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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. Photos by Jim Merriott/The Oberlin Herald

Students go to contest

By Pat Schiefen

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

Vocal solos that received a I were Tanner O'Harah, Michael Smith,

Smith, Jon Beeson, McCall and O'Harah, Brian Gray and Kade Parker also received a I.

Andrew Philbrick, Brennen II. Clouse, Kaitlin Fugleberg, Kerri Bellamy, Briana Taylor, Hannah Grieve, Sandy Johnson, Parker, West, Samatha Philbrick, Andrea Samantha Philbrick, Shores, Grieve, Hannah Blake and Mich- Bell amy, Ashley Cebula, Vanessa elle Smith. The X-Pressos; Les Crotinger, Jordan Frazier, McCall, Chantes; freshman mixed quintet of Nathan Linin, Beeson, Kerek Ma-Tiffany Wing, Jillian Parker, Jena Blake, Chelsie Gausman, Courtney son, Andrew Philbrick, Forrest

quartet of X-Presso members Clouse; freshman men's trio of Sheldon; and women's trio of Tay-Soloists who received a II were lor, Wing and West also received a

McCall and Lea Shores. A mixed Sheldon, Kade Sheldon and Trachsel, Josh Cech, Jake Kling,



Michael Smith.

The member of Les Chantes are Members of X-Pressos are Jessica Lu, Holly Kibel, Lacey Ridder, Tiffanie Schlink, Taylor, Acuff, Jennie Cole, Alicia Felver, Samantha Raymer, Eryn Topliff, Wing, and Ashley Christians.

school are Randy Berls and Joey Ridder, Shores, Kylie Buller,

John Mosbarger, Ren Scherling and Nickols with Nancy Shores as ac- Parker and Felver; and the flute encompanist.

Instrumental soloists that got a I rating were O'Harah on the trombone, Danielle Pettibone on the West, Amanda Amthor, Marisa flute and Brandon Zelfer on the Megan Rubio on flute, Fugleberg baritone. Ensembles getting a I were the saxophone quartet of Cebula, Crotinger, McCall and Vocal instructors for the high Johnson; the clarinet ensemble of

semble of Lu, Fugleberg, Brianna Nemecheck, Pettibone and Erica Fenner

Soloists who received a II were 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, 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 Wednesday. pickup was coming onto the high-

driver didn't have a choice. "I had hoped Notz would recover because he was talking and fussing a former Goodland motel owner, with the nurses at the Goodland hospital. I understand he got worse after they flew him to Denver."

the passenger lane blocking most of the highway, Horney said. Both vehicles were towed by McB's.

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way from the entrance ramp, and Goodland, the son of Garfield and dren. the semi driver was unable to stop Violet (West) Notz. He graduated

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 The pickup ended up in 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 Good-Mr. Notz, who lives in land, Toni Harms of Sterling, Colo., Goodland, was taken to and Tracie (Brad) Peterson of Littleton, Colo.; three brothers, Don ical Center by ambulance, (Val) Notz of Carlsbad, N.M., Con then flown to Denver, Garland (Marie) Notz of Lakewhere he died at 6 p.m. on wood, Colo., and Gary (Patricia) Notz of Calhan, Colo.; 14 grand-He was born May 24, 1928, at children; and 10 great-grandchil-

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

State troopers say Leawood man may have fallen asleep on I-70

A Kansas City-area doctor killed in a wreck and fire Sunday night near Brewster may have fallen asleep before his car ran off I-70, state troopers say.

Firemen responding to a report of a grass fire west of the Brewster exit just before midnight found a burning car and the doctor's body.

The patrol said Dr. David G. Hof, 59, Leawood, was driving a 2002 Land Rover four miles east of the Brewster exit. The car veered off the road, hit an embankment, went airborne into a field, caught fire and started a grass fire.

Trooper Josh McQuitty said the fire was reported at 11:54 p.m., but no one was sure how long between the accident and the time the fire was reported.

"No one actually saw the accident occur," he said. McQuitty said someone driving by saw the fire and called dispatch. Brewster Fire Chief Willard Crumrine said he thought they were responding to a rado. grass fire but discovered a car.

"At this time we don't know positively what caused the fire," McQuitty said.

The assumption that Hof fell asleep at the wheel came from what appeared to be a gradual drift off the road, McQuitty said. There were no signs he turned the wheel to bring the car back onto the Interstate, he said.

The Kansas City Star reported that Hof was a lung specialist with Medical Plaza Consultants in Kansas City and a clinical professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

"He went to extraordinary lengths to take care of his patients' needs, purchasing medications for those who could no afford them, making house calls, lending money to patients, and even paying for insurance premiums," the newspaper reported.

The Star said Hof was driving home from Colo-

Workers rope goats after chase

Notz

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

from high school in Englewood, Colo., in 1946.

He served in the Army. On Feb. Goodland Cemetery. 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.

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, He was a member of the Good- Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

Two kids hoping to escape the and dehorned. The two that escaped run up the alley. were the ones who were supposed to stay for treatment.

"Guess they knew what was com-The melee started just before ing," he said.

The goats were spotted on several blocks, with reports coming in to though, the kids had been captured. dispatch by phone. Someone at Rasure Lumber reported seeing them

"I never saw them," said Leslie Knitig, city animal control officer. "People kept telling me they'd seen them.

By the middle of the afternoon, Clinic employees rounded them up by the post office around 12:30 p.m.

Iruck spills cars onto I-70

ended with four cars and a semitrailer rig in the median. The cars weren't driven by accident victims, though; they came off the semitrailer hauler that was carrying them.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported the accident took place at trailer separated.

A wreck on I-70 Wednesday 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 back on the road, the truck and was released after treatment.

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 the highway. When the rig came spokesman Gwen Young said he

Photography studio gains space

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News 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

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 Lake City, took some classes but said she also can design wedding I'm mostly self taught," Norris said. invitations for people. She takes

at her new location of 104 W. 11th 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



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