



Dolores Corke of Goodland (top) looked at Sky Keith's parrot paintings at the gallery opening of his display, "Parrot Life." Randy and Debbie Whitmore (above) of Goodland visited with Keith at the opening. Keith's work will be on display through Saturday, Aug. 6. Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Paintings, sculptures show 'Parrot Life'

By Sharon Corcoran
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About 40 art fans and former neighbors visited with Sky Keith, at the gallery opening of his avian artwork at the Carnegie Arts Center.

Paintings and sculptures of parrots adorned the center, but the much-anticipated live parrot was absent. Keith, formerly of Goodland, said the bird he had hoped to bring with him is only 12 weeks old, and it was too hot for him to travel for the opening, on Friday, July 1.

The artist did have some tales to tell about his birds. Keith said he has a 4-year-old parrot that has become proficient at imitating what it hears — it talks in his voice and laughs in his wife Carla's and can imitate the phone ringing and bodily functions.

The bird is a Congo African Gray, Keith said; at first, it took months for the bird to learn new things, but now it can imitate things immediately. Since the parrot can imitate flatulence and belches, Keith said, you have to be careful what you do.

Keith said the bird's imitation of a phone is so good, it brings him into the house to answer a ringing parrot. The bird "has" its own little phone calls, he said.

He acts like he's answering the phone, Keith said, and says, "Sky's Parrot Place. . . . Yep. . . Uh-huh. . . . Talk to you later. Good-bye."

Parrots can live over 100 years, Keith said, so people often have to leave them to someone in their wills. Some leave their parrots to the

Gabriel Foundation bird sanctuary, he said, for a permanent home. The foundation in Aspen, Colo., provides education, rescue, rehabilitation, foster care, adoption, sanctuary and conservation of parrots' natural habitats throughout the world. Keith distributed information about the foundation and envelopes to send donations.

Keith lives in Denver, where he raises and sells parrots, including, macaws, cockatoos, amazons and greys. His series of paintings called "Parrot Life" and sculptures are on display until Saturday, Aug. 6.

Brewster seniors say goodbye to friend

Well, as we mentioned last week, it was Sally Michael's last week at the Senior Center and we had a party for her on Wednesday, June 29. A lot of old friends showed up to wish her farewell. She is going to be missed by all. We wish her the best as she gets ready to move to Hays.

It seems the wheat harvest is starting to wind down. With all the hot, dry weather, the cutting is going fast. I've heard reports of good yields and some not quite so good. Test weight seems to be very good. Let us pray to God we can get some good rains as soon as harvest is finished.

We need to give our prayers to Gene Hawkins, Leroy Moore, Olive Dillinger, Coleen Crumrine, Sherrie Horney and J.R. McDaniel and all others who are ill at this time.

Nancy Hawkins is in town for a few days. Good to see her, along with her daughter Beth.

Commodities will be at the Senior Center on July 21; then there won't be any more until October.

Know this is a very short week but bear with me, and I'll try to round up more news next week.



betty jo baird

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Please let me know of anything that might be of interest to others.

I hope not to offend anyone, but I would like to add a little something to make us think about our life here on this earth to end my column each week.

"My Dear Child, I created you for a purpose. There is a specific reason for your life. You are important to me. When circumstances or people in your life make you feel insignificant, remember that you are of great value and significance to me. I knew who you would be before you were even born. While you were still in the womb, I was putting you together according to my own design. I formed you exactly as you are. Don't you see? I didn't make any mistakes when I made you. You are wonderfully made. I am filled with pride over you, my precious one. Be at peace with yourself. I love you as you are. You are you. You are mine! Love, God." Jeremiah 1:4-5.

matters of record

Goodland Police

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

July 4 — Zachary A. Potterf was arrested on a warrant at 311 E. 12th. The case was referred to the city attorney.

Patrick Walters reported criminal damage to property at 1016 Sherman.

July 6 — Michael Franklin reported criminal damage to property, two slashed tires, valued at \$40 at 409 W. 5th.

Seth Miller reported the theft of a bicycle valued at \$100 at 320 Grand.

Gloria Bustillos reported the theft of a bicycle valued at \$100 at 320 Grand.

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