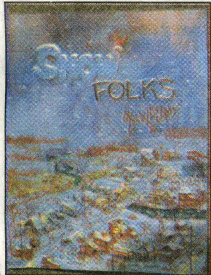


LOCAL ARTIST

The wonderful world of 'Snow Folks'



Lowell Davis authors book

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Fans of Lowell Davis gathered Tuesday night in celebration of his newest book, "Snow Folks."

Friends and fellow Davis enthusiasts enjoyed the atmosphere of Cherry's Custom Framing and Art Gallery, snacks and hot cider as Davis autographed books. The local artist has now published three books: "The book on Chickens," in 1998; "There are no memories in First Class," in 2005; and this year's "Snow Folks."

"We love everything he does," said Sundry Henson. "It's just amazing that there is this much talent right here in our area for us to enjoy. 'There aint no memories in First Class' was when I got his background. It's so inspirational you want to pass it around to share with friends and family."

Davis is known for his skills in art, so is going in this writing route ending his painting days?

"Kinda, when I paint a picture, a family can take it home, and only they or visitors can enjoy it. But with a book, many more will be able to enjoy it," Davis said. "This is the time in my life where I am still painting, but I'm writing even more."

He started "Snow Folks" in the heat of August last year, and said "he couldn't get into it." When the ice storm hit, however, Davis said he couldn't stop writing.

"People tend to not see



Carthage artist Lowell Davis gets ready to sign one of his newest creations - "Snow Folks."

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books, visit Red Oak II,

the moods of Red Oak," he said. "There's sunrise, sunset, and in the winter it's magic. I wrote night and day for six days a week. By the last freeze, I was done with it."

Tom Klinginsmith, an owner-of property at Red Oak, said he had seen parts of the recently published book.

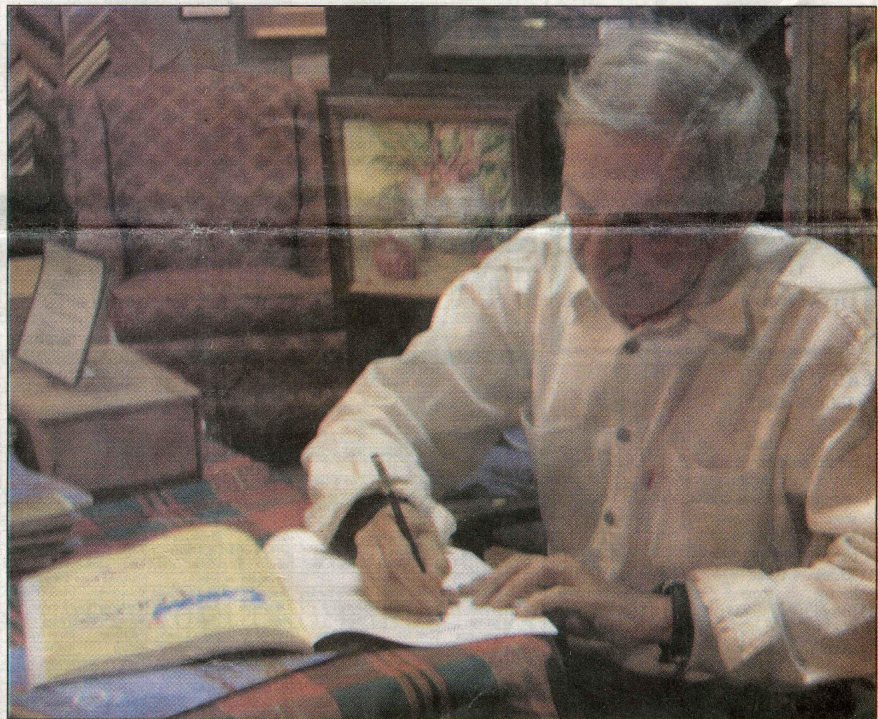
"It's outstanding," he said. "He's captured a new idea and a new theme that's just remarkable."

Larry Sernyk, another owner of property at Red Oak, is known as one of Davis' biggest collectors.

"I love Lowell's art," he said. "It's got soul. It's in the images that he does, and the colors that he uses. They speak to you."

"He's a great storyteller, and we hope this is the first of many more (books)."

Next year, it is expected that Davis will write another book titled "The Dalton Gang," which Sernyk said will be from the eyes of some boarder terriers. Sernyk said the terriers idea sparked from some dogs he owns, who used to be "wild and crazy." One of the pieces of property Sernyk owns is the Dalton house, hence the name of the band of



Lowell Davis personally signed each book he sold.

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dogs. "This is exciting," he said. Cherry Block, the owner of Cherry's, said she was

pleased with Davis's work as a writer, and was happy to hold the event in her place. "This is very exciting,"

she said. "These kinds of events are neat to have here in our community." Anyone interested in a copy of the Lowell Davis

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