

Julie Leiker's pencil drawing called "Simplicity" is going to an art contest in New York in April. The drawing was a gold key winner at the regional art show.

Senior has two pencil drawings going to art contest in New York

A Goodland High senior has two pencil drawings going to a national Academic Scholastic Art Contest in New York next month.

Julie Leiker, daughter of Delilah and Don Leiker, entered three pieces in the regional Academic Scholastic Art Contest in Montezuma.

"I had not entered before and no one from Goodland had," she said.

The third piece she entered was a watercolor. The contest had five best of shows and 50 "gold key" winners who go the national contest.

Leiker

while her water color got an honorable mention.

She said she has been drawing since junior high. People are her favorite subject. She has had most of her art instruction in school but last summer she took a watercolor class.

Last year, she said, she had a pencil drawing, color pencil drawing and watercolor in the Northwest Kansas League Art Show in Oberlin.

"My favorite is pencil," Leiker said. "Water colors are easier for me than acrylics or oils. Char-

coal is too messy." She would like to paint in oils and do clay sculp-

ture.

Leiker said her favorite artist is Leonardo daVinci, especially the "Mona Lisa." She went to Europe last summer with Elaine Felver's group to Ireland, Great Britain and France. She got to see the "Mona Lisa" at the Louvre in Paris. Her other favorite was Johannes Vermeer, a Dutch painter.

Leiker plans to go to Kansas Wesleyan Univer-Leiker's pencil drawings were gold key winners sity in Salina but hasn't picked a major yet.

"I'll always be drawing or painting," she said.

Mental health center has fewer patients here

By Tom Betz

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Business for the High Plains Mental Health Center was up by 2.5 percent in the agency's area, but down by about 12 percent in Sherman County, commissioners heard Tuesday.

Karen D. Beery, director of education and public relations for High Plains, presented the agency's report at the county meeting along with Tracy Hillmer, manager of the Goodland and Colby offices.

Berry said the agency was not asking for an increase in money from the county, but did want to maintain the \$35,000 the county gave last year.

Present at the meeting were Meripat Bowman of Golden West Community Services, who is the county's representative on the agency's board, and Dennis Daise of Big Brothers-Big Sisters, the al-

Berry said offices in the 20county area saw 4,858 people, an increase of about 2.5 percent or 121 people. The Sherman County office saw 297 people, a drop of about 12 percent or 40 patients from last

She said patient income contin- to the center.

ues to increase and, last year 51.4 percent of operating costs, \$4,589,519, was paid by patients or their insurance. State aid last year was \$736,308, 8.3 percent, while county levies were \$570,250, or 6.4 percent. The federal mental health money amounted to 27 percent, or \$2,408,589.

the cost of patient care was \$461,610, but the income received through the center was \$423,741, leaving a shortfall of \$37,869.

Berry said the shortfall was being covered through the 20-county program, and they were not asking for an increase in the county's contri-

She said the respite center in Hays is doing better, and that Hillmer has sent some people there for a few days of special attention.

"It is intense 24-hour supervision," Berry said. "Generally speaking, it is 3-4 days, but some can be longer depending on their

"It keeps them out of the state hospital.'

County clients, Berry said depres- In the 65-and-over group, there sion is the top reason people come were 15, four men and 11 women.

Hillmer said some classes are done by television conferencing. She said Eddie Blackwell of Hays handles stress management classes, and the video system allows people to attend without having to travel.

Bowman asked if they were seeing better results from the television classes. Hillmer said that about half For Sherman County, she said, the people do better after completing the classes.

> Commissioner Kevin Rasure said it appeared the age of clients is going up. Hillmer said she felt it was because the people were getting

> Of the 297 clients in Sherman County, 142 were men and 155 women. The largest age group was those from 25 to 59, which was 160 with 75 men and 85 women.

> There were 19 age 9 and younger. Of those, nine were boys and 10 were girls. The second largest group was 10-19 with 59, 31 boys and 28 girls. In the 20-24 age group were 37 clients, 22 were men and 15

Those getting close to retirement age, 60-64, amounted to seven cli-Looking at the chart of Sherman ents with one man and six women.

Storm spotter training offered by weather service

and the weather warmer, means Atwood Prairie Development Cen-storms and how they develop. There storm season. It's also the time for the annual storm spotter training offered by the National Weather

Basic spotter training will be offered at the Goodland National 13, at the Tribune EMS Building. Guard Armory at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Other times the class will be of-

Spring, when plants turn green (Mountain Time) Monday at the will talk about types of clouds and ter; Tuesday, April 4, and at the St. Francis High School cafeteria; and at 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the of having the information only spot-Sharon Springs Community Activity Building, and Thursday, April

The classes are free, open to everyone and will last about 2 1/2 6412 or e-mail david.l.floyd@ fered in the area are at 6 p.m. hours. Meteorologist David Floyd noaa.gov.

will be pictures of storms from the area. He will explain the importance ters can supply.

There will be an advanced storm spotter class in Colby in early May. For information, call (785) 899-

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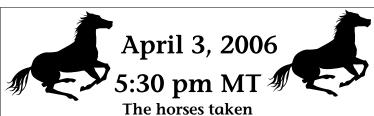
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