

weather  
report

61°  
at noon



**Today**  
• Sunset, 4:23 p.m.  
**Tomorrow**  
• Sunrise, 6:54 a.m.  
• Sunset, 4:23 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**  
• Soil Temperature 38 degrees  
• Humidity 25 percent  
• Sky partly sunny  
• Winds northeast 20 mph  
• Barometer 29.86 inches and steady  
• Record High 74° (1923)  
• Record Low -9° (1978)

**Last 24 Hours\***  
High 50°  
Low 20°  
Precipitation none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**  
Tonight: Cloudy, low 20-25, north 10 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy, late flurries, high 35, low 25, winds south 10-20 mph.

**Extended Forecast**  
Saturday: dry, high 45-50, low 20-25. Sunday: chance of snow, high 25-30, low 20-25. Monday: chance of snow, high 5-10, low 0-10.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

**Noon**  
Wheat — \$2.73 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.66  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.86 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.83  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 16¢  
Milo — \$2.99 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.43 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.40  
Loan deficiency payment — 50¢  
Millet — no posted price; ask.  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$5.80 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.19  
Confection current — \$15/\$6 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$15  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon  
wire

Late news from the Associated Press  
1 p.m.

Vice-president  
fights in court

TALLAHASSE — Al Gore's lawyer pleaded with a seemingly skeptical Florida Supreme Court on Thursday to order selective manual recounts of ballots that could revive the vice president's fading quest for the White House. George W. Bush looked to the state's justices to finally count his rival out.  
"We believe the ballots can be counted in the time," Gore's lawyer, David Boies, said when Chief Justice Charles T. Wells noted the state's presidential electors must be picked by Dec. 12.  
But lawyers for Bush and GOP Secretary of State Katherine Harris both said Gore was asking the state's highest court to exceed its legal powers. Joseph Klock, representing Harris, said the court would have to "create a pile of law" to grant Gore's request.

# He saw rising sun over Pearl Harbor



John Boyington, a veteran of World War II, (above) donned his U.S. Navy cap and held up his uniform this morning for Pearl Harbor Day. Boyington (right) and a buddy, C.E. Linse, stood on the deck of the U.S.S. Maryland, just after a run over Tarawa Island.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



## Veteran recalls first attack

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland's John Boyington recalls seeing the "rising sun" on the side of a Japanese airplane and the explosion of the U.S.S. Arizona the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

At 7:57 a.m. on that memorable day, when the Japanese attack on the Americans at Pearl Harbor began, Boyington was sleeping topside under the No. 2 turret on the U.S.S. Maryland, a battleship docked at the naval base on Oahu Island.

His ship was docked together with six other battleships at Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. The small island was a place for sea planes to come in.

The U.S.S. California was in front of his ship, beside it was the Oklahoma, and the Tennessee and the West Virginia were behind them. Moored behind those ships were the Nevada and the Arizona. The place was called Battleship Row.

The Japanese planes flying over woke Boyington. When he looked up,



The U.S.S. Maryland, the battleship John Boyington was on in World War II, is shown towing the U.S.S. Colorado, while the men on board watched.

he said, he saw "the meatball." That's what they called the Japanese insignia.

He ran to his general quarters station,

which was with the repair party. Then there was an explosion on the front of his ship which they found out later had

killed a sailor.

"We lost the first guy of the war," he said.

The Oklahoma, which was next to his ship, capsized. Then the Arizona exploded.

Boyington said when the Arizona blew up, he got sick at his stomach for a second, but then went back to what he had to.

"We didn't have time to be scared," he added. Men went to their battle stations before the alarms went off.

Our gunner on the Maryland shot down a Japanese torpedo plane, possibly two, all before general quarters was sounded, he said.

Boyington said even though there was a big hole in the front of the Maryland, it stayed afloat. They lost a lieutenant and two seamen from their ship that day.

He said the crew spent two days rescuing sailors from the Oklahoma.

"We got quite a few of the men out,"

he said.

As an aviation radioman and gunner, Boyington flew with a pilot to patrol the air and water for four hours at a time. The planes were catapulted off the ship like a bullet, he said.

He told about one time when things didn't go quite right and the plane landed in the water. He and the pilot had to be brought back in.

To get the plane back onto the ship, a line was shot out to them which Boyington would fasten to the plane, so the plane could be winched in.

Boyington said his pilot taught him how to fly. He would sometimes fly from the rear. He and the pilot would trade off, since they were in the air for four hours.

Boyington was 18 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy for six years on March 17, 1940. He had been in the navy for a little over a year and a half when the

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## Firemen fight attic fire that won't go out

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Firemen had to go out twice to put out an attic fire which did moderate damage this morning to the back of a house at 1110 Arcade.

Firemen responded to the first fire call at 6:27 a.m. and thought they had extinguished the fire, but when Fire Chief Dean Jensen was driving by the house at 8:30 a.m. he spotted more smoke coming from the roof.

He stopped, knocked on the front door, and found Elmer and Verda Scheck were in the front room eating breakfast.

"I said they must have another fire," Jensen said. "Elmer told me it was probably from the fan he was using to blow out the smoke from the earlier fire, but when we went into the back of the house there was more smoke and flames were visible."

Elmer Scheck said they were glad the chief had been passing by. He and his wife did not notice any smoke before Jensen knocked.

The firemen went back into the attic through the garage and used a chain saw to open the patio ceiling to get at the fire.

Chief Jensen said the second fire was to the south of the first, and that flames were in the wall and frame of the original flat roof of the house.

The Schecks said they had owned the house for four years, and that sometime before they bought it, a new pitched



Fireman Terry Baker cut into the patio ceiling with a chain saw while Assistant Fire Chief Wayne Sparks aimed a nozzle into the fire and Chief Dean Jensen pointed out hot spots.

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## Winners get \$50 in contest

Sondra Smith and Iris Irvin both got lucky this holiday season, one at Dan Brenner Ford and one at Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliances.

They're winners of The Goodland Daily News' annual "Christmas on Us" contest sponsored by businesses who give tickets to customers in exchange for purchases. For every \$10 spent, a customer gets one ticket, with a 250-ticket limit per transaction.

Smith and Irvin found out they were winners of \$50 in scrip — which can be spent at participating businesses — while reading The Daily News. The paper draws four or more "instant winners" each week and prints the ticket numbers in Christmas on Us ads that

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