



Some of the people (left) who came to the opening reception of Roxie Yonkey's photographs Sunday at the Carnegie Arts Center. Her work will be on display until Sunday, July 31. Above is one of her pictures.

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# Goodland photographer shows her work

Goodland photographer Roxie Yonkey has a creative eye, and examples of her work are on display this month at the Carnegie Arts Center.

An opening reception was held Sunday afternoon, and many of those attending talked to Yonkey about the variety of photos on display.

Among her photos on display are farm scenes, beautiful landscapes, secluded water falls, animal photos and several from her trip to New

York last year.

She said her grandma knitted, crocheted, cross-stitched and embroidered and her mother was good at sewing.

Roxie said she tried some of these, but did not enjoy them.

"In seventh grade I got a very cheap camera," she said.

"The next day a beautiful snow fell. I rushed out to take pictures. Shutter was sticky and I blurred nearly every picture. I was hooked."

Yonkey said when she was in

high school her mother started selling decorations and she studied the design principles the company sent her mom.

"After I graduated from college," she said, "my boss handed me a 35 mm camera and told me to use it. I was terrified of 35 mm. Those dials and knobs intimidated me. I was not about to admit that, so I figured out how it worked. That 35 mm opened a new world."

For the next 11 years she was a journalist and learned about ap-

ertures, shutter speeds and some composition techniques.

She walked away from newspapers about 10 years ago, and her creative pursuits took a sharp turn as she started landscaping her yard and collecting and making yard art. She said she only used her camera on vacation.

She said she tried several other crafts, and bought a digital camera in November 2006.

She said the digital died, but she loved taking photos again, and shot

film through the next year.

"All those years of shooting film taught me how to set up a shot before shooting it," she said.

"We bought my current digital camera in April 2008. I love the freedom digital gives me. No film and developing costs."

She said she discovered filmmaking in 2007, and said she is following another family tradition. She said her grandpa was an avid filmmaker.

"His 8 mm camera's whirr was the

soundtrack at every family gathering," she said.

"Someday I hope to digitize his footage, especially my parents' wedding."

This year she began tinkering with found object jewelry made from game pieces.

"Somewhere in Heaven my grandparents and mother are smiling," she said.

# High school Spanish teacher elected chair of board

Goodland High School Spanish teacher Mary Porterfield has been elected as chair of the AFS-USA Board of Directors in June. She has been a volunteer for AFS-USA for 42 years. Most recently she has been the chair of the AFS-USA National Council and member of the AFS-USA Board of Directors.

Porterfield joined the AFS as

a volunteer in 1968 and established the AFS Goodland Chapter and served as advisor for the AFS Goodland High School Club. She continues to teach at Goodland where the chapter has sent 70 AGS participant abroad, welcomed and supported international students to the U.S. and mentored AFS Visiting Teachers from Paraguay, China,

Venezuela and Thailand.

In the Heartland Area Team, which she helped to establish in 1996, she has served as chair, volunteer coordinator, secretary, district representative and orientation coordinator. In 1999 she was elected to the AFS South Central Regional Council of Volunteers and served as chair. In 1009, she was elected the

chair of the AFS-USA Volunteer National Council and became an AFS-USA Board Member.

Porterfield will continue to volunteer for the Goodland chapter as a student/family liaison and liaison trainer. She was selected as the U.S. nominee for the AFS International Galatti Award honoring long-time volunteers around the world for

their service to AFS.

The board of directors is responsible for the strategic planning and financial planning for AFS-USA, said Porterfield. We hire a president to run the program.

The current president is Jorge Castro. AFS-USA hosts 2,500 students and sends 900 to 1,000 students overseas.

"We usually meet in New York City," said Porterfield. "We meet three to four times a year and do some conference calls."

She said she is going to AFS International Officers Training at the end of August in New York City.

"It is a challenging opportunity and honor," said Porterfield.

## matters of record

**Sherman County Bastille**

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

**June 1:** Ernest Brown, 33, Deerfield, arrested by sheriff deputy on arrest and detain for failure to appear.

Vance Jones, 20, Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for minor in possession, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Gary Fisher, 35, Colby, arrested by sheriff deputy on a failure to register warrant.

**June 3:** Ryan Warren, 51, Kanorado, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving under influence fourth or subsequent and transporting open container.

**June 5:** Brandon Bolen, 27, Centennial, Colo., arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving under influence second time, transporting open container and failure to yield at stop sign.

**June 6:** Braden Lucas, 20, Goodland, arrested by city police for domestic battery.

**June 8:** Blake Mayfield, 24, Goodland, arrested by city police

for batter against law enforcement officer, criminal damage to property, resist arrest, assault on law enforcement officer and protective custody.

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