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### *Burlington celebrates first annual Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival*

The first annual Burlington Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival took place last Saturday in downtown Burlington. The Boone County Fiscal Court and Historic Burlington Business Association (HBBA) co-sponsored the event with Mike Crane Insurance/Kentucky Farm Bureau as the presenting sponsor. The event featured artists from the professional and high school divisions competing for cash prizes and scholarships. The HBBA also sponsored a viewer's choice award and visitors were encouraged to create their own masterpieces on the pavement!

The sponsors wish to thank the following contributors to the event:

Professional Division, Bank of Kentucky, Quick Stop Oil Lube, and Heritage Bank. High School Division; Steele's Hometown Tire, Superior Imports, and Cabin Arts.

Other sponsors included Dinsmore Homestead Foundation, Forcht Bank, Performance Body Repair, Dr. Charlie Kenner, DDS, Boone County Public Library, Urb's Garage, Dr. Ellen Torbeck, DDS, Baker/Hunt Art Studios, Hobby Lobby, and River City Productions.

Winners from the 2009 Festival were:

Professional Division, first place, Renee Riddle; second place Julie Harwood; third place, Carol Forsyth. High School Division; first place, Sydney Langsdale; second place, Olivia Jones; third place Kyley Jones. The Elementary School competition was won by Mary Queen of Heaven.

Viewer's choice winners were Barry Loudon, professional division and Olivia Jones, high school division.

According to County Judge/Executive Gary Moore, "The Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival was a wonderful event and a great opportunity to bring arts to the community. I commend the talented artists and thank our business community for sponsoring this event. Because of their support, the County was able to bring a free event to the community for little cost to Boone County taxpayers."

With over eight hundred attending the festival, the County looks forward to next year's event.

To view the winning entries and pictures from the sidewalk chalk art festival, you may visit the County's website at <http://www.boonecountyky.org>.