

# X-Pressos hold Valentine banquet

## Group performs '50s, '60s music

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The Goodland High School X-Pressos had their main money making project of the year at their Valentine Banquet on Saturday night at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The X-Pressos, the high school's show choir, entertained with Valentine's Day music and tunes from the '60s and '70s. Diners ate lasagna and satisfied their sweet tooth from dessert tables with two chocolate fountains.

The X-Pressos men sang to Lois Unger, saying they couldn't sing to her on Valentine's Day because she worked in Colby, and the girls sang to Cleve Trachsel. A men's quartet sang some numbers with a barber-shop flair.

Goodland High vocal teacher Randy Berls said the money raised will help the group make trips and send a student to go to show choir summer camp to learn about choreography for the group for next year.

He said the group also made money doing singing Valentine's last week.

Members who sang were Amanda Amthor, Ashley Christians, Brennen Clouse, Kaitlin Fugleberg, Bryan Gray, Christopher Irvin, Jacob Kling, Devin Mangus, Taylor McLemore, Tanner Oharah, Andrew Philbrick, Dallas Price, Samantha Raymer, Halli Stone, Forrest Trachsel, Callee Warren, Shonna Webster and Tiffany Wing.

Julica Bonsall, Ren Scherling, Courtney Sheldon and Kade Sheldon were at regional wrestling competition.

Parents of the X-Pressos, with the leadership of Jane Philbrick, Joann Clouse and Jeanne Irvin, prepared the dinner.



Chris Irvin (bottom with tire) and Devin Mangus (top with tire) along with the rest of the X-Pressos sang a song from "Grease" at their Valentine's Banquet on Saturday night. The banquet raises money for the group's trip and for a scholarship to show choir camp.  
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# Benefit roping event to raise money for medical expenses

By Tom Betz  
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Three Sherman County citizens asked county commissioners last Tuesday to use the fairgrounds arena for a benefit roping event in June, saying it might become an annual event.

John Anderson of Century Feeders, Craig Bennett of FedEx, and Dale Smith, a truck driver, told commissioners they would like to use the arena for a roping benefit for George Phillips on June 22.

George Phillips, a truck driver, had some recent medical expenses and a benefit supper was held earlier this month. The benefit roping event is to help with those expenses.

The commissioners said they had no problem with the group using the arena,

but did want to have something in writing explaining who was involved, what the purpose was and who would be responsible for the event.

Anderson said their group would like to do this once or twice a year.

"We are just getting started," Anderson said. "What do we need to do to do this?" Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked if the group was a legal entity or was forming an organization.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he had talked to William McKnight, county grounds supervisor, and that there were already signs posted about holding the benefit.

McKnight said the date was open and that it would be on a Sunday.

Since it will be a nonprofit event, Tiede

suggested the organizers have participants sign a waiver of liability.

Smith said it this goes like the last three benefits he was at, it took a long time and brought a lot of people to town.

He said they would start at 9 or 10 a.m. with barrel racing to try to keep the whole event to one day.

"This would be nonsanctioned?" Thomas asked.

Smith said it is not sanctioned and would be open to everyone.

"We will do anything that day we can do to raise money," he added.

Thomas asked if they would need the 4-H building. Anderson said they would only need the arena. He said there would be no gate fee, but organizers will be asking for a donation.

McKnight said they would need access to the agriculture building and the rest rooms. Tiede asked about cleanup of the grandstands. The three men said they would get it cleaned up.

"There will be a lot of 4-H horse people involved," Anderson said.

"After a horse event I have not had much of a cleanup problem," McKnight said.

McKnight said he might be able to get some bleachers from the city. The organizers said they did not think seating is going to be a big problem.

McKnight said he would set out a lot of trash cans, and that seems to help reduce the cleanup. Rasure

asked the group to write up a summary of what they were going to do, how the cleanup and donations would be handled and the names of the people who are involved.

Tiede said he felt the county could waive the fees once that was provided.

Anderson said if this event works, they may want to come back and do another one. Rasure said the commissioners would approve them on a case by case basis.

"That is what the fairgrounds is out there for," Tiede said, "to be used."

McKnight said it was getting more use this year than it has for a while.

## correction

An obituary of Lewis L. Nowak in the Friday, Feb. 15, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* listed three sisters listed twice as survivors. One should have said three daughters, Bonnie (Steve) Kraisinger of Plano, Texas, Carol (Gary) Flanigan of Norton and Cheryl (Rocky Urban) Barnett of Colby. This was a reporter error.

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