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weather report

45°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:49 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:02 a.m.
• Sunset, 5:51 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 35 degrees
- Humidity 57 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds northwest 27 mph
- Barometer 29.77 inches and steady
- Record High 79° (1933)
- Record Low -6° (1932)

Last 24 Hours*

High	27°
Low	24°
Precipitation	.06 inches

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 25-30, northwest winds 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny, high 55-60, northwest winds 10-20 mph., low 25-30.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Dry, high 55-65, low 20s. Thursday: Chance of rain or snow, high 35-45, low 20s. Friday: Dry, high 40s, low 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Two-time champions



Brewster's Jay Reid, Brett Arnberger, P.J. Crumbaker and J.R. Baird hung out the windows of a truck during the Bulldogs' victorious parade on Sunday through their home town.

Photo by Eric Yonkey / The Goodland Daily News

Mowing contracts top county agenda again

The Sherman County commissioners have two bids for weed mowing, but the item was tabled last week to allow time for county officials to gather some information.

Curt Way, superintendent of the road and bridge department, was asked to gather figures about having the county do the weed mowing rather than contract it out. He is supposed to report when commissioners meet again at

8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The two mowing bidders, Ron Lucas of Kamal Inc. and Darrell Schrader, were at the meeting Friday and are expected to attend Tuesday also.

The two bids presented Feb. 28 were \$24.50 per swath mile for Kamal, which had the contract for several years before last year, and \$26 from Schrader, who had the low bid and got the contract last year.

The estimated cost of the mowing would be \$117,600 based on Lucas' bid and \$124,800 based on Schrader's. The figures are based on Way's estimate of 1,200 miles of county roads which would be mowed on both sides twice for an estimated 4,800 swath miles.

The commissioners decided to table the contract discussion until Tuesday, and asked Way to get some cost figures together about having the county do

some of the mowing as well as possibly spraying more roads.

The commissioners will hear an update on the elevator repair project at the courthouse, and will meet at 9 a.m. with County Treasurer Shelby Miller about employee evaluations and budget issues.

The meeting begins at 8 a.m. in the commissioner room in the courthouse, Eighth and Broadway.

Colby teen-agers win art contest here

By Rachel Miscall

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Danielle Jones, an 18-year-old Colby High School senior, says she started creating art the day she learned how to pick up a pencil.

Now, one of her watercolor paintings — a standard art class assignment that she decided to spice up — will be on display in the nation's Capitol for a year. With help from U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran and an area bank chain, Jones will go to Washington later this year to see her painting and accept an award.

Jones is one of three Colby High School students who won the 20th Annual 1st District Congressional Art Competition this year. The contest and art show is sponsored by Congressman Moran's office and moves around the "Big First" District each year.

The Goodland Arts Council organized the contest and hosted the show this year, holding a reception for the winners and participants on Saturday at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland. Rep. Moran and Rebecca Downs, executive director of the center, presented certificates to the winners at the reception and thanked other schools and students who submitted



U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran stood in front of the winning entry as he talked to a crowd at the Carnegie Arts Center on Saturday before presenting certificates to three Colby high school students who won the annual 1st District Congressional Art competition this year. The winner was a watercolor by Colby High School senior Danielle Jones.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

artwork.

Lori Jumper, a 16-year-old Colby junior, won \$100 for second place and Tiffany Hurtt, a 16-year-old junior, \$50 for third place. Both entered self-portraits done in pencil.

Jones will receive a total of \$1,000 from the contest's sponsors, Bankwest of Kansas and Sunwest Banks of Colorado, to pay for traveling expenses to Washington. The young artist said she plans to be in the capital for the awards ceremony in June.

Two judges, one from Goodland and one from Salina, picked Jones' painting — titled "Still-life with desert fox" — from 60 other entries submitted by eight northwest Kansas

schools. Elwyn Vatcher, a Goodland painter, said he thought Jones handled the watercolor medium well, adding that the painting was beyond most high school students' abilities.

Vatcher said he and Karen Robben, an art teacher at Salina's Sacred Heart High School, were intrigued by the hand gesture of the woman in the painting, who is wearing a traditional Muslim outfit. He said the woman, whose face and hair are covered with cloth, looked as if she was gesturing to someone outside the picture.

"The hand," he said, "it creates a mood, adds mystery."

Jones, who said she didn't expect to win, said she got the idea for the paint-

ing when her art teacher asked the class to paint a still life using a bottle and bowl of fruit.

"I didn't want to do just that," she said. "I always have to have details. I have to be different than other people in the class."

Jones said she's into Egyptian stuff, so she incorporated a cracked brick wall, Egyptian-style drawings, desert foxes and the woman into her painting. She said the painting took about two weeks to finish.

Vatcher said he was impressed by the content and technique of the three winners, noting that he liked the way

Supply module attached

'Leonardo' hoisted using robotic arm

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Astronauts on space shuttle Discovery successfully attached an Italian-made module filled with 5 tons of supplies to the international space station early today.

The module, called Leonardo, was raised from Discovery's payload bay late Sunday. Astronaut Andrew Thomas used the shuttle's robot arm to slowly hoist it to space station Alpha.

The process took somewhat longer than expected, slowed down in part by a delay in getting video from a station camera system the shuttle crew used to help attach the module.

"This crew is very deliberate. They make sure they get it exactly right and we sure applaud that," NASA's lead flight director John Shannon said.

After attaching the module, Thomas and astronaut Paul Richards checked out spacesuits and tools to be used during their spacewalk, set to begin late this evening. They were to install equipment on Alpha and try to fix a latch on one of the station's two giant solar wings.

Discovery is delivering Alpha's first replacement crew, made up of astronauts Jim Voss, Susan Helms and their Russian commander Yuri Usachev. They will spend the next four months aboard the station.

Early Sunday, Voss and Helms completed the shuttle mission's first spacewalk, which at just four minutes shy of nine hours was billed as NASA's longest.

The reusable, cylindrical \$150 million Leonardo module, named after Leonardo da Vinci, contains more systems for the U.S. science lab Destiny, including the work station for Alpha's robotic arm, scheduled to be delivered in April.

Also aboard the module is the first batch of lab experiments, which will study and evaluate the physiological, behavioral and chemical changes in human beings induced by space flight.

The unloading of major pieces of equipment aboard Leonardo began this morning with the removal of two power-distribution racks for Destiny.

Board to decide on project

The Goodland School Board will tour West Elementary School on Tuesday, and members plan to decide whether to go ahead with a high school remodeling project and how to pay for it.

The board also will finish action on a policy allowing religious groups to hold events on district property.

Members usually meet on Monday night, but switched the regular session to 7 p.m. on Tuesday because Superintendent Marvin Selby was called to a meeting in Topeka.

Pat Juhl, board secretary, said Selby will talk about the reason for his trip when members meet at West. The board devotes one meeting a month to touring one of the district's five schools, and will watch presentations by students and teachers before getting down to business.

Members will discuss remodeling the high school's second floor to make room for updated science classrooms. If the board decides to move forward with the project, which has been over a year in the making, members will talk about how to pay for it.

The board will read through for a second time a revised policy that barred religious groups from gathering for events on school property. The new policy opens Goodland's schools to religious groups, as administrators said it wasn't fair to discriminate against them.

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local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.91 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.77
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.00 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.91
Loan deficiency payment — 8¢
Milo — \$3.232 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.07 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.99
Loan deficiency payment — 91¢
Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.50 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$3.16
Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press



1 p.m. House passes lottery bill

TOPEKA — A compromise bill extending the Kansas Lottery's life easily won House approval today and went to Gov. Bill Graves.

The vote was 93-28 on the bill, drafted by a joint conference committee of three senators and three House members. The Senate approved it Thursday, 33-7.

It was the first major action sent to Graves this session. The sticking point had been a proposal to use \$4 million in lottery revenues to subsidize fares for flights at Kansas airports. The House included the plan in its version of the bill, but the Senate didn't even debate the idea.

That lack of debate stirred up enough opposition in the House to prevent passage last week of a compromise without the airfare plan. House members said they wanted senators to show respect.