

Contest showcases local talent

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Mountains, waterfalls, babies, dogs, cats, goats, birds, flowers and even a group of ballerinas were part of the Flatlander Photo Contest at the Carnegie Arts Center.

Visitors voted for the People's Choice Award winners, and those who stopped by Saturday during the festival could stop in at Elwyn Vatcher's gallery under the tent to shop for paintings, and a few were treated to a performance by Jillian Parker, a 2007 Goodland High School graduate who is majoring in music at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Visitors gave votes to all the photos, and it was a close race with two tied for first, "Ballerinas" by Dennis Saint and "Tea Party with Suri" by Deedi Hoss-Dorn. Second place went to "Laramie" by Nancy Farris.

There were 56 entries, said Director Kay Younger, and every one of them got votes. The pictures were numbered for voting and didn't have the photographers' names on them. First-place awards were \$50 gift certificates from the arts center's gift gallery, and second place was a \$35 gift certificate.

Parker sang "Popular" a song from the musical "Wicked," a new Broadway musical which is a spin-off from "The Wizard of Oz" about the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch, and "The Lonely Goatherd" from the Sound of Music for a small audience shortly before the winners were announced after voting ended at 4 p.m.

There were no entries from youths 14 and under, but two Goodland High School students had photos entered in the adult division. T.J. Freeman, a junior, entered several photos, including "See My Truck?," "Let it Fall" and "Pink Storm Cloud." Freeman had the winning photo in the youth division (15 and under) last year.

Kade Sheldon, a junior, entered "Camero Concept, 2009."

Karen Whittlesey of Emporia entered photos of a Goodland grain elevator, a tumbleweed and a homestead. Dr. David Pfoff, a Denver ophthalmologist, who comes to Goodland to work in the outpatient clinic at the Goodland Regional Medical Center,



entered several photos, including "Red Mountain," which greeted visitors as they entered the center, "Heavenly Sky," "Waterfall" and "Fallen Cabin."

Roxie Yonkey, owner of Red Brick Roads Productions with her husband Eric, entered "Ruleton Rainbow" and "Storm at Mount Sunflower."

Julie Crow, who won the top adult award last year, entered "Beautiful Bailey," "Fun in the Sun," "Jessie's Perfection," "Proudly Hunting," "Josie's Gentle Touch," "Intensity" and "Columbine's Passion."

Colleen Duell's entries included "Rufus," "Red Bird" and "Black-eyed Susan." Sarah Johnson entered "Sunflower and Bees."

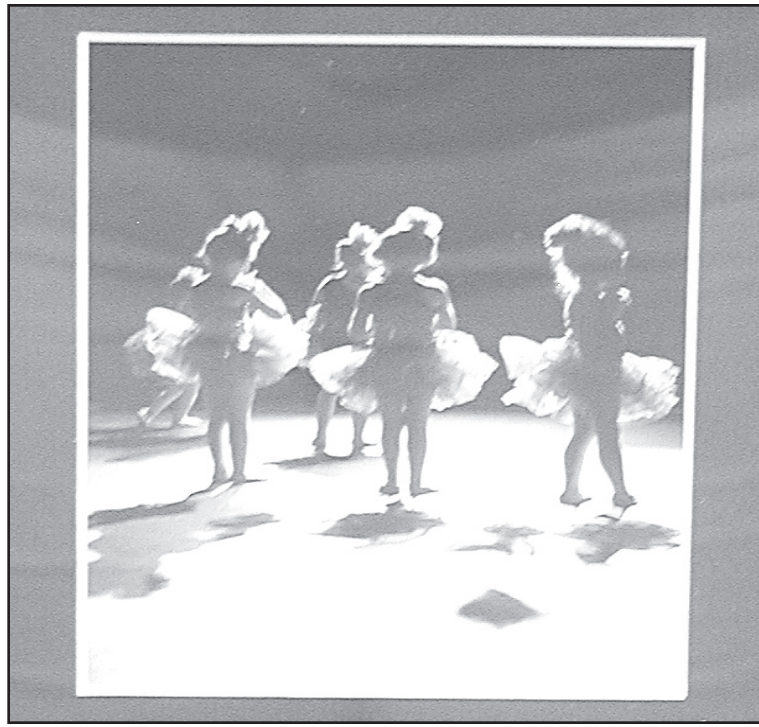
Dennis Hemphill from Kit Carson County entered several photos, including "Purple Sunrise" and "Lightning Strike."

Carl Nelson entered "Flying Like a Bird," and Monica Emig entered "Where's Breakfast?," a photo of two goats.

Gene Tromble, a retired Methodist minister, entered several photos, including "Deer Dearly Love Mother's Flower," "Canadian Canoe Country" and "Which Side Up? Alaska Lake."

Dusti Chadwick entered "Josie," "Rhett and Logan" and "Rhett."

Farris also entered "In Thought," and Saint also entered "Sunflower Plant," "Handy House at Christmas," "Utensils" and "Pier 39."



Winning photos in the Flatlander Photo Contest at the Carnegie Arts Center were "Ballerinas" by Dennis Saint (above) and "Tea Party with Suri" by Deedi Hoss-Dorn (top) tied for first. Second place went to "Laramie" by Nancy Farris (right), a photo of her daughter.

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Chili supper to have country theme

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Pull on your jeans, grab your cowboy hat and get ready for a casual, country evening.

It's not too late to get tickets for the Goodland Arts Council's October fund-raiser, a chili supper with country humor and music provided by Kansas entertainers.

The supper will have the theme "Life on the Western Plains," said Kay Younger, Carnegie Arts Center director, and will feature Ann Zimmerman, a storyteller who sings and gets the audience involved in her act. It will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

Younger said she tells stories about life on the plains and history, and her performance is informative as well as fun. Zimmerman is known for performing songs of humor and sadness, Younger said, accompanied by guitar and piano or acapella. She's from Salina, Younger said, and has performed across the coun-

try, recording three compact discs.

Zimmerman will share the spotlight with Kendra and Josiah Akers, daughter and son of Vernon and Mary Beth Akers, who farm southwest of Weskan. Josiah Akers will be doing "The Auctioneer Song." Younger said, as it was a hit when he performed at the Goodland Grind and Gallery. The children will also play fiddles, she said, carrying on the country theme of the evening.

Younger said they plan to set up a country store and carry a cowboy and country theme throughout the event, serving chili with cornbread and cobbler. It will be a change from the spaghetti dinners of previous years.

"Anyone who doesn't come will be missing a fun evening," Younger said.

For tickets, at \$10 each, call the center at 890-6442. Deadline to buy is next Friday; tickets will not be sold at the door.

Newspaper welcomes new staff member

From growing up in Detroit to moving here recently from the St. Louis metro area, *The Goodland Star-News'* newest staff member has had a lot of adjustments to make.

Ramona C. Sanders said she has found small town living refreshing.

"The people here have been incredibly warm, friendly and welcoming," she said.

Sanders began working for the *Star-News* as a reporter on Monday. Editor Tom Betz said she will be writing and reporting on schools and general news.

"Ramona brings valuable reporting experience to the paper," Betz said. "We're happy to have her on board."

Sanders previously worked at the *Belleville News-Democrat*, a daily newspaper in southern Illinois just outside of St. Louis. She was the education reporter for three years.

Before that, Sanders worked at a community newspaper and a family magazine in her Detroit hometown. She received her bachelor's degree in journalism from Wayne State University in Detroit in 2000.

"I always laugh when the people I

meet in Goodland ask me, 'why are you here?'" Sanders said. "I think why not?"

Sanders moved to Goodland in July with her husband, Clifton Sanders, who is the new Environmental Services Director for the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

"The deal was whoever got a job first, the other person would support them," Sanders said of the pact between she and her husband. "He was offered the job here and we said, let's try it."

As former classmates and 1980 graduates of Mackenzie High School in Detroit, the couple have known each other for almost 30 years. But they didn't begin dating until after seeing each other again at a class reunion. After six years of being together, the two married just weeks before moving to Goodland.

"One of the hardest adjustments is my new name," said Sanders, who's spent most of her life with Curtis as her last name.

"So it's a new name, new husband, new state, new job," she said. "But change is good. Without it, you can't grow."



Sanders

Star-News owner elected president of National Newspaper Association

NORFOLK, Va. — Steve Haynes of Oberlin, president of Nor'West Newspapers, has been elected president of the National Newspaper Association, representing more than 2,700 "community" newspapers in small towns, cities and suburbs across the country.

Haynes, who has served on the organization's board for seven years, was elevated to the presidency at the group's national convention Friday, Sept. 28. He takes the place of Jerry Tidwell of Texas for a one-year term.

Nor'West owns six community newspapers in northwest Kansas, including *The Goodland Star-News*. Haynes also is president of the U.S. Highway 36 Association, which represents 13 counties along the northern tier of Kansas.

"It's an honor to stand here as your president," he told the members, adding that he was tired of hearing negative news about the business based on the troubles of a few publicly held companies which own big-city newspapers — and thought they were, too.

"When you talk to community newspaper



Steve and Cynthia Haynes

publishers," he said, "you find out that most of us are doing pretty well."

Circulation is growing for community newspapers, mostly weekly or daily and in smaller towns, he noted, and their numbers are expanding even

while city dailies are in trouble.

"Community newspapers have been around for nearly 400 years," he noted, "and we're here to stay."

"No 'new medium' has ever replaced newspapers, not radio or television, and that's not going to happen with the Internet."

"Community newspapers are the primary source of local news in their towns, and as long as we remember that, we'll grow and prosper."

He told the group newspapers need to get more involved with the Internet as a way to serve their customers and preserve their place as the prime local news source in their towns.

Later, Haynes said the president's job will keep

him on the go this year. He noted that Tidwell made 25 trips during his term, about one every two weeks, to talk at state press conventions and attend other meetings. Already, he said, the group has meetings scheduled in Missouri, Nicaragua, Washington, D.C., New Mexico and Minnesota. It advances publishers' interests with the U.S. Postal Service and with Congress, dealing with all federal issues, and helps members with management, insurance and circulation issues.

He said he's planning to visit Colorado, Kansas, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi and New England for starters, but the calendar has just begun to fill.

"Cynthia and I will be on the road a lot," the new president said, "and we're going to miss being home in Kansas this year, but this is a tremendous honor and a great opportunity for service."

The couple, who have lived in this area for 14 years, have three children, daughters Felicia and Lindsay, who live in Augusta, Ga., and son Lacy, Lawrence. Lindsay and Bradley Blake plan to be married Saturday.

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