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PUSHING THE ENVELOPE: ALEX PAULUS AND JAKE WELLS

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO-- Friday, June 7, from 5 to 9 p.m., the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri will host a reception for artists Alex Paulus and Jake Wells. The show will be on display until June 29, and features solo exhibits by both artists.

Jake Wells, a Cape Girardeau native, utilizes a variety of media in producing his works. A portion of his June exhibit at the Arts Council will be an installation show, and will display pieces constructed from wheat, and suspended from the ceiling. Wells says, "Essentially all living things are storage units of condensed light. These three sculptures explore the phenomena of light that's requisite for existence." Wells will also display a variety of 2-D pieces entitled "Night Vision" that grapple with the complexities and limitations of human vision.

Alex Paulus will display his first exhibit in Cape Girardeau in 10 years during the month of June. Paulus states, "I feel like our culture celebrates ignorance, so I'm trying to magnify that in order to make people look at how absurd we are becoming." He adds that he hopes his exhibit will, "make people reevaluate the things they choose to believe." Paulus hopes to accomplish this through his collection of colorful and unique 2-dimensional paintings.

Wine will be available for guests of the First Friday reception, courtesy of Major Brands.

Join other arts patrons and supporters in welcoming Alex Paulus and Jake Wells Friday, June 7th. The Visual Arts Cooperative will also debut new works in their gallery space at the Arts Council. The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 32 North Main Street in Cape Girardeau, MO. Galleries are open Tuesday- Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.