

# Goodland leaders graduate

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issues and learned why some government decisions are made.

"I think it should be a required class," she said.

"I learned the importance of the economy of Goodland," Gillming said, "and how each business has a different piece of the puzzle."

He said one of the best experiences in the class was the time they spent at the Capper Foundation in Topeka, a center offering rehabilitation for handicapped children. Gillming said he learned about the handicapped, a group that requires representation by leaders.

"It was nice just working as a group," said Rasure, emphasizing class cooperation on the trip to Topeka. "I really liked how Sherman County came together."

Although Rasure, a native of Sherman County, said he wasn't surprised by much of what he saw in the course, he did learn a few things.

He was impressed with the size of the railroad switch yard, he said, and a trip the group took to the sewer plant was an eye-opening experience.

"It's really a good experience," said Jolly, "good exposure to all sectors of Goodland."

He said the course opened him up

## Class learn steps to success

The 2004-2005 class of Leadership Sherman County was treated to a presentation by David L. Darling, an expert on community development and retailing.

Darling, a community development economist with the Department of Agricultural Economics of Kansas State University Research and Extension, focused on the five building blocks of success. He said the blocks apply both to successful communities and individuals.

"They are designed to give leaders a formula for success," he said.

Leaders use the ideas of attitude, vision, plan, resources and benefits to achieve progress within a community. Attitude as described by Darling, includes a "can do" approach to change. Vision is the ability of a leader to focus a team on a chosen path. Leaders construct and implement plans to change and then use available resources to move forward.



Darling

The benefits are what leaders work towards, he said, but a clear idea of the outcomes are necessary to produce progress.

Each facet of the blocks, he said, could have positive or negative consequences that leaders establish.

"The successful community is well led," he said, adding that human capital, like graduates of a leadership program, is valuable to every town.

Darling has been with the Extension service for 22 years, specializing in economic development.

He grew up in Boston and graduated from the University of Massachusetts. He went on to Ohio State University, earning a doctorate in agriculture economics. Now, he travels the state working to build stronger communities.

"My mission is to help communities make wise decisions as they focus on the future," he said.

# City to clean-up

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of the Northwest Kansas Technical College and head of the beautification committee.

People are encouraged to haul their own if they are able, Clouse said, and there are teams needed to haul for those who can't.

The committee would like religious and civic organizations, youth groups and businesses to put together teams of volunteers, he said; it will probably take 12 teams of five organized into groups to pull it off.

There is no age limit for volunteers, Clouse said, except for those cleaning up the highway entrances, who must be 14 or older.

Besides hauling broken appliances and old furniture, he said, the groups will be picking up lighter stuff, such as tree limbs.

Some areas of town are more blighted than others, Clouse said; there are recliners on the front porch and such.

The committee's not trying to offend anyone, he said, but to encourage everyone to take pride in Goodland, to make the town clean and orderly.

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# Chamber touts banquet success

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce board members agreed the group's annual banquet last month was a success.

At a board meeting Tuesday, Chamber Manager Courtney Warden said 104 people showed up for the annual event Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

"We had a good turnout," she said.

The few empty tables in the room, she said, were spots set up for the entertainment, the High School jazz band and the X-Pressos show choir, but they didn't stay to eat.

"It just was a really good evening," added board member Karen Ginther.

"I think people were impressed,"

said board member Debbie Reed.

Chamber President Donna Swager said next year's attendance will show how members viewed the banquet.

"If we had 120 or something this year," agreed Clouse, "we ought to have 200 next year."

Swager said he was disappointed more people didn't take open microphone time to recognize employees.

"It's a chance for people to toot their own horns," she said adding they will try to encourage more employee recognition for next year.

Warden thanked everyone for the successful banquet with an advertisement in The Goodland Star-News.

Swager said after a successful banquet, now is the time to approach potential members.

Darrick Leiker, membership committee co-chairman, said the new Chamber folders are ready to send out.

Stuffed inside the folder is a list of benefits to Chamber membership, a list of committees, a list of member businesses and attractions in town and a recent copy of the Chamber newsletter.

In other business the board: Started looking ahead to the Home and Garden show on Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The board wants to set up a booth to promote downtown shops while people are in town for the show.

The booth would have coupons featuring discounts and 2-for-1 deals available only through the show.

"They're in town," said Swager.

"We should try to get them into the businesses."

Warden said it will cost the Chamber \$350 for the booth and 56 30-second radio commercials.

"I think we really need to do that," said Clouse.

Board Member Dan Rasure suggested talking to show organizers or volunteering to man the show's official booth to get a better spot near the door.

"We need something up front," he said, "to get people as they come in."

Approved Rasure's report as treasure, showing the Chamber has \$6,386, plus \$200 in the Sunflower Agriculture account. Warden said she made a \$2,000 deposit into the Sunflower account after Rasure had looked at the reports, bringing the total up to \$2,200.

# School board honors wrestlers, pianists

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News Goodland High School wrestlers and pianists got special recognition at the regular meeting of the district school board last Monday.

The wrestlers got award certificates for placing third in the state wrestling competition in Wichita last month.

Board member Ron Schilling presented the awards to Chad Normandin, Brett Bahe, Kerek Mason, A.J. Stephens, Dexter Deeds, Brett Schields, Jon Cook, Josiah Goodley, Brandon Cowan, Mark Starr and Bobby Doxon.

"It's really an honor tonight to present these awards to these wrestlers," Schilling said.

"Way to go, guys," said board

member Dick Short.

Bahe, Deeds, Goodley and Cowan were recognized for staying on the honor roll while wrestling.

Schilling handed out an award to wrestling Coach Randy Bahe for being named the 4A coach of the year.

He mentioned that former Goodland coach Rocky Welton also was honored at state.

"Goodland had a big night," he said.

The Goodland Ambassadors and the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce got in on the celebration with candy bars and congratulations.

"One of Goodland's greatest assets is our young people," said Kathy Melia, Ambassador spokes-

person.

"These guys were a nice bunch to watch," said Schilling. "Good luck again next year."

Coach Bahe thanked the Ambassadors and the school board for their support.

He congratulated the students and their teachers for working hard to raise classroom grades so they would be able to compete.

The board honored high school piano students who went to state competition this year.

Board president Jane Philbrick told the group that seven students qualified for state, but only six attended with five winning I ratings and one a II.

Philbrick presented awards to Nathan Brady, Grace Langness, Craig Mason, Samantha Philbrick, Jessica Lu and Lea Shores.

Brady, Philbrick and Lu were not present.

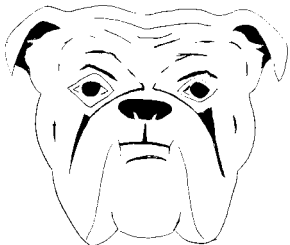
"We'd just like to congratulate you," said Melia, who gave candy to the pianists, too.

## Brewster All-Star Booster Club

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR MARCH 16 - MARCH 22

Monday - Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday - Spring portrait day.



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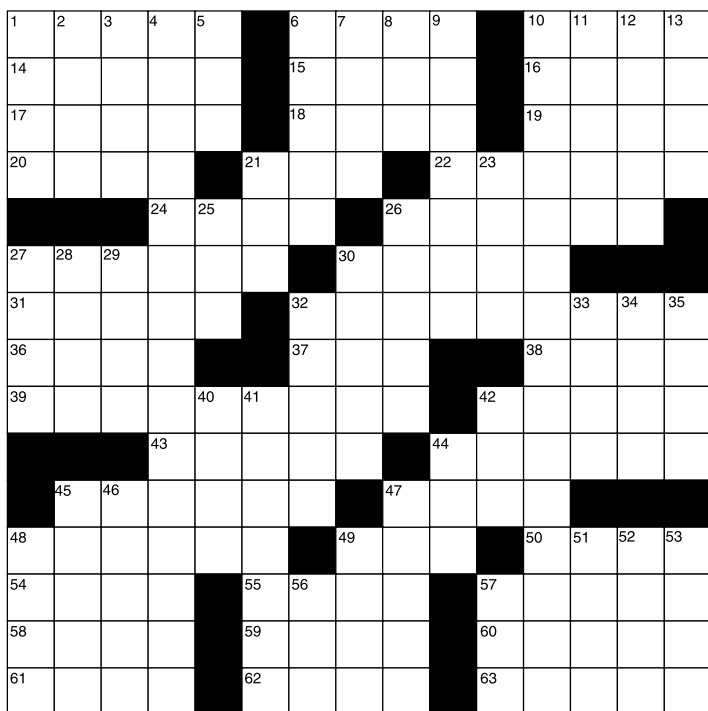
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### CLUES ACROSS

- Mesa
- Make a pig of oneself
- Tropical Asian starlings
- Expect eagerly
- Trademark
- The longest division of geological time
- Dance
- Island
- Indo-Iranian language
- Women's magazine
- Respectful, abbr.
- With green cover
- U.S. island territory
- Severely simple
- Struck with fear
- An enclosed space
- To ly flat
- Flat
- A short musical composition
- Your general store of remembered information
- Herb that's part of lily family
- Breakfast items
- Malicious burning
- Consisting of a single component
- Effulgent
- Fix
- \_\_\_ Heffner, playboy
- The roller on a typewriter
- Records electric currents generated by the brain
- Give a job to
- A prosperous state of well-being
- \_\_\_ Bombeck, humorist
- Moses' elder brother (Bible)
- Excite
- Make a sudden attack on
- Having great dignity
- Throw carelessly
- Moving quickly
- Perforations

### CLUES DOWN

- Register electronically
- Truant
- A compact mass
- How go-getters go
- The 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Cheerlessness
- Give temporarily
- Exclamation: yuck!
- More rocky
- Quite dotty
- Leaven
- Scandinavian
- Griffith, Rooney
- Protects from weather
- Bombastic declamation
- An established custom or practice
- Jams
- A domed or vaulted recess
- Rum cut with water
- \_\_\_ Kong, China
- Skillfully
- Vigilantly attentive
- In addition
- Time of day
- Shelter
- To pay your share
- Dives
- Month
- A quadrilateral sail
- Athenian philosopher (428-347 BC)
- Green region of desert
- Extremely exciting
- A persistently annoying person
- An independent ruler or chieftan
- Metal shackles
- Cause to flee
- Goals
- Blame
- Month CW053310



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