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Steven Kochenderfer's handiwork on the show windows of Burnham Hardware includes a smiling snowman greeting customers; a drooping snowman and the words 'See ya next year,' hinting at goodbye to winter and look toward spring — and Christmas 2012; and penguins coasting down a snowy hill.

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displays in the show windows - maybe a giant Easter bunny at Eastertime or a flag and fireworks for July 4th. The possibilities are limited only by his imagination.

Art is his favorite subject and the Grade 6 student at Lewistown Middle School is looking forward to art classes in school next year. He enjoys the art club at school, he adds.

Kochenderfer displays a pencil sketch of Bugs Bunny, which he copied from an antique character cell on a TV show which his grandmother had videotaped.

"About 20 minutes later he came back with it," grandmother Linda Kochenderfer said. "I just love it."

He made cartoon character pictures for both his grandmothers, including Helen Chilcote, for Easter gifts.

The Yeagertown youth, whom his friends dubbed "Mr Sketch," says he plans to be a professional artist and animator someday.

"Since I like to draw so

much and I like to draw cartoons, I'd like to make them come alive," he explains.

Right now he works in pencil, colored markers, colored pencils and oils. The oils are a recent addition, just since Christmas, he adds.

All is not art, however. Kochenderfer is about half way to earning his black belt in judo. He's been at that since age 7, after he tired of three years of soccer.

"I wanted to do something else," he says. "I saw it (judo) somewhere and really liked it.'

He also helps out at the hardware store, comes there in the afternoons after school. His duties can be far ranging from stocking shelves to emptying wastebaskets, sweeping and running er-

rands. And he enjoys snowboarding when possible.

But art is still Kochenderfer's favorite pastime.



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