

Oil paintings on display at coffee shop

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McDonald artist, Marilyn Frisbie, is showing her oil paintings through the month of January at the Grind and Gallery at 1530 Main Street, Goodland. The business features an artist each month.

Frisbie began her painting career over 40 years ago. She said she took one lesson and she was "hooked!" Through the years, she tried different mediums but, early on, she decided she liked working in oils.

"If I don't like it, I can sand it off but, if it is a water color, the paper is wasted," she said.

In her early days of painting, she painted on barn wood. Another artist, Russ Hamilton, told her she was too good to waste her talent and brushes on wood. She also used canvas board which she has found is not like painting on framed canvas.

At a workshop conducted by Lee K. Parkinson, a Utah artist, she discovered using a glazing technique which she has used for the last 30 years.

"I like the effect it gives the painting," she said.

Her inspirations for the paintings may come from different sources and times. She has found that the windmills and western plains scene sell better than mountain scenes. She has lived in both areas, coming from Colorado and now living in northwest Kansas with her husband Gilbert.

During the drought, she painted the "Promise of Rain," a painting of a thunderstorm and lightning.

"I had never painted lightning but, this painting was just what I wanted," she said.

It was a painting that, she said, seemed to "flow" out of the brush.

However, not all paintings come that easy. She will often leave a painting and then come back to it. She also has her easel in a room down the hall where she can see the painting and, being able to look at it from a distance helps her better see what she wants in the painting.

"You need the desire (to paint) in your heart," Frisbie said. "I love what I am doing so much that each painting is a part of me."



McDonald Artist Marilyn Frisbie (left) stretched the canvas on one of her paintings that is now on display at the Goodland Grind and Gallery. A painting of a barn and windmill (above) by Frisbie will be sold at a silent auction at the Goodland Churches Thrift Store. The auction for the donated painting started Thursday and will continue through Thursday, Feb. 7.

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Starting
When she first started, she was raising three children and painting every chance she had. She was producing about 30 original paintings a year. Today, she generally paints around 10 a year. From those original paintings which cost around \$1,500, she makes prints which are mounted on canvas frames. The prints cost much less and are affordable to most people.

Frisbie has several regular customers who collect the originals with the latest (pictured) being already spoken for.

To enter most of the shows, her paintings have to be accepted by the juror. When she first started, she took in most shows to advertise her paintings. Now she attends only a few which have become regulars.

In Nebraska, she shows in Ft. Robinson, Gering and North Platte and, in Kansas, at the Art and Book Fair in Wichita, the Mulvane Art Fair, Topeka, and the Oberlin Show. She also donates paintings to the Wildlife Banquets in Cheyenne and Rawlins counties.

Inherited
Frisbie says she probably got

Donated painting to be sold

Who can say that coincidences don't happen? Jo Simmons and Ruth Ontiveroz of the Goodland Churches Thrift Store were talking about the newspaper article about McDonald artist, Marilyn Frisbie when they remembered seeing a painting with that name on it.

The pair started looking and sure enough someone had donated a 9 x 12 of a barn and windmill painted by Frisbie. They couldn't believe it.

The store will sell their painting at a silent auction beginning Thursday and will continue until Thursday, Feb. 7. The bids will start at \$25.

The thrift store provides new and used items to customers for a low price with the profits being used for paying salaries, rent and helping the community, said Manager Simmons.

"We were all so surprised at how things came together," she said.

much of her artistic ability from her mother, Frances, who encouraged her. One year before her death, the mother and daughter were able to paint together.

"It was a special time together," she said.

Frisbie tried to teach her children to paint. Her daughter, Becky,

paints and Laurie has also done some painting. However, Dave does not take the time, she said. Several grandchildren have shown an interest and they have taken lessons from Grandma.

Through the years, Frisbie has seen her paintings go from very "flat" paintings to her paintings to

day that have dimension and beauty. She has taught young and old to paint. She likes watching people learning and enjoying painting and being able to see them grow in their ability.

She urges people to stop by the Grind and Gallery to see her show through the month of January.

Council elects new officers

By Sharon Corcoran
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In its election of new officers, the Sherman County Economic Development Council retained the same secretary and treasurer but chose a new chair and vice-chair.

Don Newell of S&T Communications, outgoing chairman, said at Tuesday's meeting he had learned a lot serving as chair, and though he will continue serving on the board, he is not interested in continuing to hold an office. A new board member said he felt they should choose a chairman who had been on the board for some time.

Board secretary, Nancy Cole nominated someone who said he does not want to be an officer this year because he couldn't give the job enough time. The nominee then said he wanted to recommend a new chair and vice chair, but they weren't at the meeting, and he wasn't sure it was fair to elect them in their absence.

When it was all said and done, the board voted for Chuck Wilkens, owner of Wilkens Truck and Trailer, as chair and Darwin McClung, president of Rhoads Construction, as vice-chair.

Secretary Cole, owner of Klip 'N Kurl, and Treasurer Shelly

Thompson of Bankwest, said they were willing to stay in their offices.

Walt Linthacum of L&W Andrist Insurance, who just began his term on the board this month, said he thought the chair should be someone who has been on the board for some time.

Cole nominated Steve West of Western State Bank for chair, but West said he already has too many commitments to be able to do it this year.

correction

In the story about the county bills and the Economic Development Council published in the Tuesday edition incorrectly stated that County Clerk Janet Rumpel questioned the cell phone because it was a conflict of interest. That comment came from Commissioner Chuck Thomas. In the same story, Rumpel was quoted as saying Don Newell, council chairman had been upset about paying a credit card bill for a breakfast at McDonald's. What Rumpel was referring to was a previous meal for a one-day meeting that Newell had said should have

"I would throw my hat in the ring for next year," he said, "but there are too many big projects I'm already committed to this year. I feel the chairman should be able to give a big time commitment, and I wouldn't be able to do that."

West said he wanted to suggest McClung as chair and Chance Schilling of People's State Bank as vice-chair, but with neither at the meeting, he wasn't sure it was fair to just

been paid. Rumpel said at that time she explained to him the county policy and the Internal Revenue Service regulations, but it was not for the breakfast.

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elect them in their absence.

Wilkens said he wasn't sure what all would be involved in serving as chair.

"We need someone who says, 'It's important, and I have the time for it.'" West said.

Jerry Fairbanks of First National Bank nominated Wilkens for chair and McClung for vice-chair. It was a unanimous vote with only Schilling and McClung absent.

matters of record

Sherman County Bastille

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

Jan. 4 — 11:40 a.m., James Alvin Hill, 40, Aurora, Colo. Arrested for theft, value unknown. Court pending. Arrested by state trooper.

6:23 p.m., Rosalina M. Martinez, 44, Goodland. Arrested for failure to appear on warrant from municipal court. Bond supplied. Warrant arrest by city police.

10:45 p.m., Domingo Perez, Jr, 37, Kanorado. Arrested for driving

under influence, fourth or subsequent conviction, transporting an open container. Court pending. Arrested by sheriff deputy.

Jan. 5 — 1:56 a.m., Abigail C. Ernst, 18, Goodland. Arrested for speeding, liquor purchase by minor and driving under influence, first conviction. Bond supplies. Arrested by state trooper.

12:25 p.m., Emery Elmore, 39, Colorado Springs. Arrested for sale or intent to sell hallucinogens. Arrested by city police.

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