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Lea will like it too." Keller's show will remain at the LCM Art Gallery through

the LCM Art Gallery through Nov. 14. Each of Keller's framed photographs will be for sale, including several of the Lea County images and five copies of the photograph of Giles Lee that has been used in the ads for the show.

The Lea County Museum Art Gallery is located on the south side of the Lea County Courthouse at 114 E. Central in Lovington.

Refreshments will be served at the reception.

For more information, contact the museum at 575-396-4805 or visit the website at www.leacountymuseum.org.

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