

High school musicians end year singing, dancing

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High school vocal students sang together as a group for the last time last Monday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium, with performances by the Mass Choir, Les Chantes, Mixed Chorale and X-Pressos.

Callee Warren and Brook Redlin sang solos with the Mass Choir, and Shonna Webster sang with Les Chantes, the women's choir. Jena McCall, Kade Sheldon and Jillian Parker sang solos with the show choir, the X-Pressos.

Halli Stone choreographed a number for Les Chantes and Ashley Cebula and Vanessa Crotinger choreographed one for the X-Pressos. Before the last number, vocal teacher Randy Berls gave out the music awards for the year.

Students who participated in the Kansas Music Educators Association Honor Choir were Lea Shores, McCall, Brennen Clouse, Tanner Oharah, Michael Smith and Parker. Berls recognized the cast, crew and parents that helped with the musical.

At regional piano contest, Kaitlin Fugleberg, Parker, Reanea Reasoner, Kathy Wood and Heidi Yonker got 2 ratings, while Lea Shores earned a 1. Shores received a 2 at the state piano contest.

At the regional contest, the X-Pressos Women and Les Chantes got 2s; the male quartet, mixed chorale and X-Pressos earned 1s; Dallas Price and Michelle Smith 3s; Brook Redlin, Andrew Philbrick, Julica Bonsall, Fugleberg, Kerri Bellamy, Sandra Redlin and Hannah Blake had 2s; and Oharah, Michael Smith, Clouse, Bryan Gray, Parker, Tiffany Wing, McCall and Shores all had 1s.

At state, the male quartet got a, mixed chorale, senior quartet, X-Pressos, Clouse, Gray, Wing and Parker rated 2, with Oharah, Michael Smith and McCall earning 1s.

Berls thanked the parents who helped with the X-Pressos' trip to Denver and recognized accompanists Nancy Shores, Geryl Parker, Carol Jolly and Melanie Biel.

The winner of the Margaret Martin Piano Award was Parker, who also won the Goodland Music Boosters Scholarship.

Students who lettered in vocal music were Sandra Redlin, Fugleberg, Wing, Price, Parker, McCall, Michael Smith, Kerek Mason, Taylor McLemore, Ren Scherling, Clouse, Chris Irvin, Devin Mangus, Jake Kling, Warren, Bonsall, Michelle Smith, Sandy Johnson, Lea Shores, Gray,



X-Pressos members (from left) Forrest Trachsel, Sammie Raymer, Andrew Philbrick, Kade Sheldon, Amanda Amthor, Ren Scherling and Shonna Webster sang and danced to "Broadway Boogie" at

Crotinger, Cebula, John Mosbarger, Amanda Amthor, Bellamy and Philbrick, Sheldon, Oharah, Samantha Raymer.

the last high school vocal concert of the year at the high school auditorium.

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McCall won the Choral Music Student of the Year award given by the Goodland Federated Music Club.

Arts Council asks city for chair lift

By Tom Betz
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Getting into the Carnegie Arts Center has been tough for handicapped people, and Monday the Goodland Arts Council asked the City Commission to install a lift to make the building accessible again.

Center Director Tina Goodwin made the plea as part of the council's annual budget request for money from the city to help keep the center open.

Goodwin said the old chair lift had to be taken out about five years ago because it was broken and could not be repaired. She said at least one had complained since, but a plan to put in a new lift had been scrapped.

She said the council and city discussed several plans over the past few years but all were abandoned because they were not acceptable to the state Historical Society or were too expensive. The Historical Society must approve any changes to the building, the old Carnegie Library, since it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Goodwin said she had been going through accessibility guidelines and had talked to the state people about the problem.

She said the state had agreed that since the chair lift was in place when the building was accepted on the national register and replacing it would not be a change to the building.

"Replacing the chair lift would be the best option," she said. "The elderly can't climb the steps, and we are hosting a show in August of the work of a man who is in a wheelchair. I have been trying to figure out how to get him up the stairs for his show."

City Commissioner Dave Daniels, who opened the meeting in the absence of Mayor Rick Billinger, asked Goodwin if there were any grants to help with the cost.

"There was some money 10 years ago," Goodwin said, "but then we did not need it. Now we don't have access, and now there's no money." City Manager Wayne Hill said he

had talked to Goodwin. He said Steve Criswell, city building inspector, is trying to get an estimate for a chair lift.

Goodwin said she had talked with Criswell and he said it would be about \$14,000.

Hill asked if there was a problem at the top of the steps.

Goodwin said she had checked the accessibility requirements and you need 60 inches to turn a wheelchair around.

"We have 72 inches," she said. "I believe we have the room on the porch."

She said the double screen doors because they open out, and they may have to remove them to make the building accessible.

Hill asked if they are looking at a cage lift.

"That is what was there before," Goodwin said. "That is the \$14,000 we are talking about."

Daniels said the commission would consider the request as part of the budget.

"We would like you to keep in

mind it is a city building," Goodwin said.

"What kind of time frame are we looking at if we decide to get into it?" asked Commissioner Annette Fairbanks.

Goodwin said all the pieces are available to install a new lift, and it could be there in a matter of weeks.

She said the council is asking for \$2,500 to help cover operating costs out of a total annual budget of about \$40,000.

Goodwin said the center had more than 2,000 visitors last year, and the building is used for monthly shows, workshops for children and adults and hosts art shows for the young people of the school district to show off their work.

She said visitors came from around the country, and they spend money in the community, making the center an economic asset.

She said the council and center have been a part of the after-school program, and helped establish an art appreciation program for the elementary schools.

Rural fire department wants safety trailer

Teaching kids 14 and younger about fire prevention and safety will be a bit easier with a new fire safety house and hazardous-weather training trailer the Sherman County Rural Fire Department plans to buy.

Rural Fire Chief Alan David said the county has been borrowing a fire-safety training trailer for several years, but he said with the help of a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant the county plans to buy a trailer.

David said the grant will cover 95 percent, or \$53,021, and the rural

fire department \$2,790 of the total \$55,811 cost.

"The mobile trailer will be taken to area schools, day cares and community events," he said, "to educate children about fire prevention and

... severe storm safety."

The grant application was prepared by the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission of Hill City, of which Sherman County is a member, he said.

The rural department provides fire protection to 1,080 square miles, all of Sherman County — excluding Goodland — and four townships in Thomas County.

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County to hear update on Road 14 project

Sherman County commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Thursday to hear an update on the design for the one-mile section of Road 14 that runs by the sunflower plant and the Goodland Energy Center.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the date on the meeting agenda posted on the county website was wrong, and the meeting will be Thursday.

Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates will talk with commissioners on the plans for Road 14, one of the projects being paid for by the one-cent county sales tax. The county has an economic development grant of \$800,000 from the state to help pay for concrete paving on a project estimated to cost over \$2 million.

Neufeld is on the agenda for 8:30 a.m., after County Health

Director Dorendo Harrel, who will talk to the commissioners about oral health care.

Other items on the agenda include:

- 8:45 a.m. Fred Stasser, who wants to purchase a piece of county right of way about four miles east of town to build an access road.
- 9:15 a.m. Request for money from Leadership Sherman County.
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss changes with Brad Schields of the new building for the Sherman County Community Services carnival equipment repair and storage.
- 10 a.m. Review proposal for fire protection mutual aid with the city.

The commissioners meet in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway.

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