Indiana, he contributes his success to going into the profession headfirst. “After those courses, I went straight

to an advertising studio,” he said. “It was sink or swim.” Spectators were offered refreshments as part of the reception. The art center and its staff worked closely with Housman to make this show a success. “The facility and staff were outstanding, Cortney [Moses, community arts agent] especially,” Housman said. Although he viewed the reception as a success, he had hesitations. “It was a little embarrassing for me,” Housman said. “I am used to getting paid for pictures and giving them to people. I wasn’t used to having my work open to other’s tastes and opinions.” All in all, it was a very pleasant evening for the community though not one’s only chance to see the exhibit. Housman’s work will remain on display at the arts center, located on Main Street in downtown Williamsburg, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through June 13.



Housman shoots a wide variety of subjects in both color as well as black and white. | PHOTOS BY JARROD HURST

STEVEN PHIPPS



Steven Louis Phipps, age 69, passed away on May 12, 2025, at Baptist Health

Corbin. Born on November 10, 1955, he was the son of the late William Louis Phipps and Ruth Hampton Phipps. Steve was a skilled carpenter and an avid outdoorsman who loved astronomy, fishing, and hunting. In addition to his father and mother, he was preceded in death by his infant twin brothers, Donald and Ronald Phipps; his brother, William Livingston Phipps; and his brother-in-law, Jack Osborne. Steve is survived by his wife of 51 years, Janey Pennington Phipps; son, Steven Christopher Phipps (Mia); son, William David Phipps; grandchildren: Alex (Sarah) Phipps, Drew Phipps, Libby Phipps, and Hayden Phipps; great-grandson, Lincoln Phipps, whose arrival is expected soon; and a sister, Sherryl Osborne. He is also survived by his beloved Boxer, Sadie. A private memorial service will be held at a later time.

AUDIT

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for. The audit confirmed that Elliott’s financial statement accurately presented taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. The report found that Elliott’s tax settlement followed acceptable reporting methods consistent across all 120 counties. The gross amount chargeable to Whitley

County Sheriff totaled more than \$10.1 million, with over \$9.5 million in taxes successfully collected after applying credits and adjustments. That included over \$263,000 in credits for the school portion, more than \$178,000 in special taxing district credits, and \$85,000 in county credits. After commissions, funds were distributed

to the appropriate taxing entities including the county, state, and school systems. A remaining balance of just \$92 was due to special taxing districts including the library, health, extension, and soil conservation districts. The full audit report is available on the Auditor of Public Accounts’ website.

MAYOR

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impressive.” Scott Williamson is Corbin’s City Manager. Williamson was also the former mayor of the city, who served from 1993 to 2004. Razmus emphasized on the tremendous growth in the community, and related it to having good infrastructure. “You have to have good infrastructure,” Razmus stated. “Having that in place is what makes us able to support these businesses, and homes.” An update on US 25E was also given. Construction workers are gearing up to do the final coat on the North exit, which will be the final step to completion of the project. Mayor Razmus then referenced back to the audit that was presented at last month’s City Commissioners meeting. “We had a clean audit,” said Razmus. “We really got great marks all the way around.” Razmus also stated the negative findings within The Corbin Arena of

the past fiscal year, but emphasized that those issues have swiftly been solved. “Everything is going really well there. We take your tax dollars very seriously, and we want to make sure that we use them to the best of everybody’s benefit,” she said. An expansion project for the Corbin Center was also revealed at the luncheon. “Hopefully this time next year, this building will be double the size,” Razmus stated. Senate President Robert Stivers has played a key role in the center’s expansion project, helping secure funding that will allow the facility to double in size. An update on the new hotel that is under construction next to the Corbin Center was also provided. The Fairfield Inn & Suites is expected to be available sometime in November, and is promised to be a state-of-the-art facility. “This is a multi-million dollar project. This will draw a lot more traffic in the convention and trade show business,” said Razmus. The SOAR Summit is

set to return to Corbin August 25-26, bringing a renewed focus on economic growth and innovation in Eastern Kentucky. During the luncheon, Mayor Razmus encouraged attendees to take part in the event and explore the many opportunities and initiatives offered by the nonprofit organization. The introduction of new members of the chamber were then presented with plaques by those on the board. Despite being unable to attend the afternoon luncheon, Cosmetology Elite Academy and The HoneyMill Event Venue were among those recognized. Then the Ossoli Club of Corbin was recognized. Nettie Sosh and June Martin were recognized for their dedication to the area. Both were praised for their continued efforts in planning and presenting the annual May Day Festival. Drives and Conveyors was the next to be recognized by the board. This business is a distributor for power transmissions that services the bourbon industry, coal, and lum-

ber. They also have another shop called D&C Machine, which is where they do welding and fabrication. Julie Farris and Jason Allen were recognized on behalf of Drivers and Conveyors. Lastly, Express Employment Professionals was recognized. This company is a staffing agency that helps connect job seekers with employers across a wide range of industries. Some of these industries include manufacturing, skilled trades, warehousing, and much more. Operations Manager Raphael Baeta was in attendance on behalf of the company, and was presented with the plaque given by the chamber. Tuesday’s luncheon was sponsored by The Mint Gaming Hall in Williamsburg. Attendees enjoyed a catered lunch provided by Old Town Grill. For more information on upcoming events or how to get involved, community members can visit the Southern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce website or contact their office at (606) 528-6390.

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