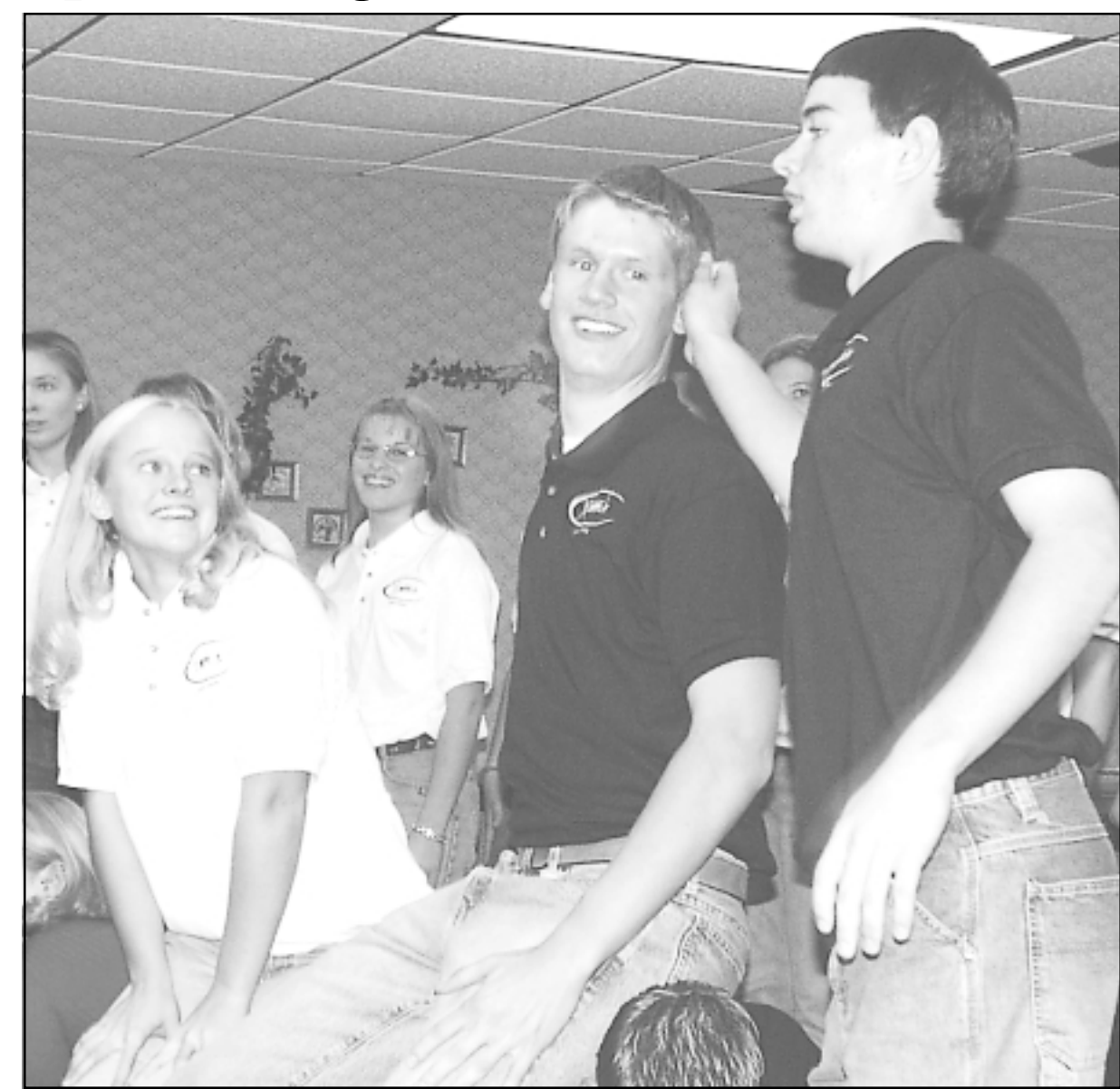


# Xpressos sing for their check



The Goodland High School XPressos performed for members and guests of the Goodland Kiwanis Club last week. Kiwanis President Rich Hoffman presented the Xpressos a check for \$1,000 for their \$10,000 fund-raising campaign to attend a national show choir contest next year in Branson, Mo. The club challenged other service organizations to match its gift. From left, Jessica Vignery, Amanda Jolly, Josh Topliff and Preston Lambrecht were featured in the number "Ya' Mamma Don't Dance." Randy Berls is the vocal director. Many Xpressos members are involved in this weekend's school musical, "Fiddler on the Roof." Darin Richardson (above) sang one of the numbers.

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# Shooting reports near

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in Burlington, Colo., when Mark Palmer, Carmel, Ind., rolled his car on I-70, and ended on I-70 in Sherman County, with a trooper shooting the young man four times.

Palmer was living in Fort Collins, Colo., where he had attended college, but was not enrolled for the fall semester.

A friend in Fort Collins said he had been stressed and was probably driving home to Indiana.

After wrecking his car, Palmer ran from the scene, threatened Colorado officers, stole two pickups and a trooper's cruiser, got into three crashes, knocked a deputy down with a stolen patrol car and allegedly tried to grab an officer's gun.

The focus of the KBI's investigation was whether the officer had a good reason to shoot and why Palmer acted the way he did.

Blecha said agents are just gathering the information, and it will be up to Selby to rule on the case.

He said the results of the autopsy, performed by Dr. Eric Mitchell, a Shawnee County coroner, will also be forwarded to Selby. Blecha said he doesn't know when that report will be finished.

Selby said on Friday that the KBI is being "very thorough" and she doesn't expect the investigation results anytime soon. She said the autopsy results and other information will be open to the public.

# Recycling could be started as early as January

A recycling program could be started in Goodland and Sherman County by January if the county or city, or both will sign a letter, officials of a Colorado recycling program say.

Ray Lariviere of Lamar, executive director for Southeast and Eastern Colorado Recycling, said it would be good if the city and county created a small committee with a representative from the county, the city and Kanorado. From these three, the county would then have a voting member of the board.

At a meeting Tuesday with city and county commissioners, he was asked about plastics and cardboard, but he said they do not collect these items. He said they did a pilot program for cardboard, but after a couple of years a private group decided to get into the cardboard business. He said at the time, the market for cardboard was about \$200 a ton, but that today it is about \$70. He said the private company continues to

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tainers fill up.

"We have found that as the program grows," he said, "we need to use larger containers for paper especially, and we want to be able to handle the needs of the community."

Based on the 10-year experience, Lariviere said the average cost of putting material in a landfill is \$13-15 per cubic yard, and that recycling could save 1,200 to 1,400 cubic yards for an annual savings of \$14,000 to 18,000, which could

cover the county's entire cost.

"Our program works because it is efficient," he said, "and because our program does not require a lot of labor other than the collection effort by the citizens."

He recommended about four sites around Goodland to collect the materials, and suggested they be placed where people will see them and can easily reach them.

"You will be amazed," he said, "at how much the citizens will recycle if the sites are where they can be seen, and where they are placed where many people drive by."

collect cardboard along the Arkansas Valley, though, and that the City of Lamar pays a company from Pueblo to take the collected cardboard away in boxes.

a reason we don't handle it, but I agree you need to find a way to handle this material."

After Lariviere left the meeting, Goodland Mayor Tom Rohr said, "We would like to see it started, but wonder how to pay for it. I thought someone was going to work on a grant program to help find some money."

There was some discussion about the new county tipping fee, and City Manager Ron Pickman said it seemed somewhat unfair because all the citizens of the city were also citizens of the county and pay the county solid waste fee on their property tax bill.

Curt Way, county public works director, said the recycling program would help the city because it would reduce the tonnage being taken to the transfer station, and therefore reduce the amount of tipping fee the city would pay.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said the county is willing to help with

the cost, but wanted to know what the city's participation would be.

City Commissioner Curtis Hurd asked what the county might propose.

Frankenfeld said the county could consider paying half the cost of collection containers and would pay the out-of-city portion of the annual \$2 fee. On the cardboard, he said the county would consider paying for half the cost of a bailer.

Commissioners discussed the need to teach people about recycling, and the fact that there are materials available for the schools.

Rohr said he wanted to be sure the tax money was being spent in the best interest of the citizens. Pickman said he did not see where there was an incentive for the citizens to recycle under the proposal.

Dave Daniels, member of the county solid waste committee, said he felt the people want to recycle, and that the

savings to the city and county would be further incentive.

"Citizens want to see taxes go down," Daniels said. "If it is going to lower taxes, people will help."

"We want to see something happen," Rohr said, "but at a minimum cost."

Commissioner Frankenfeld said the county would produce a written proposal and get it to the city before the end of the week. Pickman said it could be on the city agenda for Monday, Nov. 19.

The next county commission meeting close to that date would be the final meeting of the month on Friday, Nov. 30.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said the county could call a special meeting before that if the city was agreeable or had questions.

"We'll write it down today," Frankenfeld said.

# Kansas will reject settlement with Microsoft, attorney general says

TOPEKA (AP) — Attorney General Carla Stovall declined Tuesday to sign on to the settlement agreement with Microsoft, saying Kansas will proceed with an antitrust lawsuit with at least three other states.

Stovall said her staff and those of other attorneys general had intensely reviewed Microsoft's agreement with

the Justice Department before deciding not to accept the deal.

The settlement requires Microsoft to provide technical details to help rivals make products compatible with its monopoly Windows operating system and to give an oversight panel full access to its books and plans for five years.

"My conversations with industry experts, including state officials, have led me to believe that while the revised settlement provides more protection than the original DOJ settlement, it does not sufficiently restore fair com-

petition and stop Microsoft's illegal conduct," Stovall said.

Kansas joined 17 states and the federal government in filing an antitrust lawsuit against the computer software giant in 1998.

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