

weather
report

71°
noon
Monday



Today

• Sunset, 7:23 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:11 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 52 degrees

• Humidity 45 percent

• Sky partly sunny

• Winds south 20-30 mph

• Barometer 29.98 inches
and rising

• Record High today 90° (2006)

• Record Low today 12° (1997)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 71°

Low Sunday 30°

Precipitation none

This month 0.28

Year to date 2.81

Above normal 0.30 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 71, winds out of the south at 20 to 40 mph and a low around 44. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 69, winds out of north at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 47.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 71 and a low around 44. Friday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 71 and a low around 43.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$3.83 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.86

Corn — \$2.93 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.22

Milo — \$2.69 bushel

Soybeans — \$8.61 bushel

Posted county price — \$8.71

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$15.40 cwt.

Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta,

Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys
lose to Colby

Cowboy pitcher Dallas DeLaRosa was the started the first game against Colby on Thursday at Memorial Field. The Cowboys lost the first game 13-10, and lost the second game 9-4. See story, photos on Page 8.

Goodland woman runs for house

By Tom Betz

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She is a familiar face around northwest Kansas, and Monday morning she announced she was seeking the Republican nomination for State Representative in the 121st District seat currently held by a Colby optometrist.

Brenda McCants, who has lived in Goodland for 16 years, told a crowd of about 25 at the Holiday Inn Express she is running for the state representative seat to represent Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan and Graham counties.

"I feel it is time for a new voice," she said. "I think things are in a mess in Topeka and we cannot keep putting our head in the sand any longer. We will have to make tough decisions, and at the same time preserve our rural communities."

She said she had taken more than a year and a half to make the decision to run, and after talking to Rep. Jim Morrison of Colby, who has registered to run for re-election, she said she felt it was time to run.

Morrison was first elected in 1992, and McCants said she had talked to him more than a year ago and at first was not going to run against him.

"I talked to a lot of people and decided it was important to have a new voice for northwest Kansas in

Topeka," she said.

She told the audience she felt her background in health care and education would be a good base for what she would face in Topeka. McCants is Director of Development for Northwest Technical College.

"I had a call this morning from a woman who wanted to know what I was going to do about the schools," she said. "I told her I did not have the answers. I want to talk to parents, teachers and administrators to find out what they feel needs to be done."

McCants was asked if she would continue to work with Northwest Tech, and she said she would stay with the college and had great support from her family, friends and people from the college.

She said she would make similar announcements in Colby, Hoxie and Hill City on Monday.

"I want to get to the smaller communities in each county to talk to people," she said. "I think it is easy for elected officials to think they know what is needed, but I want to talk to people and hear from them."

She said listening is something she is good at, and thinks that may be rare in a politician.

She said she has great help from Sue Evans of Colby who is her committee treasurer, attorney Ron



Candidate Brenda McCants laughed with Paul Chaffin of the Northwest Kansas Technical College and Vanessa Rinehart, general education instructor at the college Monday morning as McCants announced she is a candidate for the Republican nomination for State Representative District 121.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Vignery who is her campaign chairman, attorney Jeff Mason, her husband Larry McCants and Tiffini Overstreet from Northwest Tech. She said there are others who have come forward and said they would

help with the campaign.

"I will work for you," she said, "and I think I can make it happen in Topeka. Thank you for coming and I said it would be short."

The campaign has a Facebook

page, Vote Brenda McCants for Kansas House of Representatives, and Twitter account. For information, call Sue Evans, campaign treasurer, at 443-1149 or McCants at (785) 821-2754.



Goodland's Got Talent show brings out 27 competitors

By Pat Schiefen

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A crowd of around 300 were entertained at the Third Annual Goodland's Got Talent on Saturday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium.

In a packed program there were 27 groups or individuals competing in four categories. There was also an art auction of eight pieces including two painted during the performance by Elwyn Vatcher. There was an art contest, a coloring contest and drawings.

Master of Ceremony Brian Linin shared responsibilities with the guest performer Cameron Bedell. Bedell, 20, is a singer and songwriter from Wichita. He has been writing songs and singing since he was nine years old.

The best of show was a vocal by Charlie Baker. All winners were picked by the audience.

The winner of the tiny age group was Blair and Mirari Linin in a duet, "A Bushel and A Peck." Others in the category were Annika Linin, Atalee Amthor and Megan Neufeld in a fairy dance, Riley Pett'e Stewart played a number on the piano and Matthew Nemechek sang a western song.

There were two winners in the junior group. Demi Mitchek with Dawson Ensign sang about how a boy liked her and wanted to marry her to her mother. Erin Floyd and Elizabeth Fulcher sang and danced to a "Hard Knock Life" from the



musical "Annie." Others competing in the category were Anna Giersch in a dance, Floyd sang, Katie Purvis, sang, Brooke Keim danced, Mitchek and Alexi Vasquez danced, Amanda Coon sang, Fulcher sang, Jamie Nemechek sang, Sianna Miller and Hagan Hoss danced and Mitchek, Chelsea Phillips and Sophia Williams sang about girls just wanting to have fun.

In the teen group, the dance group of Mimi (Mimi Gutierrez) and the twins (Kirsten and Katlyn Topliff) were the winner. Others competing

were Jordan Knitig in a vocal, Sadie Avila and Holton Witman danced, Christina Ostmeyer and Madison Tubbs from Colby danced, Ashley Archer and Brooke Redlin sang and the Right Combination Dance Studio Performance Company danced.

Charlie Baker won the adult category with his vocal number. Others competing were Michelle Douglass singing, Devan Haberman singing, Eli singing and playing a guitar and a dance and magic number.

Other art sold by Auctioneer Terry Richardson were a photo by Brittney Heiter, a drawing by Turkish foreign exchange student Basak Gumulcinelioglu at Goodland High School, a photo by Roxie Yonkey, a painting by Samuel Topel of Leawood, a drawing by Don Greytak of Montana and a photo by Matt C. Schmidt of Minneapolis, Minn.

Clayton Hoss won the art contest. Hannah Dechant won the coloring contest for first and second graders and Caleb Dechant for kindergarten and younger. Aaron Hernandez won the Ipod Shuffle, Sarah Linton won the \$100 WalMart gift card and Katie Seeger won the iron butterfly made by Clayton Hoss.

The committee organizing the event were Travis Blake, Koren Dechant, Kim Horinek, Darren and Jessica Kannady, Brian and Janda Linin, Kim Linin, Calli McDaniel, Tiffini Overstreet, Wendy Wellman and Deedi Hoss Dorn.



The teen group winner was the dance team of Mimi and the Twins. The members were Mimi Gutierrez (from left, top left photo), Kirsten and Katlyn Topliff. Brooke Keim (above) danced to "My Redeemer." One of the winners of the junior group was Erin Floyd and Elizabeth Fulcher (bottom) singing "Hard Knock Life" from the musical "Annie."

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