



David Branda (above), minority owner and manager, filled a coffee maker with water at the Goodland Grind and Gallery on Wednesday. Owner Brian Freeman (right) worked behind the cash register. The coffeehouse opened during the Flatlander Fall Festival and has stayed busy since.

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Shop offers place to drink coffee, visit with friends

By Sharon Corcoran

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The name "Cheers!" was already taken for the place where "everybody knows your name," but at the Goodland Grind and Gallery, you can pull up a chair and have coffee in a mug with your name on it.

Even though the coffeehouse has been open less than a month, it is hard to believe the building at 1530 Main hasn't always been the scene for "java," treats and gossip, or that the familiar staff who knows everybody by name has only been pouring the "joe" for a few weeks.

Owners Brian and Victoria Freeman, who moved to Goodland from Denver two years ago, have become familiar faces. Minority owner and

manager David Branda is known as the owner of the Sherman Theatre, and gallery coordinator Kay Younger, wife of Dr. David Younger, comes from the Sherman County Economic Development office, the Goodland Arts Council and the Northwest Kansas Artists Roundtable.

Other staff members include Virginia Palmgren, Wanda Schritter, Evelyn Baker, Candee Cottam and Stephanie McGinley.

Customers can buy a mug by Salina potter Steve Coburn, and after enjoying their coffee, leave it at the shop to be washed and marked with their name on a brass ring so it will be waiting when they return.

The coffeehouse is a gallery

decorated with the work of area artists. The art is for sale, and what doesn't sell within a month will be replaced with a new display.

The shop will have "First Friday" events, Victoria Freeman said, featuring an art-related demonstration or live performance.

Next month, she said, Goodland artist George Adelgren will do a wood-turning demonstration at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. Adelgren's work has been on display in the shop, and two pieces have already sold.

"We want a variety of art for the gallery," Freeman said, "including glass, jewelry, paintings and sculpture."

Any artist wanting to display

work should call Mrs. Younger at 890-7690 or talk to her at the shop. Artists will need to fill out an application, Freeman said, and bring in samples or photographs of their work.

A panel from the roundtable reviews the incoming artists, Freeman said, adding that she and Brian make the final decisions.

The shop's grand opening was Saturday, Sept. 23, during the Flatlander Fall Festival, and with a sharp north wind, it was the perfect day for it.

"There were lines out the door three times," Freeman said. "It was great, perfect coffee weather."

The shop has stayed busy too, she said, with people coming in for lunch or to stay awhile. People can have meetings, she said, plan their day, visit with friends, shop in the gallery or just relax, whatever they want to do.

Besides regular and "decaf," the shop serves cappuccino, macchiatos and its signature drink, the "Freemaccino," a flavored frozen espresso drink.

Even people who don't like coffee can enjoy the shop, Freeman said, as they have teas available and several flavors of Italian soda.

The shop serves double chocolate chip cookies, chocolate chunk and blueberry lemon scones and turnovers. The pastries are baked here every day, she said, and the shop serves sandwiches with deli cold cuts or as grilled panini.

Victoria's grandmother Bobbie Evans lives with them and spends time at the shop visiting with them, with her "buddy," Branda, and with customers.

Though Evans enjoys the shop now, Victoria said, she had to be convinced. When the building was being renovated, Brian said, she

walked in and said, "This is never gonna work; it has too far to go."

The shop is in the old Moose Lodge, which was in such bad shape that many who looked at it thought it needed to be torn down. But the Freemans saw more in the building.

When people haven't done restoration, Brian said, they don't see what it could be.

There is still some work to be done. The couple is trying to finish the stucco on the outside before winter, and they plan to add a courtyard on the north in the spring.

Tina Goodwin, director of the Carnegie Arts Center, and Younger, at the time Economic Development coordinator, applied for a grant to do a mural on the south wall, and the Freemans are waiting for the results.

If the grant comes through, artist Shirley Houston has offered to do the mural next year.

Four arrested for burglaries, including three charged here

By Jan Katz Ackerman

Colby Free Press

Four men have been arrested for breaking into a potato-chip truck last month in Brewster, including three charged in seven burglaries and thefts in Goodland the third weekend of September.

The Goodland thefts occurred between Friday, Sept. 22, to Monday, Sept. 25, from one home and many vehicles, police said. The vehicles, in different parts of town, were locked.

"Colby made an arrest on someone who was not involved but knew about the burglaries in Sherman County and they let us know," said Goodland Police Chief Ray Smee.

Thomas County Sheriff Mike Baughn said last Monday that Michael L. Doxon, 19, Edson, and three Goodland men, Nicholes E. Slusher, 18; Andres J. Zimkus, 21; and Joseph C. Lindsley, 20, allegedly broke into a Frito Lay truck sometime between 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sept. 25 in the 200 block of Rock Island.

Baughn said about \$870 dollars worth of chips and other products was taken. He said the same men allegedly took a stereo and speakers from a car in the 300 block of

Nebraska and a satellite radio from a car in the 300 block of Kansas.

Baughn said while investigating the crimes in Brewster, his office learned that officers in Goodland suspected the same group of crimes in Sherman County.

"We had information that the incidents were related," Baughn said.

"We contacted the Goodland Police Department and Sherman County Sheriff's Office and a deputy and myself assisted them on a search and recovered some of the stolen property."

Baughn said when the search

warrant was served at the home of Lindsley, Goodland officers were able to solve several burglaries. The three from Goodland have made a first appearance in Sherman County District Court on charges which include burglary, possession of stolen property and criminal use of a bank card.

Paperwork suggesting charges of burglary and theft has been forwarded to Thomas County Attorney Andrea Wyrick. All four men were released from the Thomas County jail on recognizance bonds, the sheriff said.

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