

weather report

52°
noon Thursday

Today
•Sunset, 5:48 p.m.
Saturday
•Sunrise, 6:03 a.m.
•Sunset, 5:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions
•Soil temperature 45 degrees
•Humidity 20 percent
•Sky cloudy
•Winds northwest 27-34 mph.
•Barometer 30.10 inches and falling
•Record High today 82° (1972)
•Record Low today -20° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*
High Wednesday 52°
Low Wednesday 28°
Precipitation none
This month trace
Year to date .34
Normal 1.19

The Topside Forecast
Today: Partly sunny and windy, high around 67, low near 34, winds northwest 18-34 mph. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 73, low around 30, winds north northwest 10-15 mph.

Extended Forecast
Sunday: Cloudy, high near 46, low around 24. Monday: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow before 1 p.m., high near 40, low near 25.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$3.32 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.20
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.90 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.91
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.62 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.61 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.66
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.25 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$11.25 cwt.
NuSun — \$11.35 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$25
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Grant girls win league

Alexis Bateman looked to pass the ball to Katie Clancy against Rawlins County during the championship game of the Northwest Kansas League seventh-grade girls tournament in Atwood. Goodland won the game, 33-31. Photo, story on Page 12.

Dancers wow Farm/City crowd

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News

Young members of the Right Combination Dance Studio wowed the crowd of about 350 who attended the 16th annual Farm/City banquet Tuesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

The young dancers were the entertainment for the evening, and dance instructor Jessica Kannady had the kids from her classes perform jazz, ballet and tap routines. She said the performance gave her kids a chance to be in front of an audience before their big recital coming up on May 21, at the high school auditorium.



Boyington

Dale Schields, master of ceremonies, welcomed everyone to the banquet and said the annual event is to bring the farmers and business people together for a night of good food and fun to remind ourselves that it takes all of us working together to make the county successful.

John Boyington was honored as the Sherman County Agriculture Person of the Year, with the award presented by Wade Barnett, who was last year's Businessman of the Year.

Barnett said Boyington was born in Bird City in 1920, and moved to Goodland when he was five. He attended Goodland schools graduating in 1939.

As a kid Boyington delivered papers and then went to work for Danny Gaskell.

After graduation Boyington joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed on the USS Maryland at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

He returned to Goodland in 1946 and married his wife Loretta in 1948. They operated a restaurant and motel for 20 years, and then he had a small farm and sold cattle until he retired in 2001 at the age of 80.

When he received the award Boyington said he was surprised and proud to be honored. Barnett offered him the microphone, and Boyington said he wanted to thank everyone who had a hand in naming the agriculture person of the year.

Greg Sederstrom, president of Sherman County Farm Bureau, announced that Linda Franklin has been elected to the state Farm Bureau board of directors. He said Franklin has been a big advocate of agriculture, and a good representative for the county.

Corporate sponsors of the banquet were Century Feeders, Yost Farm Supply, S&T Communications, Serendipity Flower Shop, Eklund's First Insurance and area New Holland dealers.

The dinner was served by the Sherman County 4-H Jr. Leaders



Dancers from the Right Combination Dance Studio entertained the crowd at the Farm/City banquet Tuesday. The youngest dancers (above) stepped lively to a song called "Freeze" during which they were told to freeze in place. In the group were Taitem Ketter, Demi Mitcheck, Maggie McLean, Katie Purvis, Kennedy Shelley and Devinee Borgmann. "The King of New York" was the song another young group tap danced to (right) Dawson Ensign, Jamie Nemechek, Tayler Thorsen and Adison Avelar. Instructor Jessica Kannady said the tap group was the one that Brianna Linin had been part of, and they were first year dancers. She said the dancers will hold a recital on May 21, at the high school auditorium.

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with the help of Kathy Collins of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Dana Belshe county extension agent.

Members of the Farm/City committee were Josh Dechant of Bankwest, Jacque Drennan of Eklund's First Insurance, Chairman Debbie Reed of Hayden, Inc., John Yost of Yost Farm Supply and Courtney Warden of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce.

Door prizes were donated by Eagle Communications, Dan Brenner Ford, Finley Motors, Goodland Greenline, Garcia's Home Furnishings, Shear Dimensions, NAPA Auto Parts, Bankwest, Kansasland Tire, Rasure Lumber Do It Center and Northwest Kansas Technical College.

City to match chamber fireworks donations

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News

A compromise plan to increase the city contribution for the July 4 fireworks was approved on a 3-2 vote at Monday's city commission meeting.

Under the plan suggested by Commissioner Dean Blume the city will match the money raised by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce up to a maximum of \$2,500.

Commissioner John Garcia felt the city should find a way to help the chamber reach their goal to be sure there is a Freedom Fest this year.

After Blume suggested the matching idea, Garcia made a motion to increase the city donation to \$1,500. However, after a long silence Mayor Rick Billinger declared the motion had died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Dave Daniels then made the motion to approve the matching plan up to \$2,500. Garcia seconded that motion which passed on a 3-2 vote. Blume Daniels and Garcia voting in favor, and Billinger and Jim Mull voting against.

Citywide cleanup set for April

By Tom Betz
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Cleaning up the city is the goal of the Goodland Chamber Beautification Committee, and the city has agreed to help with a city wide cleanup in April.

Christie Rasure and Arlo Hansen made a presentation about the cleanup at Monday's commission meeting.

Rasure said the plan is to have city wide collections on April 2 and 16, and then they would be doing the highway cleanup on April 23.

The first Saturday would be for construction debris Rasure said, and for metal and limbs on the 16th. "We would ask the city to approve a proclamation for April to be cleanup month," she said. "We are planning to divide the city into five areas, and have some people lined up to help haul the trash. We would ask the city for three trucks and drivers for

the two Saturdays. "Each of the two Saturday's we would be need the help from 9 a.m. to noon."

She said the highway cleanup will be similar to the one done in October, and that they were planning a barbecue for all those who volunteer to be held after the highway cleanup.

"I think this is a good idea," Mayor Rick Billinger said, "and believe we should get behind this."

"I would ask you to go to the county commissioners to support this, and not have the appraiser raise the taxes for the cleanup people might do."

"It is a great idea," Commissioner Jim Mull said. "You need to put good information out so people

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City Manager Ron Pickman said the fireworks item had been placed on the agenda after the last visit by the chamber in January. Garcia asked Ken Clouse, cham-

ber representative to review the fireworks request.

Clouse said the chamber had made several presentations on the fireworks request over the past four

months, and they were there to answer questions and wait for the commission to make a decision.

He said the chamber was suggesting a three-way split of the fireworks

cost with the chamber, county and city each raising \$2,500. He said the county has made their contribution, and the chamber has raised \$500 so far.

Daniels asked if the chamber had looked into bidding the fireworks out.

Courtney Warden, chamber director, said that bidding it out would not be in their best interest.

"We have a local person who is certified to do this," she said, "and we believe that is the best person we can have."

"What will be the status of the fireworks show if you don't get the money," Garcia asked.

"We have not discussed this option," Clouse said. "It is a distinct option, but not one we want to pursue."

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