



Dancers prepare for recital

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"What Time is It?"
"Peanut Butter Jelly Time."
Students in Jessica Kannady's Right Combination Dance Studio will perform to those songs and others with "time" in their titles for studio's seventh annual spring recital.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in the Goodland High School auditorium. Tickets are available at the Almond Tree, 1024 Main, 890-7668.

In the past, Kannady said, people had to come an hour before the show just to get a seat. This year, she said, they can buy tickets in advance and be guaranteed a seat whenever they arrive. Saturday's show is almost sold out, she added, but there are quite a few tickets available for Sunday. Any left over will be available at the door.

Other songs will include "Back in Time," by Huey Lewis and the News, from the movie "Back to the Future;" "Step in Time" from the film "Mary Poppins;" and "Love Gets Me Every Time," by Shania Twain.

You don't want to miss the adult tappers performing "Back in Time," Kannady said; they are a blast, a group of 12 that are up for about anything. They kind of stole the show last year, she said, with the 11 women dressed as old ladies and Travis Witman dressed as an old man for "Shake, Rattle and Roll."

A special feature this year, she said, will be a performance Saturday by her "students for a week." Kannady said she taught four guys from Frontier Ag a routine to a Blues

Brothers medley, which they did as the "fan"-tastic finale at the Goodland's Got Talent fund raiser.

The guys, Josh Dechant, Dan Duell, Ben Brandvick and Garton Slovacek, will do an encore at the recital, Kannady said.



Kannady



Clouse

Brennen Clouse's hip hop class of 7- to 9-year-olds will dance to "Peanut Butter Jelly Time" by the Buckwheat Boys. Clouse was Kannady's student for five

years then her helper last year and got the idea to teach a class.

"This was his baby," Kannady said.

The little dancers will perform to "It's Silly Time," Kannady said, and "Bath Time." The seniors, Amanda Amthor and Halli Stone, will dance to "Big Time Boogie."

A big feature is always the boys' dance, Kannady said, which will be "Step in Time," from the film "Mary Poppins." They will also perform with the girls to "Love Gets Me Every Time."

Ten boys are dancing this year, she said, which is awesome. Only four joined the classes last year and five the year before, she said, and this is her biggest group of boys ever.

About 100 students are learning ballet, tap and jazz dancing in the Goodland studio, she said, and 35 in Burlington. Classes are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening in Goodland and Monday in Burlington.

Kannady said she has students from age 3 to 12 in Burlington and 3 to adults in Goodland, including nearly a dozen 7- to 9-year-olds in their first year. That's unusual, she said, since none of the new students are little ones.



Grace Cole (above, from left), Adison Avelar, Alexi Vasquez, Elizabeth Fulcher and Erin Floyd practiced their ballet routine to "Only Time," performed by Enya Tuesday at the Goodland High School auditorium. Sianna Miller (far left) and Braelyn Hoelting were among the seven 7- to 9-year-old girls practicing their dance to "Peanut Butter Jelly Time." The girls are preparing for their recital at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in the auditorium.

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Agency has farm loans earmarked for women, other minorities

Farm operating and farm ownership loans for women and members of minority groups who want to purchase or operate a family-size farm are available said Patty Eckhardt, farm loan manager of the Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for Sherman, Wallace and Cheyenne counties.

"Each year, the agency earmarks a portion of its farm loan funding for socially disadvantaged applicants, people who have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender inequality without regard to their individual qualities," Eckhardt said. Socially disadvantaged applicants may be women, African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics, Asian and Pacific Islanders and Alaskan natives.

She said loan approval is neither automatic nor guaranteed.

"Socially disadvantaged applicants must meet the same eligibility criteria as other applicants," she said.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens; have a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations; have

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