

weather report

54°

at noon



Today

Sunset, 6:01 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:44 a.m.

Sunset, 6:02 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temp. 44 degrees
- Humidity 46 percent
- Sky Clear
- Winds SE 12, gusting to 18
- Barometer 29.97 inches and steady
- Record High 81° (1967)
- Record Low 4° (1965)

Yesterday's Data

High 53°
Low 28°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas

Tonight: Cloudy with fog developing after midnight; low 30-35; winds SE 10-20 and gusty. Tomorrow: Cloudy; 30% chance of rain; high 45-50; winds E 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Saturday: Dry; highs 60-65; lows around 30.

24-hour weather information is broadcast at 162.400 MHz.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.45 bu.
Posted county price — \$2.38
Loan deficiency payment — 7¢
Corn — \$1.86 bu.
Posted county price — \$1.97
Loan deficiency payment — 2¢
Milo — \$2.87 cwt.
Soybeans — \$4.23 bu.
Posted county price — \$4.25
Loan deficiency payment — 64¢
Millet — \$4.25 cwt.
Sunflowers
oil current — \$8.20 cwt.
loan deficiency payment — \$2.06
oil 1999 crop — \$8.85 cwt.
corn, 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.

Envoy declares talks a failure

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — A special U.S. envoy declared talks with Yugoslavia's president over Kosovo a failure today and headed back to NATO headquarters. Allied airstrikes appeared imminent. Richard Holbrooke said two days of talks with Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic had not yielded the breakthrough the West hoped for and that he was leaving Belgrade today to consult with NATO officials in Brussels, Belgium, before returning to Washington.

Holbrooke described the situation over Kosovo, where war the past year has left more than 2,000 people dead, as "the bleakest since we began this effort almost four years ago."

He said Milosevic had not agreed to the measures the allies were seeking: stopping the fighting in Kosovo and implementation of peace agreements.

It's official: junior high black and gold

By Tom Betz

Goodland Daily News

With lots of support and no opposition, the Goodland School Board voted 7-0 Monday to approve a change in colors at Grant Junior High to match the high school's black and gold.

Now they track team won't be mistaken for escaping prisoners.

Janae McKee and Malcolm White, seventh grade representatives, told the board during its regular meeting at North Elementary that they had not had any negative comments and were able to get 141 students to sign the petition requesting the change.

"We won't be the same as Colby," McKee said, was one of the main comments. "Make the new part of Max Jones have the same colors, and orange is ugly."

"We don't want to look like prisoners during track," added White.

"That sounds like a joke," said Board member Kathy Russell, "but I had someone call me the other day who saw a couple of junior high track members running down the street and thought for a moment there had been another escape."

Board member Ron Schilling made the motion to change the colors, and the motion was seconded by Ben Duell.

Grant Principal Jim Mull said he had not had any calls opposing the change. North Elementary Principal Steve Raymer said he had polled the fifth and sixth grades and found about three-fourths were in favor of the change.

Mary Kratky, junior high athletic director, said they would probably change uniforms over five years, replacing one sport at a time.

"Our biggest one is probably track, where we have 102 students participating," she said. "However, we don't need to change the girls' sweats. They are gray, but the shirts are orange. The boys' sweats are the bright orange."

Board President Dick Short again asked about any loss of identity from the change and both McKee and White said keeping the junior high's Mustang emblem was enough identity.

There were comments from the assembled parents that this change would make it easier because the colors would be consistent from school to school, and that it should have been done years ago.

Later, Short, on behalf of the board, presented a certificate of achievement to Mary Porterfield, who has been named a Kansas Master Teacher.

"She has been an inspiration to many in our schools and brought many students with diverse cultures to our system," he said. "It is great that she is our Master Teacher."

"I want to thank the board for the support I have received in the various projects I have asked to do over the years," Porterfield said. "I believe this award is representative of the fine teaching that is going on in our schools, and I plan to continue for a few years."

Short also presented a certificate to state wrestling champion Aaron Schields on behalf of the board.

"When I heard that Aaron Schields had hurt his shoulder in football," he said, "I wondered what would happen in wrestling. It was wonderful to watch him overcome that and to win the Class 4A State Championship at 145 pounds."

Wrestling Coach Eddie Clark echoed the words of Short as he talked about Schields: "I think he is an amazing young man, and I continue to marvel at the things he can do on a wrestling mat. It is great he was able to handle the injury and do so well, and we look forward to having him for another year."

Schields thanked the board for the certificate, saying he didn't think it was that big a deal. He said it has been three weeks since his shoulder surgery, and he is beginning to get the full range of motion back and also beginning to use some weights. He said he expects to be

back to 100 percent in three months.

Schields went through the wrestling season with his shoulder taped and the use greatly reduced. He won 13 matches straight before the state tournament, where he won an additional four to make it 17 wins without a loss.

High School Principal Harvey Swager spoke to the board on behalf of Oscar Luera's request to attend the Technical School's Communications Technology program under the Senior Option program beginning in the fall of

this year. Luera said he has been accepted into the program, and is looking forward to the next step in his career.

A question was asked about his status as a student if he is attending the Technical School. Superintendent Marvin Selby said it will be up to the Kansas High School Activities Association to determine Luera's athletic status on an individual basis.

Swager said that while he will be attending classes at the Technical School, Luera is considered a senior at Good-

land High School and able to participate in all activities including sports.

The board unanimously approved the motion.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a request from Bob Harkins, transportation supervisor, to seek bids on a new school van and to determine how to dispose of vehicles.
- Approved the Kansas Association of School Boards membership agreement for the next year at a cost of \$6,213, and also a Legal Service Agree-

ment for \$750 for the year.

- Accepted resignation of Joni Guyer, high school attendance secretary.

- Went into executive session to discuss personnel matters with McKee, Swager and Dick Liess.

The school board will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the district office, 1312 Main, to discuss field trips, eligibility, dress codes and any new offer on the land sale. The next regular board meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday, April 12, at the district office.



Goodland School Board members (from left above) Ben Duell, Jane Philbrick and Mike Campbell read character folk tales created by Pam Hardy's students as part of her class project in creative language. Richard Bauman (below) reads the "quotation pole" he designed as part of a

language project in Joan Darnauer's class. Melissa Swager (below right) starts the Power Point appointments program to demonstrate work the students in Myron Tedford's class are doing to help students who are absent from class.

Photos by Tom Betz / Goodland Daily News

Students show board their skills

By Tom Betz

Goodland Daily News

Members of the Goodland School Board were treated to student demonstrations during their regular meeting Monday night at North Elementary.

Students from Myron Tedford's, Norma Staker's and Joan Darnauer's classes gave presentations, and teacher Pam Hardy talked to the board about her student's writing project.

Tedford's students, Morgan Titus, Samantha Philbrick and Melissa Swager, demonstrated a computer program they use to create a presentation for students who are absent. Tedford said he had learned how to use the presentation program Power Point during a recent training trip.

The students' program involves the students in making special screens for each class activity which show what was talked about in that class, and what homework assignments there were. At the end of each class segment, a student is assigned to create the page for that subject and goes to a computer to do it. At the end of the day, all the pages are

put together into a presentation, and a hard copy is printed out for any students who may have been missing class.

Staker's students, Wyatt Dautel, Matthew Rohr, Jordan Frazier, Daniel Schields and Morgan Titus, demonstrated a audio-visual program they are working on which follows the Max Jones expansion project. The students have taken video tapes of their visits to the site, and through a computer have added music, narration and labels. When the project is completed, the class will present Rhoads Construction with a copy of the video. The students also have included video scenes of the class work they have been doing in connection with the "Build it" program such as learning about cubic feet and cubic yards.

Darnauer's students, Ciara Abbey and Richard Bauman, talked about the "quotation poles" they have been creating. The students are learning the proper punctuation and grammar for quotations, and they also are working on their computer skills by drawing faces to illustrate the quotations.

Hardy talked about a language arts project where the students learned about various types of folk tales and then created a story of their own. This project has also meant use of the computer lab and the word processing programs. She brought some of the creative story books the students created to show the board members.



Magistrate denies bail request for former Rexford city clerk

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press

Saying that the former Rexford city clerk had fled once to avoid being arrested, Thomas County District Magistrate Judge Rick Ress denied a request this morning to reduce her bond.

Wearing the county's black-and-white jail uniform, Mary Joyce Turner was led back to the county jail by sheriff's deputies.

Turner, 67, turned herself in Monday after being on the run since February. She is charged with 11 counts of felony forgery and theft in a case that may involve more than \$110,000 missing from the

tiny town's treasury.

Within minutes of the judge's decision, Turner's court-appointed attorney, Tony Potter of Hill City, filed a notice of appeal requesting another bond hearing to be heard by District Judge Glenn Schiffner.

A hearing on the bond appeal is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Thomas County Courthouse.

"I was absolutely surprised," said Potter shortly after the motion to review the terms of the bond were denied.

Allan Taylor and Potter appeared to be agreeable to a lower bond, Judge Ress held firm to the \$25,000 cash bond initially imposed when the defendant turned herself in Monday morning.

During the 15-minute motion hearing, Potter cited reasons why the bond should be reduced.

"Her husband Loren said he would agree to sign over his house to meet a bond," said Potter. "All charges are low-level felonies and even if my defendant pled guilty to all these charges, she would only get probation."

Despite the fact that the defendant had been missing for more than a month, Potter maintained

that Turner is not a flight risk. Representing the county, Taylor said that he wants to ensure that Turner does appear for trial, adding that he did not see public safety as an issue if the bond is lowered.

"I would request it be a supervised bond with Jim Robison, Thomas County court services officer, setting up the terms," Taylor said.

After hearing both sides, Judge Ress concluded that the complaint was filed in late February and Turner did flee to avoid prosecution. Consequently, he denied the request and ordered the bond stay at \$25,000 cash.