

weather report

37°

at noon



Today

Sunset, 5:57 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:50 a.m.

Sunset, 5:58 p.m.

Midday Conditions

•Soil Temp. 40 degrees

•Humidity 67 percent

•Sky Mostly cloudy

•Winds SE 8-9

•Barometer 30.29

inches and steady

•Record High 83° (1921)

•Record Low 0° (1965)

Yesterday's Data

High 40°

Low 27°

Precipitation trace today

Northwest Kansas

Tonight: Mostly cloudy; low 30; winds S 10. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy; high 55; winds N 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: Dry all three days; Sunday high 55-60; low 35; Monday high 60; low 25-30; Tuesday high 60-65; low 30-35.

24-hour weather information is broadcast at 162.400 MHz.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.47 bu.  
Posted county price — \$2.37  
Loan deficiency payment — 8¢  
Corn — \$1.90 bu.  
Posted county price — \$1.90  
Loan deficiency payment — 9¢  
Milo — \$2.85 cwt.  
Soybeans — \$4.18 bu.  
Posted county price — \$4.07  
Loan deficiency payment — 82¢  
Millet — \$4.25 cwt.  
Sunflowers  
oil current — \$8.05 cwt.  
loan deficiency payment — \$2.06  
oil 1999 crop — \$8.70 cwt.  
conf. current — \$18/\$11 cwt.  
Pintos - \$13

Local markets courtesy of Mueller Grain, Sigo Sun and Collingwood Grain  
Local bean market courtesy of Prairie Pea and Bean

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press  
1 p.m.

Schoolspending raise endorsed

TOPEKA (AP) — Gov. Bill Graves' plan to increase public school budgets by \$35 per pupil won the endorsement of the House Appropriations Committee, but not because members were enthusiastic about it.

Instead, the committee's voice vote Thursday reflected many members' view that the debate over school finance is far from settled.

The current base budget for public elementary, junior high and high schools is \$3,720 per student. The Senate approved a \$50 increase, to \$3,770 per student. Education officials want a \$100 increase.

"We didn't do anything with it, but that doesn't mean something won't happen," said Rep. Bill Reardon, D-Kansas City, the committee's ranking minority party member.

Goodland instructor named Master Teacher

By Tom Betz

Goodland Daily News

Longtime Goodland Spanish teacher Mary Porterfield has been selected as a Kansas Master Teacher for 1999 by Emporia State University.

Porterfield is one of seven selected from 41 teachers nominated from across the state, and the seven will be honored April 7 at Emporia State University.

She has been teaching Spanish in the Goodland School District for over 30 years. "My goal is for students in my classroom to leave with a working knowledge of the Spanish language and an appreciation for other cultures in the world," Porterfield said. "In order to develop that appreciation, I try to expose the students to authentic encounters with the Spanish culture."

Her efforts to provide Spanish culture activities for her students have included field trips to the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Denver, and the Ballet Folklórico performance in Oberlin.

"We both enjoyed our trips to Mexico, and we thought of you while we were there. We learned enough in our two years of Spanish to communicate very well with the children down there," said Diane Walters and Jennifer DeMauer, former students. "We went to Mexico not expecting to be able to talk very easily with the people, but because you were such a good teacher we did much better than we thought."

Porterfield's development of a foreign language program for the lower grades was unique to Kansas, and when she started in the early 1980s, less than 10 school systems in the state offered foreign language classes in the lower grades.

Kansas Partners for Paraguay has made an impact in Kansas and Goodland. Students from the high school have yearly contact with students from Paraguay and elementary students have helped prepare bi-lingual books to be used by children in the countryside of Paraguay.

Goodland High School students have donated new and used books for the projects, then translated the stories into Spanish and printed the translations on the computer. In 1994, two adults and 10 high school students from Paraguay spent a month in Goodland thanks to communication between

Porterfield and Colegio Eaglenest in Asuncion, Paraguay.

The first international video conference held in Goodland last year was part of a pilot program sponsored by World Bank. The video conference connected people from several Latin American countries through satellites and telephone lines. The students not only spoke with others around the world, but saw them as well.

"Regardless of which perspective one takes to observe the life and activities of Mary, she is an individual who is quickly identified as a person of excellence, be it as a human, as a professional, or as a teacher," said Linda VanLoenen, colleague.

Since Emporia State established the Kansas Master Teacher awards in 1954, more than 400 educators have been honored. The awards are presented annually to teachers who have "served the profession long and well, and who also typify the good qualities of earnest and conscientious teachers."

Local teacher associations, educational organizations and school faculties nominate candidates for the awards. In February a 10-member committee representing educational organizations from across Kansas selected the 1999 winners. The other winners were Michelle DiLisio, Chanute high school, Mary Machin Hemphill, elementary teacher in Manhattan, Judy Humburg, fifth-grade teacher in Andover, Linda Maxine Stelzer, sixth-grade reading teacher in Pratt, Phillip Theis, lead instructor in microbiology at Butler County Community College and Curt C. Vajnar, agriculture education instructor at Hays High School.

When the winners gather at Emporia State in April they will have a full agenda including participating in a seminar about the future of education. The seven will be honored at the 1999 Kansas Master Teacher dinner that evening in the Memorial Union Webb Lecture Hall.

Over the years Porterfield has received several other honors including being a 1987 finalist for Kansas Teacher of the Year, selected as 1987 Kansas Foreign Language Teacher of the Year, selected 1992 Outstanding Educator for High Plains Chapter Phi Delta Kappa and received the Kansas National Education Association Human and Civil Rights Award in 1990.



Goodland High School teacher Mary Porterfield has been named at 1999 Kansas Master Teacher by Emporia State university. She has been teaching Spanish in the Goodland School District for over 30 years, and continues to give her students a good grounding in the language and the culture.

Photo by Tom Betz / Goodland Daily News

Hospital board tours new wing

A review of the Obstetrics policy and procedures, as well as a tour of the new obstetrics wing, are on the agenda for the Goodland Regional Medical Center board meeting 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 22.

The remodeled obstetrics area is expected to be completed in April, and the medical clinic is expected to be completed by May according to hospital officials.

The board will also hear the financial report and there is an executive session dealing with personnel on the agenda.

The next regular hospital board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, in the board room near the cafeteria at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Color change set for Monday at North School

Changing the Junior High colors will be discussed at the Goodland School Board meeting 7 p.m., Monday at North Elementary, and there will be several demonstrations by North teachers and students.

At the last regular meeting, students from Grant Junior High requested the board allow a change in the colors to Gold and Black to coincide with the high school colors. Currently the junior high colors are Orange and Black.

Myron Tedford and his students will present a Power Point Appointments demonstration, and Pam Hardy and her students will present Character Folk Tales. Joan Darnauer and her students will present Quotation Poles.

Superintendent Marvin Selby will report on the construction progress at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. He will give special recognition to Mary Porterfield for being named a Kansas Master Teacher, and Aaron Schields will be given recognition for winning his Class 4A State Championship.

Funding change proposed for community colleges

TOPEKA (AP) — A southeast Kansas legislator is proposing a change in the way the state provides funding to community colleges and Washburn University.

The plan, outlined in detail today by Rep. Richard Reinhardt, D-Erie, would replace the current credit hour state aid system with state operating grants to the 19 community colleges and Washburn.

It also would eliminate out-district tuition that counties pay when their students attend college in another county.

The proposal would increase state aid to the 20 schools by nearly \$15 mil-

lion in the first year. Community colleges would have to use 80 percent of the increase to reduce local property taxes collected to help finance the two-year colleges.

Washburn wouldn't be required to use its extra \$1 million to reduce property taxes. The Topeka university could use the new money for program enhancement or to delay property tax increases.

Reinhardt reviewed his plan as the House Education Committee continued hearings on a bill developed in the Senate to restructure higher education governance and coordination in Kansas. That bill is awaiting Senate debate on Tuesday, but the House committee began work on it Thursday.

"I have been trying to figure out a fair way to fund community colleges from a statewide perspective," Reinhardt said in an interview. "The current credit hour aid system creates behavior by people to go out and offer courses as a source of revenue, rather than the prime objective of providing a service."

Instead of having the state provide financial support to the community colleges and Washburn based on how many full-time equivalent students they have — those taking 15 hours for credit — Reinhardt's plan would provide a state operating grant tied to what it costs to educate underclassmen at state universities.

Presently, the state's share of what it costs to education freshmen and sophomores at the six state universities is about \$3,900 per student, Reinhardt said. His plan would pay the two-year schools and Washburn half that amount, or \$1,950, per student, in scrapping the credit hour system.

Under the plan, Johnson County Community College, the state's largest two-year school, would get \$5.3 million more a year than it now receives from the state. Other larger increases include Kansas City, Kan., Community College, \$2.4 million; Garden City Community College, \$1.4 million, and Butler County Community College, \$1.1 million.

Roll over, Shadow



Darrin Richardson and Jody VanDonge, with dogs Shadow and Bandit, conducted a care and training demonstration at the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter's Annual meeting Thursday. The Animal Seler has placed over 100 animals through their efforts over the past year.

Goodland Daily News staff photo