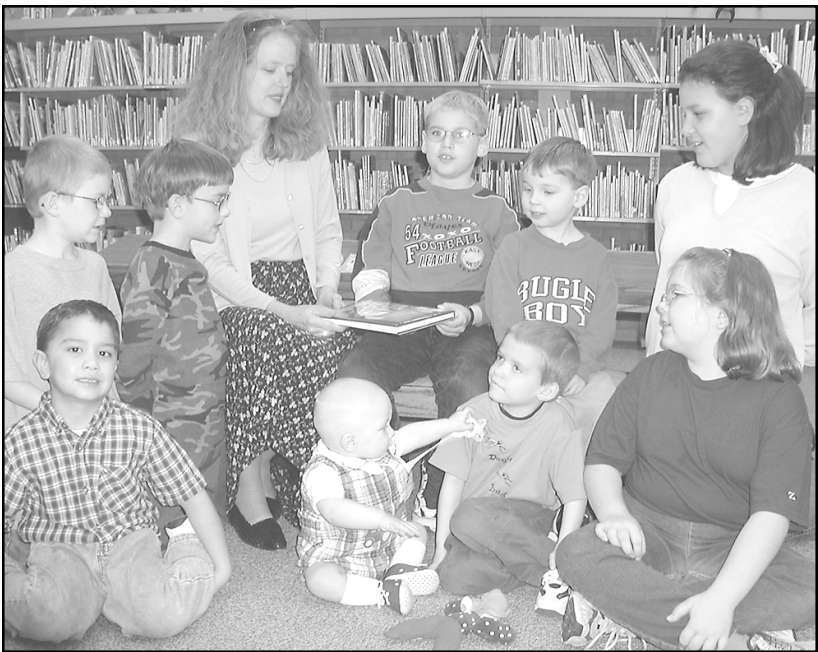


Goodland librarian Janet Warren accepted a book donated to the Goodland Public Library from Matthew Barker on behalf of employees at the National Weather Service office in Goodland. The children's book "Not One Damsel in Distress," a collection of world folktales for strong girls, was a donation for Women's History Month. Other children of weather service employees were on hand for the presentation. They were (front row, left to right) Ian Bonsall, Benjamin Skipper, Causim Entwistle and Kylie Buller and (back row, left to right) Lee Entwistle, Stephen Buller, Kevin Barker and Julica Bonsall.

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# Women donate books to schools

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took the role of Anthony as part of the group's Women's History Month activities. She said the American Association of University Women believes it's important for children to think about fairness and equality.

"It's important for them to know that men and women, boys and girls should be treated equally," she said.

Mary Isernhagen, the association secretary, said this month group members are taking turns visiting the school's library to either read or act out the biography of a famous woman. Porterfield said before Anthony, Annie Oakley made an appearance.

The group started the visits during Women's History Month last year, Porterfield said, and plans to keep it up for years to come. Last year, members organized a presentation on pioneer women for older students at North El-

ementary, but, she said, that may not happen this year.

The group, however, is doing plenty to teach women's history.

Isernhagen said members have set up a display in the window of Knott Just Books, 1102 Main, and will donate books dealing with women's issues to Central and West elementary schools.

"Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter," a twist on the classic fairy tale; "Sybil's Nightride," the story of a woman who did the same job as Paul Revere; and "Tatterhood," fictional stories about women, will go to Central. And "You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer," the story of the woman who invented bloomers; and "The Paper Bag Princess," a story about a girl dragon-slayer, will go to West.

Isernhagen said the group wants the books to be available to students.

"I think it's important for girls to know that there are women who have

stepped out and done things," she said. "Sometimes that's glossed over in history books."

Porterfield said the association also raises money each year to send a girl through the Future Astronaut Training Program at the Cosmosphere, a space museum and center, in Hutchinson, and holds other programs. On April 10, she said, the association will hold its annual "Jump Start Your Mind" workshop for third through sixth graders.

The event, which includes short workshops focusing on science, math and other subjects, will be held at North Elementary.

Porterfield said the group is also planning the "Sister to Sister" event for April, bringing junior high girls together to talk.

Isernhagen said all of the projects are aimed at boosting girls' self-esteem.

"Girls need to know that they can do what they want to do," she said.

# Moisture keeps soil in its place

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cause of the dry conditions in the fall and hasn't had as much time to grow. He said if it gets dry, the wind will blow soil off the wheat fields, which can damage plants.

But, he said, so far Sherman County has been getting enough moisture to keep that from happening. A sparse stand can also cause a problem with blowing.

Stockton said less growth means more soil is exposed and then there is more of a chance of it blowing away.

He said because the wheat was planted late, it didn't grow as much in the fall, which is when wheat plants normally produce about 3/4 of their tillers, or secondary stems. Wheat only produces about 1/4 of its tillers in the spring, he added.

Stockton said there wasn't much

chance to produce tillers in the fall as the wheat was planted late and winter came early, which sent the crop into dormancy early.

The bright spot in the picture, he said, is that wheat seems to be very well adapted to this climate and can bounce back from adverse weather.

However, he said, because there wasn't much fall growth, farmers may have a hard time making up for that.

"I'm concerned about having enough plants per acre to produce profitable grain yields," Stockton said.

He said because of the late planting, the wheat plant may have three or four stems, instead of six or eight.

There are two or three areas where the wheat plant can make up for a thin population if moisture is available, he said.

It can add extra grains on each head or have more weight per grain.

But, Stockton said, with the cold, snowy conditions the county has had so far, there's been very little disease or insect damage for wheat plants.

Stockton said the area is not at a point where farmers have to worry about cold temperatures effecting the wheat.

However, he said, cattle producers might consider letting cattle graze wheat fields since the supply of hay is slim, particularly if a wheat field doesn't look like it will have a good grain yield.

He said calves can gain over two pounds a day grazing on wheat.

It may be more profitable for cattle producers to do this since wheat prices are low and cattle prices are high, he said.

He also mentioned that if farmers are thinking about fertilizing wheat they have about three weeks to get it done before the wheat won't benefit from it.

# New plan is third finance proposal

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vision for public education in Kansas," he said. "We're not going to spit in the eye of the governor, but the House is going to remain reluctant in terms of tax increases."

But Rep. Ralph Tanner, R-Baldwin City, chairman of the House Education Committee, was not thrilled with Graves' timing.

"The expectation has been raised so high through the governor's task force and other voices in the Senate and state Board of Education that we have what is approaching an impossible situation," Tanner said.

The governor's plan would be at least the third school finance proposal.

A coalition of Senate Education Committee members has floated a proposal that would increase the state's sales tax to 5.5 percent over three years. That measure would raise an estimated \$75 million in fiscal 2002, which starts July 1; \$150 million in fiscal 2003; and \$225 million in fiscal 2004.

Sen. Jim Barnett, R-Emporia, has proposed an increase in taxes on beer, wine and strong liquor to raise about \$61 million for state aid to schools.

The House Appropriations Committee has endorsed a budget closely following the plan Graves outlined in his State of the State address.

The House Education Committee plans to roll out a proposal Thursday that incorporates its session-long focus

on accountability at early grade levels.

In other action Monday:

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

—The House rejected a bill that would have eased lobbyist disclosure requirements and created a commission that could increase legislative pay.

—Some senators suggested delaying a proposal that would provide tax incentives for Kansans who make their homes and businesses more energy efficient, to study how much it would cost the state.

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