

Goodland girl designs Joplin poster

A Goodland graduate was one of 20 graphic artists invited to design a special poster highlighting the music of a Texas musician for a special show and auction in Houston earlier this month.

Mandy Engleman of the Dallas Museum of Art, a 1995 Goodland High School graduate and former *Goodland Daily News* employee, designed a poster based on the music of Janis Joplin.

As a young girl, Engleman said, she would lip sync to Joplin's music while listening with her sisters to hand-me-down 45s. When she was invited to design a poster, Engleman chose the lyrics of her favorite Joplin song, "Piece of My Heart," as her inspiration:

The American Institute of Graphic Arts-Houston Chapter captured the spirit of Texas music in its third annual art exhibition and auction extravaganza. The institute invited 20 of the state's most talented designers to interpret the eclectic sounds of 20 Texas musicians. The result was 20 one-of-a-kind posters that were auctioned Nov. 15 at Vine Street Studios in downtown Houston.



Each of the Texas designers went through a creative thought process to visually communicate the music of fellow Texans.

"I picked out a few lyrics of 'Piece of My Heart' to inspire me," Engleman said, "and created this gritty, raw image of Janis Joplin that reverses out of a perfectly normal heart. I wanted the design of the

poster to convey all of her emotion in a very simple way."

"Didn't I make you feel like you were the only man, yeah,

An' didn't I give you nearly every-

thing that a woman possibly can?

Honey, you know I did!"

And each time I tell myself that I,

well I think I've had enough,

But I'm gonna show you, baby,

that a woman can be tough."

"When I was young, I didn't understand the lyrics of the song," she said. "I just thought it was cool. Now that I'm older, I understand that raw emotion in her voice and lyrics. That grittiness of her voice is something I knew I wanted to emphasize in my poster."

A poster by Ryan Gagnard and David Slack of Slant Design in Dallas was inspired by the sounds of Big Mama Thornton. Tom Martens of Fusion29 in Fort Worth created his poster to interpret Pat Green. And, the poster of Chris Rovillo of Rovillo Design in Dallas communicates the music of Billy Joe Shaver. Loud and Clear 2003's featured live performer. The posters of all the designers were sold by silent auction during the event.

About 400 patrons of the arts, graphic design and music gathered for an evening of Texas-themed entertainment. Live music was provided by Shaver, an icon of the Texas music scene for 30 years and a pioneer of the "outlaw" genre along with the likes of Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. Also performing live was Mando Saenz.

Lawsuit dismissed; man plans to refile

By Patty Decker
Colby Free Press

The former administrator of the Colby hospital has dropped a civil lawsuit in Thomas County against four officers of a grass-roots organization that he claimed made false and defamatory statements about him—but says he will be refiling in federal court.

Michael Boyles, former chief executive officer of Citizens Medical Center, filed an order to dismiss the petition without prejudice, which was granted by Judge Glenn Schiffner on Thursday, Nov. 6, through his attorney, Larry G. Michel of Salina.

The four involved in the alleged claim of false and defamatory statements included John Kern, Henry Vette, Dennis Horney and Carol Voisin, who were at the time of the allegations all serving on the board of the group Area Citizens for Healthcare.

Michel said on Monday that the primary reason for dropping the lawsuit in Thomas County was so that his client could refile in federal court.

Since Boyles is no longer a resident in the Colby area and because the lawsuit is between people of different states with an amount in controversy above \$75,000, he said, he can ask for diversity jurisdiction in federal court.

However, even in federal court, Michel said, the case is still subject to Kansas law and still under its control procedurally.

The main difference between the district court and federal court is the change in location or venue. Boyles is now living and working as an administrator at a hospital in southwest Colorado.

Michel said it will probably be refiled within the next 30 days in Wichita.

The original petition was filed Sept. 24 with Boyles seeking damages on two counts — one for "tortious interference" with his contractual relationship at Citizens Medical Center and the other for alleged slanderous remarks by the four individuals.

The suit charged that Kern Vette, Horney and Voisin circulated a memorandum suggesting that Boyles made threats to one of the physicians and that he was "a known child abuser." (In a separate criminal case, Boyles has been charged with battery against his son.)

The petition further claims that these alleged statements were not true and that because of those statements, he was fired by the hospital.

In the original lawsuit, Boyles' attorney had asked for a trial by jury of 12.

The Area Citizens for Healthcare was organized about a year ago "to promote unity between the hospital, patients and doctors, while at the same time allowing people to have a voice about their hospital."

Kern and the other three involved in the suit were asked by a majority of the people attending those early organizational meetings to serve as officers.

In the criminal case, the state charges that Boyles struck his son with a towel in March, leaving a mark on the boy's face. Colby attorney Cal Williams is representing Boyles in that case. Boyles has pled not guilty to the battery charge and is requesting a jury trial, which is scheduled for mid-December.

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

November 3 — Yancy J. Tryon was arrested for driving with a suspended license at Caldwell Ave. and 17th St. He was charged in municipal court.

November 4 — Douglas W. Gains, a 62-year-old white male from Blue Springs, Mo., was arrested for theft of services from Presto, 2810 Commerce Rd. He was charged in municipal court.

November 6 — Anthony M. Chaffman was arrested at 525 W. 12th St. on an arrest warrant for the district court of Sherman County.

Angel A. Corke was the victim of criminal trespassing at 1304 Montana Ave. John Pearsall was arrested on a bench warrant and for failure to comply. He was charged in municipal court.

November 7 — Blanche H. Beltch reported an incident of burglary at 310 Sycamore Rd. and the theft of a wallet and cash, valued at \$45, from a vehicle.

Nationwide Homes, 825 W. Hwy 24, reported an incident of burglary and the theft of a staple gun, nail gun and miscellaneous tools, valued at \$1,100, taken from a pickup.

Maynard Bane reported an incident of burglary at 210 Sycamore Rd. and the theft of a handgun, valued at \$500, taken. He was also the victim of an estimated \$100 in criminal damage to a door.

Kendall Morris was arrested at Wyoming Ave. and 19th St. for violation of a protective order. He was charged in municipal court.

November 12 — The Conoco Travel Shoppe, 2423 Enterprise Rd., reported theft of \$10.89 gas taken and not paid for. Kevin M. Drummond, of Flagstaff, Ariz., was arrested and charged in municipal court.

Steve M. Kellett, of Stratton, Neb., reported an incident of criminal trespass at 619 W. 11st St. and was the victim of an estimated \$25 in criminal damage to a dry wall in a rental house.

November 13 — Danny J. Phifer was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding at K-27 and I-70. He was charged in municipal court.

Rosetta Whiteman reported an incident of burglary at 208 W. 15th St and the theft of a purse with cash and miscellaneous papers/cards, valued at \$195, taken from a vehicle.

Sight and Sound, 1224 Main Ave, reported the theft of a VHS tape, valued at \$80, rented and not returned.

November 14 — Mary C. Humrich was the victim of aggravated burglary and March A. Humrich the victim of criminal trespass at 824 W. 15th St.

Colby Council, citizens petition to keep stoplight at Country Club Drive

By Patty Decker
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The temporary stoplights at U.S. 24 and Country Club Drive in Colby are still up, but that could change pending a decision by the state Department of Transportation.

The stoplights were installed to help with traffic during the construction at the intersections of Franklin and Range with Fourth Avenue and the viaduct north of town, with the idea being to remove them once the work was completed.

During the construction project, more than 1,200 names were submitted on a petition requesting the temporary signals remain. In early October, the state said it did not plan on leaving the traffic signals in place. In response, the Colby City

Council asked the city manager to appeal to the state once again—this time saying the city would pay for the lights if it had to.

"This is a critical issue for our residents and the Colby City Council, since 1,200 signatures represent

most of the driving public in Thomas County and a higher number than the voter turnout in our last election," said Carolyn Armstrong, city manager, in a letter to Deb Miller, secretary of transportation. Armstrong asked Miller if the

state would consider a city traffic signal at that intersection. The city said it would close the access from the frontage road north of U.S. 24, but did want to leave the south turn lane off U.S. 24 at Country Club Drive.

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