

Artist gets her inspiration from family, home

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Where does an artist find his or her inspiration? For some, it may be a vast mountain view or a scenic ocean. Today we'll meet a rural Kansas artist who finds her inspiration close to home, in her farm and family - in fact, in her own backyard.

Sue Krehbiel is a sculptor and graphite artist who sculpts and sketches items of a western flavor. She loves her kids and horses, and enjoys depicting them in her art.

Sue is originally from Ohio where her family had horses and she was active in 4-H as a youth. Sue's

mother was quite creative and Sue took lots of art classes during high school.

In 1983, Sue's brother came west to work in the wheat harvest. He joined a custom harvest crew based at Inman. That summer his girlfriend and his sister Sue came out to visit.

"They eventually married and moved back to Ohio," Sue said. "I married and I'm not moving." Sue met Kevin Krehbiel while visiting Kansas, and they tied the knot and settled near Inman.

"There are a lot of Krehbiels around Inman," Sue said with a smile. "My husband had to go clear to Ohio to find someone he wasn't related to."

In addition to her husband, Sue

fell in love with the western lifestyle. Her father-in-law, Kevin's dad, was an active horseman who had several teams of horses and had trained mules for the Army.

Kevin and Sue settled in to rural life near Inman, a community with a population of 1,139 people. Now, that's rural.

Sue painted as a way to utilize her creative side, and then they started a family. Their two daughters, Sarah, age 16, and Katie, age 11, are active in 4-H. Kevin is an auctioneer and real estate broker with Triple K Auctioneering. He also sells Loomix cattle supplement.

The Krehbiels have lots of animals: Horses, mules, cattle, pigs, and goats.

Sue's kids and the western life-

style provided ample sources of inspiration for Sue's creativity. She turned to sculpting and pencil sketches as a way to capture and depict the scenes that she observed.

As her artistic career developed, she took art classes at Hutchinson Community College. She also studied under noted sculptor Mehl Lawson and pencil artist Carrie Ballantyne.

Today, Sue has a studio in a building in her backyard. She depicts the things she loves: Kids, horses, and the western lifestyle. She exhibits at the Prairie Fire Gallery in Buhler and does various art shows in the region.

Meanwhile, she and Kevin continue the family tradition of horses. They have a team of Belgian draft

horses which they use for wagon rides. If you attend the Symphony in the Flint Hills, you just might have a wagon ride provided with horsepower - and I mean that literally - from Kevin and Sue Krehbiel's team of horses.

"We've always done our church hay rack rides," Sue said. "We bring them in for the church nativity scene and we used to plow with them."

A mule team provided the material for her original print Rose and Jess. Some of her other original pencil drawings are Birds Eye View, Buck, Shur'nuf a Cowboy, and Amish Boys. She has also created some striking Indian masks. These are of fired clay and acrylic paint, decorated with turkey and pheasant feathers and horsehair braids.

In addition, Sue makes jewelry. "My dad's a rockhound," Sue said. He goes to Arizona for the winters and gathers stones which he shapes and polishes for Sue to use in necklaces.

When asked which, out of all the things that she has created, is her favorite work of art, she replied, "Usually it's the last thing I've done. I try to get a little better each time." Her favorite subjects are children in a western setting, and she has to look no further than her own family. For more information, go to www.suekrehbiel.com.

Where does an artist find his or her inspiration? For Sue Krehbiel, it is found in the western family lifestyle which she lives, loves, and enjoys every day.

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Lowell Coleman Post 1133 Auxiliary met on Thursday, Dec 1.

Reports from the National Convention: The official blue uniform is on hold as national looks for a company that will use the same color as the current uniform. So, it will be ok to wear black pants or skirt, white blouse and a black blazer until the next national convention. And children may attend Auxiliary meetings when accompanied by an Auxiliary member. National dues will increase to \$5 on January 1. This is a \$1.50 increase.

The Department Mid-winter conference will be in Topeka on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14 and 15. National President Gwen Rankin will be making her official visit to Kansas Saturday to Monday, Jan. 28-30. Cancer grants for members will increase to \$550. Members may apply for two grants in their life time. Opportunities for helping veterans can be met by donating movie tickets, diabetic socks, Applebee's or other restaurant gift cards, radios for the dining area and Netflix subscriptions to Ft. Dodge Soldiers Home.

A Patriotic Potato Contest will be held at the Department Mid-

Winter. Votes for the winner will be cast by placing money in the potatoes collection box. The money gathered will go to the Growing Dollar fund.

Nicole Hendrich, 1133's Voice of Democracy winner, also placed first on the district level. Her speech will be entered into the state contest. Jamie Nemechek, 1133's Patriot's Pen winner, placed third at the District level. Aaron Hernandez placed second at the local level and Dani Mangus placed third on the local level in the Patriot's Pen Essay contest.

A state scholarship application is available at <http://www.ksvfw.org>. The deadline for this is Wednesday, Feb. 1. Children and grandchildren are eligible for this scholarship. Students may also be in college and apply for it.

Action events for December include the White Elephant sale on Saturday, Dec. 10. The auxiliary will provide a lunch as well as baked items to be sold. We will sack candy on Friday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 pm. And Santa will deliver the candy from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Post Home to all kids and kids at heart from the community on Saturday, Dec. 17. At 3:30

p.m., members will join Santa and deliver candy to the hospital, Good Sam and Wheatridge.

Bingo workers are needed to keep the bingo operation running on Wednesday evenings. If you

can help once in a while, please let us know. The proceeds from bingo fund most of the community service activities for youth, the National Home and Veterans. The Auxiliary wants to host a soup and gries h


dinner on Thursday, Jan. 19. We will need help to do this. Be willing to volunteer.

Reina Branum was accepted as a new member. The charter was draped in memory of Ethel Russell

and May Kelling. A thank you card from Ronald McDonald House was read.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 5th, at 5:30 pm.

Worship warms the heart



<p>Calvary Gospel Church Pastor: Randy and Mary Payne Fourth & College • 890-3605 Sunday: Kid's Church: 10 am Morning Service: 10 am <i>Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m. except last Sunday of the month</i> Wednesday: Royal Rangers, Missionettes 6:30 p.m. during school year Youth @ the Rock House, Sixth & Caldwell: 6:30 p.m. Life Groups - Call for information Join us on Facebook www.calvarygospel.net</p>	<p>Goodland United Methodist Church 1116 Sherman 899-3631 Pastors: Dustin and Shelly Petz Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering" 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages</p>	<p>Pleasant Home Church Serving the rural community for over 120 years Rt. 1, Box 180 • 3190 Road 70 (785) 694-2807 Pastor: Perry Baird Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m.</p>
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<p>Bible Baptist Church Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks Fifth & Broadway 890-7368 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m. Morning Service: 10 a.m. Evening Service: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO (719) 346-7984 Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia Del Dios Vivo La Luz Del Mundo Spanish Speaking Church Minister: Esteban Ortiz B. 1601 Texas • 899-5275 Daily Prayer: Sunday thru Saturday: 5a.m. & 6 p.m. Sunday: Sunday School: 10 a.m.</p>
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<p>United Methodist Church Brewster: Pastor: Dorine Chambers Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST Winona: Minister: Sheryl Johnson Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST Sunday School: 10:15 am CST</p>	<p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Pastor: Rev. Carol Edling Jolly Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233 Sunday: Church School - All ages 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Sundays 5-7 p.m. Thursday: Prayer Class - Noon Pastor Carol's Class 5:30 p.m. www.goodlandfccdoc.org</p>	<p>Kanorado United Methodist Church Pastor: Leonard Cox 399-2468 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.</p>
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<p>Church of the Nazarene Pastor: Bob Willis Third & Caldwell 899-2080 or 899-3797 Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:50 a.m. Evening Service: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>St. Paul's Episcopal Church 13th & Center Church 890-2115 or 890-7245 Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening</p>	<p>Goodland Bible Church 109 Willow Road • 899-6400 Pastor: Chad DeJong Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m. 6 p.m. AWANA during school Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday: 6:30 youth group Growth groups call for information www.goodlandbible.org</p>
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<p>First Baptist Church Pastor: Travis Blake 1121 Main 890-3450 Sunday: Coffee fellowship: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m. Wheatridge Center</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pastor: Father Norbert Dlabal 307 W. 13th • 890-7205 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment Mass Schedule: Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am Spanish Mass: Sunday: 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Harvest Evangelical Free Church 521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423 Pastor: Brian Fugleberg Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday school: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday: Senior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church Junior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church www.goodlandefree.com</p>
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<p>Seventh Day Adventist Church 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Jerry Nowack Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Emmanuel Lutheran Church 13th & Sherman • 890-6161 Pastor: Darian Hybl Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service: 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Church of Christ 401 Caldwell 890-6185 Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>
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<p>Short & Son Trucking Hwy. 24</p>	<p>Koons Funeral Chapel North Main</p>	<p>Good Samaritan Center 208 W. 2nd</p>
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Free Animal Licenses!

The ordinances of the City of Goodland require that all dogs and cats owned or kept within the city limits be licensed. All licenses shall be obtained from the city clerk.

On Monday, January 16, 2012 from 7 a.m. through 4 p.m. the City of Goodland will be offering free animal licenses for citizens who live in Goodland and own or keep a dog or cat. To obtain the free license, you must provide written proof that the animal has current rabies vaccination.

The free licenses will only be available on January 16, 2012, at the City Administration Building at 204 W. 11th Street.




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COMMUNITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL

1017 West 7th Street - Wray, Colorado 80758

The Wray Community District Hospital is pleased to have as a member of its staff of visiting specialists Dr. Cecilia Hirsch, a staff cardiologist at the CardioVascular Institute at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley, Colorado.



She received her education in Romania and the United States. She completed Medical School and Residency training in Romania, and in 2001 she completed her Internal Medicine residency at Saint Joseph Hospital with the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver. Dr. Hirsch completed her General Cardiology Fellowship at the University of Colorado as well in 2009. On a personal note, she is a US Citizen, fluent in English, and enjoys spending time with her husband and 3 small children.

Dr. Hirsch visits on a regular, rotating monthly schedule to the Specialty Clinic at the Wray Community District Hospital. Please call the CardioVascular Institute office in Greeley for an appointment at 1-800-845-4411.