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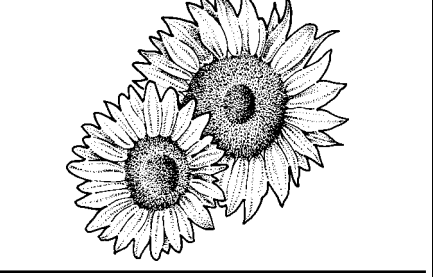
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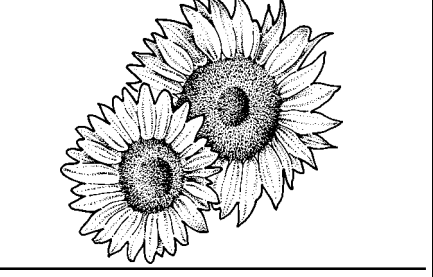
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Members of the Goodland High School band held an exhibition for the public on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Music Boosters support band, choir and community

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News
Parents, teachers, students and music lovers in the Goodland Music Boosters club are heading into their third year of supporting all types of music.

The club provides that little boost to let singers and instrumentalists know they're appreciated.

Charlene Mangus, president of the boosters club, said last year the group raised enough money to buy a \$1,600 sound system for the high school. Mangus said the system will let the music department record on to compact discs. She said now they have to pay for recordings they need for contests and other uses.

"It was something the school was needing," she said.

Last year, the club gave out \$900 in scholarships to two Goodland High School students going into music in college, too.

The club sent two students to a drill team leadership camp in August and donated to the XPressos for a trip to Branson, Mo., last year.

Whether they send the kids or just help out with meals, Mangus said, they want to lend a hand to help advance music groups.

The boosters club started out this year by surprising band students with a pizza party after a long day of practice.

Each year the band has an exhibition before school starts to show the community

what they've learned in band camp. After the exhibition the boosters held a tailgate party for the kids and the community.

"Music boosters is trying to do special things for the kids in school," said Mangus. "The kids had a lot of fun."

At intermission during one of the school basketball games last year, the club brought in pizza to feed the band.

"We give the kids a little extra pat on the back," Mangus said.

The club holds a reception for students and the community every year after opening night of the high school musical.

When the band heads out on a field trip to the Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo., this year the club will send coolers with water and snacks. They sometimes provide breakfast before and snacks after contests.

"We're there in the background to help out," Mangus said adding they help supplement a financially strapped school.

"Anything we make goes right to the community," she said.

To promote music, the boosters club bought an ad for the Kansas shrine bowl and they buy an ad in the school year-book each year.

For fundraisers every year club members work evenings at the Kiwanis booth at the fair. Mangus said they take the evening shifts.

The club holds a big pancake breakfast

at the opening of pheasant season every year at the Knights of Columbus hall.

This year, members of the club worked the concession stand at the Goodland swim meet to raise money.

"We really did well," at the swim meet said Mangus.

Last year the club ran two concession stand, one at the Topside Tipoff and one for Basketball Madness.

Mangus said the club is not just for students and parents, but is open to anyone who loves music.

She said the boosters helped support things outside of the schools, like making a contribution to piano duo concert that was brought in by the Carnegie Arts Center last year.

"A lot of people want to see music and the fine arts," Mangus said. "We're there to promote music in the community."

The club doesn't ask for any dues and meets roughly once a month, but meeting times aren't set.

Members of the community bring suggestions to the club and they vote to determine what they will support.

Mangus said the XPressos group may get new outfits this year, a cost the club could help offset.

"We're just there to support them," she said.

The next big project for the group is to place a float in the homecoming parade. Mangus said the club will start to talk about arrangements for the reception after the musical at their next meeting.



Band members (right) tried to teach Steve Raymer, high school assistant principal, how to march in a band at a special exhibition before school started last month. Band members (above) played their instruments at the same exhibition. The Music Boosters club treated the band and community members to a tailgate party after they finished performing.
Photos by JoAnn Wahrman



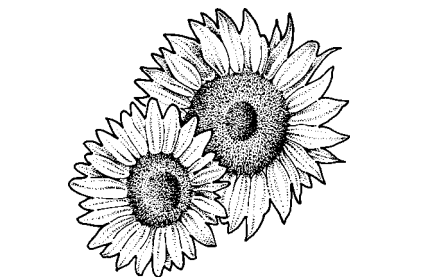
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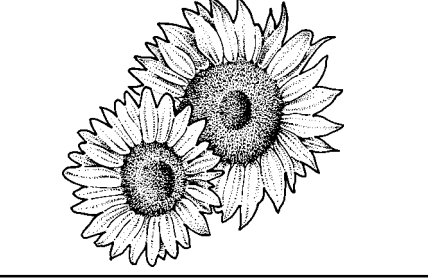
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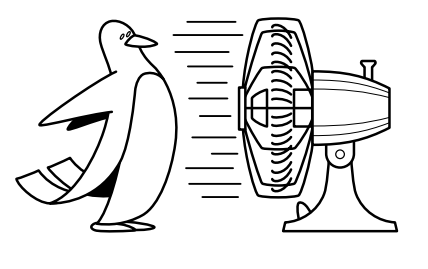
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