

JUST TWO MORE CHANCES LEFT TO CATCH GREASE AT THE CCHS LITTLE THEATER

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You'll get chills. They may even be multiplyin'. And if you lose control, it's because this show is electrifyin'.

The Arts Council of Crockett TN is presenting the musical GREASE this weekend at the Crockett County High School's Little Theater. Two shows are complete, and two remain: a 7:00 offering tonight (Saturday) and a 2:00 Sunday matinee. And if you doubt that the "kids" in this community don't have the ability to keep you entertained for a couple of hours, then the grease in your hair has slipped into your ears.

The production, based on the 1978 film starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John and featuring several familiar songs, gives Crockett's youth a chance to flex their comedy and musical muscles - and they do so regularly with style and attitude. You'll have a rockin' good time if you go.

The story centers around Rydell High, where two students who shared a summer romance unexpectedly meet up again as classmates - resulting in the requisite peer pressure exerted by the T Birds, the boys' gang who keep the heat on Danny Zuko, and the Pink Ladies, who won't let "new girl" Sandy simply settle in without stirring the jealousy pot. With several of these talented young stars, hilarity ensues, as they say.

Directed artistically and musically by local mainstays Sarah Conley and Kathy Kail, respectively, the show is genuinely entertaining mainly because one can easily tell that the actors, singers, and dancers are enjoying what they're doing. Consequently, you will too.

Following are photos from the production's opening night Thursday, featuring the leading roles and various scenes from the story.



Above: Clara Revelle is "new girl" Sandy, a very buttoned-down introvert...



Above: ... who transforms into Clara Revelle as the one that Danny wants!



Below: Jack Rawson is Danny Zuko, leader of the T Birds.



Right: Warner Boals (center) is Kenickie, the T Birds' car-obsessed loudmouth.

Left: Brennan Morris is Rizzo, leader of the Pink Ladies.

Below: Kristofer Phillips is Doody, a bundle of T Bird energy.



Above: Kortney Turnage is Roger, the T Bird known for his "mooning" talents.



Above: Joseph Whitten is Sonny, the T Birds' self-proclaimed ladies man, being scolded by Cadie Loggins as Rydell High teacher and professional joykill Ms. Lynch.



Above: Kyla Phillips is Marty, the Pink Lady with a military boyfriend who sends her a kimono.

Left: Ella Cate Haynes is Jan, the Pink Lady who becomes Roger's girl.

Right: Georgi Conley is Frenchy, the Pink Lady who becomes a beauty school drop-out.





Above: Ashley Boone is Patty, Rydell's most gung-ho cheerleader.

Below: Kloie Kail is Cha Cha, who prides herself on being the town's best dancer.



Left: Jay Love is Eugene, the class valedictorian.

Below: Sam Hatcher is Vince Fontaine, the local radio DJ.



Below: Konnor Turnage is Johnny Casino, local rock & roll singer.



Above: Patty the cheerleader is often trying to get Danny's attention away from his infatuation with Sandy

Far Left: Archer Love is Teen Angel, who gives musical advice to Frenchy about going back to school.

Left: A Beauty School Choir shows up to help Teen Angel when he sings.





Left: When the "Hand Jive" dance competition begins, Jan and Roger really give it their best shot.

Below: Rizzo and Kenickie are a match made in... well, New Jersey.



Above: Eugene the valedictorian gets an unexpected sizzling dance with Cha Cha.



Above: Marty sings to her soldier love Freddy during a Pink Lady pajama party.



Above: Sophie Hatcher sang opening night's "Grease Is the Word" theme song.



Left: Kenickie gets the T Birds fired up for "Greased Lightning."

Below: The magic is real when Sandy and Danny finally get together.



Above: The Pink Ladies are rarely up to any good, especially if Rizzo is doing the talking and Patty has slithered into their midst.

Below: The entire cast is rippin' by the end, when Sandy and Danny decide "You're the One That I Want."



Above: Sophie Hatcher sang opening night "Release the Word" theme song.