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**News Release**

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## **“Alaskan Bull Moose In Murray”**

### **Recycled Art**

(Murray, KY) Newly returned from the Air Force, former and current Kentuckian, artist Jason Hargrove, now living in Murray, KY, has sculpted a life size Alaskan bull Moose affectionately named *Palin*. Constructed of recycled materials of Kentucky farm life it will reside in the MSU Curris Center’s Rocking Chair Lounge as part of the *Recycled Art Competition*.

“There is a joke I heard while living in Alaska; the more junk you have in your yard, the more Alaskan you are. Recycling is an important part of life there, and most Alaskans have a wide assortment of recyclables.

The Alaskan moose is the largest in the world. From a sketch and gathered measurements *Palin* - named after my former governor - began to take shape. In the spirit of Alaska, recycling pieces of my past and heritage began to fall into place. I was a certified blacksmith before joining the Air Force and metal work has become a passion of mine. The horse shoes are from former clients and those of our own horses. The family farm’s over 60 year old chicken coop provided the galvanized metal sheeting, after it was ripped off by winds from hurricane Ike. Rake teeth from my great-granddaddy Lawrence’s hay rake form the eyes and some ribs. Bars from my wife’s first childhood bed lend structure and support as dose the over 30 year old lawn furniture frames of my childhood. Our old farm burn barrel and parts from our newly deceased Shop-Vac were also used. I finished with our beloved Alaskan license plates.”

The hulking sculpture attracted many visitors to the Hargrove family farm in Mayfield where Jason worked on it.

The *Recycled Art* exhibit will be displayed in the Rocking Chair Lounge on the 2nd floor of the Curris Center at Murray State University, from October 13 – October 17, 2008. The Curris center is open to the public and all are welcome.

Please call Star Hargrove at 270-978-5099 for further information concerning Jason Hargrove.

Images available upon request and can be viewed at [www.jasonhargrove.blogspot.com](http://www.jasonhargrove.blogspot.com)

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