



The senior girls, including (from left) Sandy Johnson, Jillian Parker and Lea Shores, sang "Wannabe" as part of the X-Pressos' guest night Thursday at the high school auditorium. A guest performer was 2001 Goodland graduate Andra (Townsend) Nielsen (above), with her accompanist Andy Gurley who came from Nashville.
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X-Pressos sing final concert for full house

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Music ranged through country, the '70s, blues, jazz and tunes from Broadway shows as the 2007 X-Pressos sang their final concert together Thursday to a packed Goodland High School Auditorium with hope and not a little sadness.

A former X-Presso, Andra (Townsend) Nielsen, thrilled the audience with four songs. A 2001 Goodland High School graduate, Nielsen lives and works in Nashville. She said she was thrilled to have been asked to sing with her old group. She signed autographs during the intermission. Nielsen, with Andy Gurley on guitar, talked about paying her dues and how she met Gurley to accom-

pany her at a performance at a grocery store. She kidded him about how he never figured he would end up going to Goodland, Kan. The show choir's program was a take off on the Oscars. Someone would announce categories and contestants, with the seniors winning the awards. The graduating members sang

solos, including Ashley Cebula with "Moon River," Vanessa Crotinger "Delta Dawn," Kerek Mason "Friends," Sandy Johnson "Broken Bridges," Jena McCall "Stand Up for Love," John Mosbarger "Ring of Fire," Jillian Parker "Popular," Lea Shores "Someone to Watch Over Me," and Michael Smith "Listen." Kerri Bellamy was also a senior member.

Other singing solos were Devin Mangus, Taylor McLemore and Kade Sheldon. Accompanists included Nancy Shores, the high school jazz band, Danny Mangus, Jay and Carol Jolly and band teacher Deanne Spanier. The other members of X-Pressos are Mangus, McLemore, Sheldon, Tanner Oharah, Brennen Clouse, Andrew Philbrick, Chris Irvin,

Forrest Trachsel, Jake Kling, Ren Scherling, Callie Warren, Samantha Raymer, Hannah West and Amanda Amthor. Members of the jazz band include Renea Reasoner, Clouse, Ben Waugh, Andrew Pettibone, Josiah Goodley, Chris and Ryan Irvin, Parker and Grant Wilkens.

City fire chief resigns with letter on Monday

City Fire Chief Scott Gilmer resigned Monday morning, said Wayne Hill city manager, leaving the city looking for a new leader for its mostly new volunteer corps. "I did not ask for his resignation," Hill said. "He came in this morning and handed me his letter of resignation." "I have named assistant chief Brian James as the interim chief, and will begin the process of advertising for a new fire chief." Hill said James has an associate's degree in fire fighting, and is a qualified fire fighter. Hill said he would not comment on any possible reasons for the resignation, but that the action

was voluntary. Gilmer has been chief for about a year. He was acquitted by a jury in December of charges of attempted theft of cigarettes, and was suspended in February for testing positive for alcohol while a passenger in a vehicle making a rescue run during a snow storm in January. Twelve city volunteer firemen quit in protest in March after Gilmer refused to resign when a 30-day suspension without pay ended. Several later joined the county rural fire department. Gilmer has been a member of the volunteer fire department for 20 years.

Road work waiting on field check

Work on repaving County Road 14 from Old U.S. 24 to West Eighth Street is waiting on a field check by state engineers, Sherman County commissioners heard last Tuesday. Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked Darin Neufeld, the engineer with Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates designing the road, how the project was coming along. The county plans to rebuild the mile of road, which runs past the entrance to the ADM-Northern Sun sunflower plant and the Goodland Energy Center, with new concrete paving. The project is being paid for by part of a special 1-cent county sales tax, plus a state economic development grant of \$800,000. Neufeld said he is waiting on the state Department of Transportation to do a field check, which is scheduled for June. He said he would come back to the commissioners on Thursday, May 31, to discuss the design plans. County Public Works Manager

Curt Way said he had been told by the state the field check is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5. "I called the state on Monday," Neufeld said, "and was told they did not know for sure. The last time they had one in Tribune, they called me on Monday and said they would be there on Wednesday." Neufeld said the department has just two men doing field checks and they split the state into north and south halves. He said the Road 14 plan is designed "to the maximum," but may have to be cut back based on the amount of sales tax money left to pay for the work. The project will be paid for from a \$12 million city-county bond issue approved by county voters. Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked Neufeld if he had talked to the Goodland Energy Center people in the past few days, because he had heard they may need three separate entrances to handle all the truck

traffic. Neufeld said he had heard there may be a problem with the entrances, but that will not affect the Road 14 project. "We will put on paper and build whatever they need," Neufeld said. "They are thinking they need a way to handle the sunflower trucks." Neufeld asked about progress on the County Road 16 project, which calls for paving a mile of that road two miles east of the Road 14

project. Way said Penco Engineering of Plainville is working on the design for the one-mile section but has to work out some details around the railroad crossing. Neufeld said that is the only part of the joint city-county road project that has not been put up for bid. "With a bid on that," he said, "we can start back figuring to see what we will have left for the county side of Road 14."

corrections

An article, "Partnership feels public forum on drinking worked," in the May 1 issue of *The Goodland Star-News* included comments which members of the Sherman County Partnership for Prevention and Education did not intend for publication. This resulted from a misunderstanding by the reporter, and was not intentional.

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