

Speakers to share pioneer tales

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said, and so she joined the Kansas State Historical Society and other organizations. Stanley said she started writing about Lane County's history in the late 1980s.

The author said she will also talk about how she finds information on the people and places she writes about. She said her best source is old Kansas newspapers, many of which the state Historical Society has recorded on microfilm.

Stanley said she can't wait to speak at the conference, and hear what the others have to say.

"That's something I've always liked to do," she said. "I'm looking forward to hearing the other talks, too."

Zweygardt, born and raised in Cheyenne County, said he's always been fascinated by the Cheyenne Breaks — a formation that's been described as a "mini-Grand Canyon."

He offers free tours of the area, he said, adding that he will speak about the location and composition of the Breaks and share some of the land's history. He said he may show slides.

Zweygardt said the Texas trail — which cattle drivers once followed to take their herds from Texas to Montana or Nebraska — runs through the breaks and at one time there stood an old cor-

ral near Cheyenne County where cattle were inspected.

Nadine Cheney — who will travel to Goodland from Tribune — said she'll offer a "mixed bag" of early Greeley County history and will talk about the 1931 Pleasant Hill tragedy, when a snowstorm killed several children about 18 miles west of Tribune near Towner, Colo.

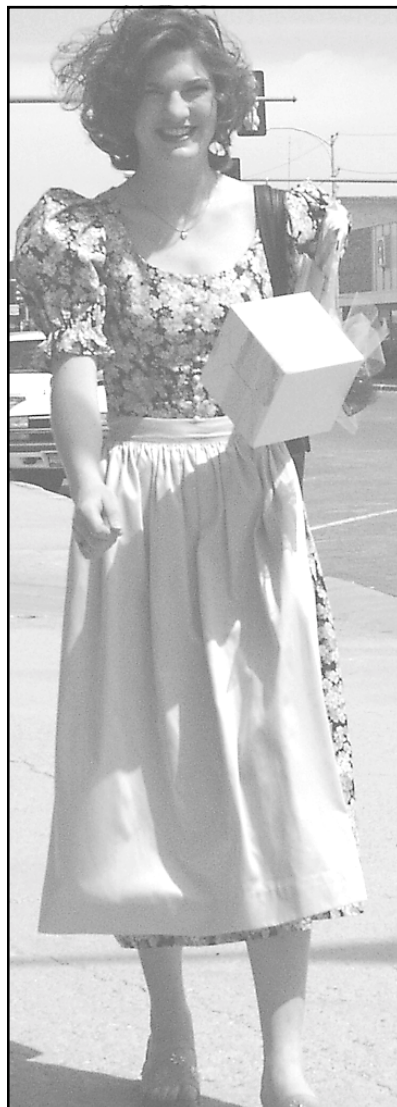
"It's all going to fit together," said Cheney, who helped organize the Greeley County Historical Society and was museum curator.

Evelyn Ward, Sherman County Historical Society president, said Linda Davis-Stephens, a Colby Community College instructor, will share the history of an Indian pueblo in western Kansas, which is the northern most pueblo in the U.S.

A \$20 registration fee will buy a ticket to the conference, expected to last until 4 p.m., lunch, coffee and refreshments.

Ward said there will be a drawing at noon for an authentic set of 10 silver U.S. coins, boxed in blue velvet. Tickets for the drawing are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce office, 104 W. 11th, and Windwoman Originals, 812 Center.

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Rebecca Downs, director of the Carnegie Arts Center, celebrated Settlement Days with other Goodland employees today by wearing pioneer clothing. The celebration will run through Saturday.

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Snakes invade Sharon Springs again

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4 feet away from the reptile.

After the snakes are caught, she said, the hunters put them in a bucket for transport.

The snakes are found mostly around prairie dog towns in pastures. On a warm spring day, Withers said, the hunters can catch the snakes while they are laying beside their holes. But they have to be really fast, she noted.

Withers said the corporation buys the western diamondback rattlesnakes in Oklahoma to include in the show and for butchering.

"That's what we use for meat," she said. "They're bigger snakes, so they're better eating."

Local cooks use them to prepare "chicken fried snake," which will be sold at the event, she said.

Withers said the well-known "Patty the Python" will also be at the show. Patty is Withers' pet.

In addition to the snakes, she said, this year's event will feature the "Conman," a national syndicated radio disc jockey from Denver.

A Goodland band, Exit 17, will perform on Saturday, and on Sunday Jeff Wagoner of Colby and Tom Harrison of Sharon Springs, a vocal duo, will play music and sing. Wagoner and his family, including his wife, Lesley, his son, Brock, and his daughter, Tashia, will also sing Sunday.

Terri Grillot of Colby will dem-

onstrate how she creates metal ornamental sculptures on Saturday. Her son, Jonathan, will be there to help.

Withers said Grillot cuts metal and creates pieces of art using junk metal, a cutter and a welder. Grillot plans to make a trellis and an arbor, which will be auctioned off around 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Mike Beckman, a taxidermist, will also give demonstrations on the art of preparing, stuffing and mounting animal hides.

Paintings and drawings by young and adult students of art instructor Rita Kirkham of Wallace will be on display at the fair grounds. Helicopter rides will be available and several new craft and food vendors will be at the show.

Historical Society seeks insurance for museum

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some details before making the final agreement.

Messamore presented a check for \$2,400, the first payment from the State Local Assistance fund, which helps counties pay for their dispatch operations.

Commissioners also approved purchase of a \$300 wireless headset for Linsner and a new headset for Mary Ann Snetten for \$150.

Evelyn Ward and Lloyd Holbrook of the Sherman County Historical Society asked the commissioners about including liability insurance for the Handy House under the county insurance policy so they can open the house for tours later this

month.

The commissioners said they were skeptical because the house is not owned by the county.

They directed Rumpel to talk with the county insurance agent and give them an answer at the next meeting on Tuesday, May 15.

Ward and Holbrook said they had been working with Goodland lawyer Ron Vignery, and said they were asking anyone who loaned articles to be placed on display to insure the items through their own policy.

Ward said the historical society had found someone to insure the house, but not for the liability associated with opening it to the public, which they were asking the county to insure.

Mike Niemberger of American Fidelity Insurance talked about the individual cafeteria insurance plan for county employees and his bid on the county's short-term disability insurance, which would save the county \$2,400 per year.

The commissioners favored allowing him to discuss the individual insurance plan with the county employees, and said they would make a decision on that plan and on the short-term disability at the next meeting.

The next commissioner meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, in the commissioner room on the main floor of the Sherman County Courthouse, Eighth Street and Broadway Avenue.

Figures show more wheat insured

WICHITA (AP) — Farmers who dusted in their winter wheat seed into parched fields during last fall's drought bought a record \$1 billion of insurance coverage — taking advantage of higher government subsidies designed to spur them to better insure their crops, revised statistics show.

Art Barnaby, Jr., an Extension ag-

economist at Kansas State University, said he found a math error in his computations on the number of insured acres in hard red winter wheat in the nation's top wheat producing states, including Kansas.

The corrected figures reversed his earlier conclusions — finding that the percentage of wheat acres insured went up from last year.

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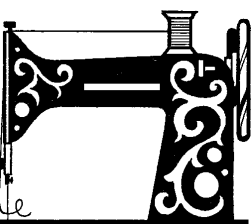


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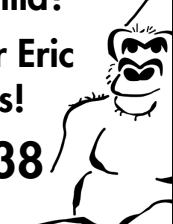
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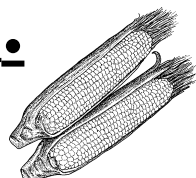
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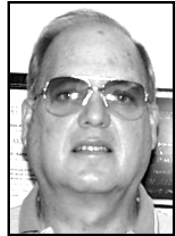
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