

Kansas Guidebook author plans appearance here

Goodland's giant Van Gogh painting is one of over 3,500 places to visit in Kansas towns featured in a new Kansas Guidebook, and the author will be in Goodland for a special book signing next week.

It took two years and over 40,000 miles for Marci Penner to visit every incorporated city in Kansas. She has written "The Kansas Guidebook for Explorers." A chance to meet the author is planned for 5-7

p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Ennis-Handy House.

Penner visited Goodland, met with many business people and toured the city as part of her tour of more than 500 Kansas cities. Special insights into what to see and where to eat are part of the observations she includes in the book.

The guidebook, a project of the Kansas Sampler Foundation founded by Penner, features 3,597

places to visit highlighted by 400 color photos.

"We hope the book serves as a tool to help people plan day trips and find historic, charming and quirky places in every part of the state," Penner said. "Even armchair travelers will enjoy the journey."

The book leads a reader everywhere across the state. It includes observations about customs, architecture, history, scenery, art and the

best shopping in locally owned stores.

Calling it, "The Kansas travel guide with a heart," Penner, executive director of the Sampler Foundation, said she hopes the book will help bolster small towns and businesses across the state. She said a few of the places she wrote about have already closed.

"If thousands of our own people are traveling and appreciating Kan-

sas," she said, "it can make a difference in keeping them alive."

Penner heads up the Kansas Explorers Club and We Kan!, a network that motivates and educates people working to keep small towns alive and thriving in Kansas. She is co-author of three other Kansas guidebooks.

The Sherman County Historical Society, Convention and Visitors Bureau and Economic Develop-

ment Council are cooperating to bring Penner to Goodland.

Penner will be available at 5 p.m. after the Santa parade, and people can join her for some warm cider and cookies while she shares excerpts from her travel book.

The book is available in bookstores and gift shops statewide, or online at www.kansasguidebook.com. The spiral-bound volume retails for \$24.95.

Hunters eat pancakes to aid music program

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Everyone will have a chance to fill up with pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee and support Goodland music students Saturday at the Music Boosters Organization's third annual pancake feed.

The feed will be from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Seventh and Caldwell. Kenny Grieve is in charge with his training from the Lions Club's pancake feeds.

"We are doing this for the kids," Grieve said.

The Music Boosters have no dues, he said. The only requirement is to have a son or daughter in the music programs in seventh to 12th grade at Goodland schools. Charlene Mangus is the chair, Jenna Abernathy is vice chair and Nancy

Shores is the secretary.

Last year, Grieve said, the club started offering scholarships and bought recording equipment with money it raised. Students use the equipment to submit recordings when they apply for honor bands and choruses, he said. The club also helps with treats when the kids go to a music event.

So far this year, he said, the Music Boosters have had a hot dog feast for the marching band and bought pizzas for the kids in the musical "South Pacific."

The next music boosters meeting will be sometime after the pancake feed. For information, call Mangus at 399-2338 or Shores at 890-3321.

"Last year was a grand success," Grieve said of the pancake feed, "and we hope this year is, too."

Flu season approaching, county health has shots

With flu season approaching, health officials say October and November is the best time to get a flu shot.

The Sherman County Health Department is having a walk-in flu shot clinic Monday and today from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. People do not need appointments, said Dorendo Harrel, health department manager. They are covered by Medicare and Medicaid. The cost is \$18 otherwise.

The department got 500 doses in the mail on Friday, Harrel said. If there are shots left over after the clinic, people can make an appoint-

ment to get one.

The vaccine's effectiveness depends on the age and the health of the person receiving the shot, officials say. It also depends on how close the match of the vaccine is to the flu going around. If a person is allergic to eggs, though, they should not get a flu shot.

Flu shots use a killed virus. The nasal mist is a live attenuated influenza vaccine not recommended for the elderly, the chronically ill or very young.

For information, call the health department at 890-4888.

Familiar face has new job at *The Goodland Star-News*

A veteran newspaper person started her new job as a reporter for *The Goodland Star-News* on Monday.

Pat Schiefen came to the *The Goodland Daily News* in October 2000 with the purchase of the *Sherman County Star*, a weekly run by Roxie and Eric Yonkey. She had worked at the *Star* for a year and a half as office manager.

Since the merger, she has been a proofreader and helped with circulation, billing, classified advertising, ad design and page makeup. Since the end of August, she had been the interim publisher of the *Colby Free Press* until John Van Nostrand took over the position last week.

Schiefen grew up in southwest Kansas, graduating from Lakin High School and Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina. She has lived in Goodland since the 1970s. With a degree in chemistry, she worked at the Great Western Sugar plant from 1976 to 1983.

Music has always been her special interest. She has been a mem-

ber of Goodland Federated Music Club since the 1980s, serving in many capacities. She plays the bass recorder in the Goodland Recorder Ensemble.

For almost two years she has been the secretary at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, as well as serving on the vestry, or governing board.

Her son, James Schiefen, attends Colorado Technical University in Colorado Springs. Her mother, Henrietta Homm, also lives in Goodland.

"I look forward to learning new things," says Schiefen of her job change.

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The finishing touch to Pioneer Park



City workers spent last week erecting the gazebo at Pioneer Park. The gazebo, donated by the Goodland Kiwanis Club, is

the final touch to the park project on Cherry Ave., which was completed last month. Photo by Mona Carver/The Goodland Star-News

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