

## Sculptures to be in Goodland

The result of a Wichita artist's experiment in collaborating with the community on her work will be on display next month in Goodland.

"How does working with a group of people change the outcome of a work of art?" asks Sunni Mercer. "What message does an artist, who intentionally includes the hand of the community in her work, send to people who view it?"

Mercer created six sculptures with representatives of social service agencies in Wichita, using "found" objects that appear strange and dreamlike, yet resonate from their association with objects in daily life.

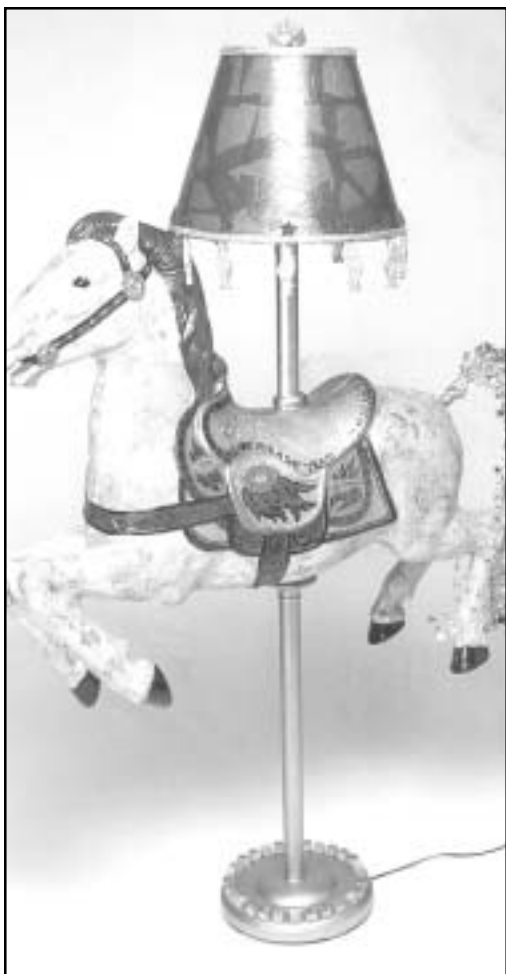
The installation, "The Living Room," will be exhibited at the Carnegie Arts Center from Sunday, Aug. 7, through Saturday, Sept. 10. A gallery opening reception will be held from 1-3 p.m. the first day.

Each of the items created for the installation is an object that may be found in a living room with many whimsical twists. Visitors will discover something new with each viewing of this unique exhibit. A video of the artist talking about her work and an interactive exhibit for kids will be featured as well.

The Wichita Art Museum is able to lend the installation and activities to the center through a grant that pays for the cost of shipping.

Gallery hours at the arts center are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Admission is free.

Sunni Mercer's six sculptures made from "found" items include a floor lamp adorned with a carousel horse, with children's alphabet building blocks around the base. The sculptures will be on display at Carnegie Arts Center starting Sunday, Aug. 7.



## Why get help from Hospice?

Approximately 950,000 people in the United States were cared for by hospice programs in 2003, and the number grows annually.

Hospice Services Inc., covering northwest and northcentral Kansas, cared for 103 persons in fiscal year 2003-2004. The reasons people choose hospice varies, but those generally identified are simple:

- Hospice doesn't seek to lengthen life or hasten death but instead to focus on quality of life.
- Hospice workers (paid and volunteer) provide the person and his family with information and opportunities to participate in the decision-making process and focus the care on symptom management, comfort, dignity and quality of life.
- Staff members assist with all the traditional physical care tasks, such as managing pain medications, therapies and arranging medical equipment, as well as to doing things as simple as providing back rubs, assisting with household chores, talking openly about feelings, arranging transportation to doctors' appointments and helping family members cope.

"They did an excellent job of taking care of all situations during the illness and death of our loved one," said a family member served by Hospice. "I highly recommend Hospice to anyone in need of



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such service."

Another said, "Hospice team is very helpful to the patient and family. It is a great deal of comfort."

"I will forever be grateful for all the

loving and understanding help (my husband) received, as well as support for me and the family," wrote a Hospice client in the family evaluations.

Another spouse said, "They watched over me that I wasn't getting too tired or worn out."

The person, his family or a physician can initiate an information or referral call or visit as soon as a terminal disease is diagnosed or at the time a person decides to move from a treatment plan focused on curing the disease to a plan focused on providing comfort and pain relief.

"Hospice honors wishes," Elizabeth Dole said. "Hospice offers choices. Hospice brings commitment and compassion. Hospice strengthens communities and families. Hospice is about faith, hope and caring."

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## Caution needed when planning trips to avoid vacation nightmare

*Dear Attorney General Kline: My family and I look forward to taking a vacation trip each summer. I recently received an offer of a vacation package prize promotion in the mail which seems like a very good deal, but I'm skeptical. How can I make sure I don't get ripped off?*

Dear Kansas Consumer:

Whether you prefer a mountain top getaway or a relaxing time at a beach, the last thing you want are problems with your family vacation. The first thing you can do is to ask the company to send you more information about the business, including the names of some local



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satisfied customers. You should also contact the Better Business Bureau to check on the number of complaints filed.

Above all, don't make any payments before receiving all the information you need in writing. Copies of the operator/participant contract will spell out what conditions allow the operator to change flight sched-

ules and hotel accommodations and the rules and penalties if you decide to cancel.

Many contracts make allowances for the rescheduling of chartered flights, the

rebooking of hotel accommodations, or other changes that may come as an unpleasant surprise. Also be aware that cancellation will not necessarily result in the return of any money you have already paid.

Many times offers like the one you received may only be an offer to send you a "package" that is not-

ing more than the first step into a high pressure sales presentation. Free vacations are few and far between, and many sales pitches have the ultimate goal of selling you a high-priced, multiple year vacation club or time-share contract.

Be wary of high pressure or time pressure tactics because they are red flags for scams, as are contracts short on details. Take all the time you need to research and plan the vacation you want and don't settle for the package a less-than-straightforward travel agent or company wants to sell you.

Do not give out your credit card, bank information or social security number over the phone unless you have a business relationship with the company making the request.

Scam artists are notorious for asking this information so they can slam fraudulent charges on your

account. If you are asked to provide this information for "verification purposes only," you should request another form of verification be used or that verification be done through the mail.

When you do purchase a vacation package, verify what costs are actually covered because the term "all inclusive" can be misleading. Ask for a detailed list of covered expenses and make sure you understand how lodging, transportation, port taxes, sightseeing guides, gratuities, baggage handling, meals and all other potentially hidden fees will be paid. Ask for an estimated "out-of-pocket" breakdown in writing.

Finally, taking the time to call the providers directly may save you from unexpected surprises when you arrive. Some unscrupulous and/or inept travel agents have

failed to book the passage ordered, leaving the would-be vacationers stranded at home with few options. So, contact the airline, cruise line, hotel, etc. directly to confirm all travel arrangements.

By following these tips, your vacation can end up the trip of your dreams and not a travel nightmare.

*Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help you avoid becoming a victim of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints or questions.*

*For further information or to file a complaint, please write Attorney General Phill Kline, Consumer Protection Division, 120 SW 10th Ave., 2nd Floor, Topeka, Kansas 66612, or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline, 1-800-432-2310.*

## Area crops could stand a good drink

Boy, how hot and dry can we get? Guess it is normal western Kansas weather, but the crops could sure stand a good drink.

Nettie Mills went to Decatur, Texas, to visit her sister and niece. Then she went to Temple, Texas, for her family reunion. Nettie's son took her, and they all had a great time it sounds like.

Mary Ruth Garrett, Gloria and Ron Ribordy and Whitney went to Leavenworth to attend the wedding of Jeremy Presley, the grandson of John and Betty Schroeder. Of course the grandparents attended, too.

Helen Schroeder had a birthday dinner at The Grill. Her guests included Christina Weed, Barbara Schmidt, Pat, Elizabeth and Kent Gladdin. Her sons, Robert and Leon, also attended.

Speaking of birthdays, Ruth Jones is having her 80th birthday on Wednesday, July 20. Have a happy one Ruth and many more.

Steve and Carolyn Richards and Eugene and Doris Schoenberger's grandchildren set up a lemonade and cookie stand in front of the Craft



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Peddler on Friday and Saturday. I suppose business was booming as hot as it was.

There was no blood pressure check on the 19th. The next one will be Aug. 16.

Our prayers go out to Olive Dillinger who is not well. Her address is 1630 Sewell Ave., Apt. A-9, Colby, Kan. 67701 if anyone would like to send her a card.

Collette Carpenter's daughter is home now. She has been visiting with her father in Salina. Collette is sure one happy Mom.

Along with our potluck every Wednesday at the Senior Center, I will be serving soup and sandwiches or salad and sandwiches every Tuesday for a \$2 donation. So come join us; we always have a lot of fun.

things you've set up to keep your life in motion, is there a place in you that is hurt and aching, a hidden place in need of repair.

Yes, I can see. I want to mend you. It is to the broken that I come. Let me in. Don't hide the wounded places. Don't show me only the shiny achievements and competent areas of your life.

I am here for the hurt in you, too. I want to bring health to every part of you. I want to see you grow. I want to make you whole.

So when the wick of your candle is almost out, cry out to me. I will send the gentle wind of my Holy Spirit to stir up that flame of life in you.

Compassionately yours,  
God  
Matthew 12:20.

## Thomas County



**P.R.C.A. RODEO**  
**2 BIG NIGHTS!**  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
August 2 & 3  
**8 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 3**  
**ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW & STATIONARY ENGINE**  
**DISPLAY: 3 - 9 P.M.**

**FREE BBQ:**  
*Sponsored by Cornerstone Ag & the Thomas Co. Fairboard*  
**Wednesday, August 3**  
**@ 5:30 p.m.**

## August 2 - August 6

### ~ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ~

**Saturday, July 23, 9-11 a.m.** - Dog Show (4-H Sacred Heart Gym)  
*Open Class*  
**Monday, July 25, 8:00 a.m.** - Clothing Construction Judging & Revue, Colby United Methodist Church  
10 a.m. - Queen & Princess Horsemanship Contest - Fairgrounds  
7:00 p.m. - Rodeo Queen & Princess Fashion Revue & Speech Contest at Quality Inn

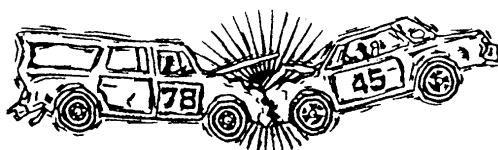
**Tuesday, July 26, 8:00 a.m.** - Ready Made Fashion Judging  
9-11 a.m. - 4-H Lifeskills Judging @ Colby UMC  
7:30 p.m. - Public Fashion Revue @ Colby UMC  
**Thursday, July 28, 8:00 a.m.** - Arts & Crafts Judging, 4-H Bldg.  
7:00 p.m. - Fair Set-up

**Saturday, July 30, 8:30 a.m.** - Shooting Sports  
9:30 a.m. - Open Class Horse Show  
**Sunday, July 31, 1:00-5:00 p.m.** - Booth Construction  
**Monday, Aug. 1, 8:00-10:00 a.m.** - Booth Construction  
9:00 a.m. - 4-H Horse Show  
4-6:30 p.m. - Open Class Entries Dept N - ONLY  
7:00 p.m. - Dog Agility Competition in the Livestock Arena

**Tuesday, Aug. 2, 7:30 a.m.** - 4-H Livestock Weigh-In  
11:00 a.m. Deadline for entry of 4-H Exhibits  
8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Open Class Entries - except Dept. N  
11:30 a.m. - Judging of all 4-H Exhibit  
2:00 p.m. - Cat, Rabbit, Hand Pet & Poultry Show  
3:00 p.m. - Open Exhibits Judged  
**8:00 p.m. - PRCA Rodeo-Crowing of Rodeo Queen & Princess**  
**Wednesday, Aug. 3, 8:00 a.m.** - 4-H Swine & Sheep Show  
3:00-9:00 p.m. - Antique Tractor Show & Shine display  
**5:30 p.m. - Free Barbecue** - come and enjoy!  
**8:00 p.m. - PRCA Rodeo**  
**Thursday, Aug. 4, 8:30 a.m.** - 4-H Dairy, Bucket Calf & Beef Livestock Show  
**8:00 p.m. - Roofmasters Roofing Demolition Derby**  
**Friday, August 5, 9:00 a.m.** - 4-H Round Robin  
4:00 p.m. - Buyers's Appreciation BBQ - 4-H Livestock Sale  
7:00 p.m. - **F&M Insurance Modified Shootout**  
**Saturday, August 6, 10:00 - Parade**  
12:00 p.m. - Pioneer Day - 4-H Building  
7:00 p.m. - **F&M Modified Shoot Out Feature**  
**TICKET PRICES**

(Children under 5 are free)  
PRCA Rodeo: Adults \$10.00, Child (6-12) \$5.00  
Demolition Derby: Adults \$10.00, Child \$5.00  
Races: Adults \$12.00, Child \$5.00

## Roofmasters DEMOLITION DERBY



**Thursday, August 4**  
**8 p.m.**

## 2 NIGHTS OF RACES!!

**Friday, Aug. 5**  
**F&M INSURANCE**  
**MODIFIED**  
**SHOOTOUT**

Modified Qualifying, ASCS  
360 Sprint Cars, Bombers

**7 p.m.**  
**both**  
**nights**

**Saturday, Aug. 6**  
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