



Band teacher Deanne Spanier talked with Tanner O'Harah (above), who got a I rating on his trombone solo at the Regional Music Contest for soloists and small ensembles Saturday in Oberlin. Jessica Lu (right) got a II on her flute solo.
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Students go to contest

By Pat Schiefen

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Soloists and small ensembles from Goodland High School competed at Regional Music Contest in Oberlin last Saturday, and students who received a I rating will go to the state contest in Andover on Saturday, April 29.

Vocal solos that received a I were Tanner O'Harah, Michael Smith, Tiffany Wing, Jillian Parker, Jena McCall and Lea Shores. A mixed

quartet of X-Presso members Smith, Jon Beeson, McCall and Parker also received a I.

Soloists who received a II were Andrew Philbrick, Brennen Clouse, Kaitlin Fugleberg, Kerri Bellamy, Briana Taylor, Hannah West, Samatha Philbrick, Andrea Grieve, Hannah Blake and Michelle Smith. The X-Pressos; Les Chantes; freshman mixed quintet of Blake, Chelsie Gausman, Courtney Sheldon, Kade Sheldon and

Clouse; freshman men's trio of O'Harah, Brian Gray and Kade Sheldon; and women's trio of Taylor, Wing and West also received a II.

Members of X-Pressos are Grieve, Sandy Johnson, Parker, Samantha Philbrick, Shores, Bellamy, Ashley Cebula, Vanessa Crotinger, Jordan Frazier, McCall, Nathan Linin, Beeson, Kerek Mason, Andrew Philbrick, Forrest Trachsel, Josh Cech, Jake Kling,



John Mosbarger, Ren Scherling and Michael Smith.

The member of Les Chantes are Jessica Lu, Holly Kibel, Lacey Ridder, Tiffanie Schlink, Taylor, West, Amanda Amthor, Marisa Acuff, Jennie Cole, Alicia Felver, Samantha Raymer, Eryn Topliff, Wing, and Ashley Christians.

Vocal instructors for the high school are Randy Berls and Joey

Nickols with Nancy Shores as accompanist.

Instrumental soloists that got a I rating were O'Harah on the trombone, Danielle Pettibone on the flute and Brandon Zelfer on the baritone. Ensembles getting a I were the saxophone quartet of Cebula, Crotinger, McCall and Johnson; the clarinet ensemble of Ridder, Shores, Kylie Buller,

Parker and Felver; and the flute ensemble of Lu, Fugleberg, Brianna Nemecheck, Pettibone and Erica Fenner.

Soloists who received a II were Megan Rubio on flute, Fugleberg on flute and Lu on flute. Fenner received a III on her flute solo.

The instrumental instructors are Deanne Spanier and Melanie Biel.

Accident takes life of former motel owner

A semitrailer truck hit a pickup near the east I-70 exit Tuesday night, and the driver of the pickup, a former Goodland motel owner, died Wednesday at St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Robert E. Notz, 77, former owner of Motel 7, was driving west on I-70 at mile marker 18.8 about 10:50 p.m. when his 1998 Ford Ranger pickup was struck in the rear by a 2001 Freightliner driven by Ralph Daniel Isome, 43, of Midland, Ga.

Trooper Brian Horney said the pickup was coming onto the highway from the entrance ramp, and the semi driver was unable to stop or swerve because there was another semi in the passing lane.

"I think he was out driving around," Horney said, "and was not driving fast as he came up the ramp. He was wearing his seat belt, which prevented him from being thrown through the window.

"It was a bad situation. The semi

driver didn't have a choice.

"I had hoped Notz would recover because he was talking and fussing with the nurses at the Goodland hospital. I understand he got worse after they flew him to Denver."



Notz

The pickup ended up in the passenger lane blocking most of the highway, Horney said. Both vehicles were towed by McB's.

Mr. Notz, who lives in Goodland, was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center by ambulance, then flown to Denver, where he died at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

He was born May 24, 1928, at Goodland, the son of Garfield and Violet (West) Notz. He graduated from high school in Englewood, Colo., in 1946.

He served in the Army. On Feb. 14, 1961, he married Norma Jean Brock at Loveland, Colo. In 1986, they moved from Colorado Springs to Goodland, where they owned and managed Motel 7.

He was a member of the Good-

land Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed visiting with people, playing cards, going to the Senior Center, playing practical jokes and, especially, being with his family.

Preceding him in death were his wife on Dec. 10, 2003; a grandson, Charlie Hage; and his parents.

Survivors include five daughters, Jana Martin of Knoxville, Tenn., Terri (Ron) Weiss and Jackie (Virgil) Baumfalk, both of Goodland, Toni Harms of Sterling, Colo., and Tracie (Brad) Peterson of Littleton, Colo.; three brothers, Don (Val) Notz of Carlsbad, N.M., Con Garland (Marie) Notz of Lake-wood, Colo., and Gary (Patricia) Notz of Calhan, Colo.; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 2006, at Koons Chapel in Goodland, with burial in the Goodland Cemetery.

Visitation will be after 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Goodland Senior Center in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

Truck spills cars onto I-70

A wreck on I-70 Wednesday ended with four cars and a semi-trailer rig in the median. The cars weren't driven by accident victims, though; they came off the semi-trailer hauler that was carrying them.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported the accident took place at

8:07 a.m. at mile marker 45.3, eight miles west of Colby.

Troopers said a westbound 1999 Freightliner driven by James N. Cook, 59, of Dunn, N.C., hauling four cars, went off the north side of the highway. When the rig came back on the road, the truck and trailer separated.

The tractor rolled once, coming to rest on its wheels in the median. The trailer and the four vehicles overturned in the median.

Cook was taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby. Hospital spokesman Gwen Young said he was released after treatment.

Photography studio gains space

By Pat Schiefen

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A young mother has moved her portrait studio from her home to an office off Main Avenue, expanding her service with a new name.

Laura Norris has been running the Norris Portrait Studio out of her home at 1208 Colorado. Laura Norris Photography will have a grand opening on Monday, April 17

at her new location of 104 W. 11th Street.

"It will be nice with lots of space," Norris said, adding that she will have a display room, portrait room, office and changing room.

She said she plans to do more weddings and more location work along with her studio work. Norris said she also can design wedding invitations for people. She takes

senior pictures, wedding pictures, engagement pictures, and anniversary pictures.

She plans to be in the office every day for customers or by appointment. Her equipment is all digital and she uses Photoshop for editing.

"I worked with my cousin in Salt Lake City, took some classes but I'm mostly self taught," Norris said.

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