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Local Weather

TODAY



71

Sunny

Winds: S 5-10 mph

TONIGHT



54

Mostly clear

Winds: SW 5-10 mph

SUNDAY



75/56

Mostly sunny

MONDAY



62/38

Mostly cloudy, 30% chance of showers

TUESDAY

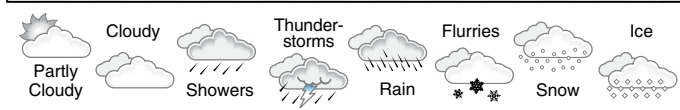
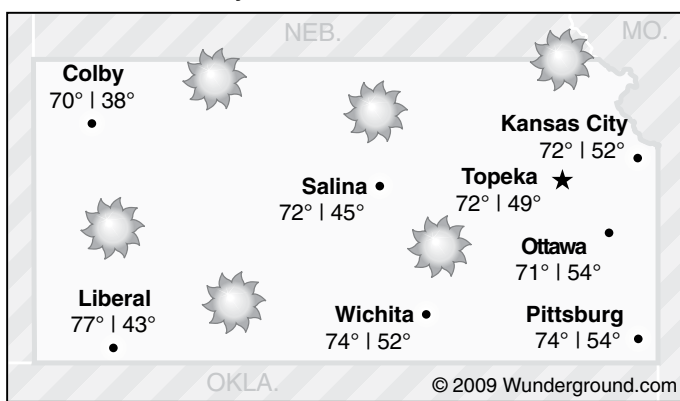


58/40

Mostly sunny

Today's Forecast

Forecast for Saturday, Nov. 7 City/Region High | Low temps



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Statistics

Temperatures

Thursday's high 69
Thursday's low 30
Thursday's record high 84, 1980
Thursday's record low 15, 1959

Precipitation

Precipitation 7 a.m. Friday none
Thursday's record 0.80, 1938
Month to date 0.04
Monthly average 2.95
Year to date 43.21

Sunrise/Sunset

Sunset Tonight 5:14
Sunrise Sunday 6:56
Sunset Sunday 5:14
Sunrise Monday 6:57
Sunset Monday 5:13
Sunrise Tuesday 6:58

Reservoir levels

Reservoir	Full	Level	Outflow
Clinton	876	877.86	350
Hillsdale	917	918.69	300
Melvorn	1,036	1,036.00	1,000
Pomona	974	976.55	300

National Weather

By The Associated Press

Temperatures indicate Thursday's high and overnight low.

City	High	Low	Precipitation	Outlook
Atlanta	64	39		Cir
Chicago	62	34		PCldy
Dallas-Ft. Worth	64	49	0.05	Cir
Denver	45	19		Cir
Honolulu	89	77		PCldy
Juneau	39	28		Rain
Los Angeles	74	54		Cir
New York City	59	52		Rain

National temperature extremes in the lower 48 states ranged from 14 West Yellowstone, Mont., to 91 Canadian, Texas.



Photo by Elliot J. Sutherland/The Ottawa Herald

Mark Paquette, instrumental music teacher at Ottawa Middle School, leads a band practice group Thursday afternoon as his son, Cale Paquette, 14, standing at right, helps a student follow along with the music. Cale, who is now a freshman at Ottawa High School, was in band class with his father for three years.

Teachers face balancing act when their kids are students

By RACHEL HAWKINS
Herald Staff Writer

Mark Paquette isn't your typical teacher at Ottawa Middle School.

For three years, he played the role of father and teacher during school hours. His son, Cale, was in his band class.

"He didn't play the instrument I played," Paquette said. "I like to think I branched him out to play different woodwind instruments."

Like Paquette, Chanlynn Tatum also plays the role of mother and teacher during school hours. Her oldest daughter, Cailin, is a sophomore at Ottawa High School.

When Tatum interviewed to become the freshman and junior English teacher at the high school, she told the principal she never wanted her daughters in her classes.

"That's the one thing I asked," Tatum said. "To not ever teach my own child."

Tatum said teaching her own children would be extremely difficult to do.

"I just said I couldn't do that," she said.

Although her own child is not in her classes, some of her daughter's closest friends are in classes she teaches.

"Being in the classroom with her friends isn't bad," she said. "The hardest part is having her friends over at my house."

Tatum said while she knows

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— Chanlynn Tatum,
English teacher, Ottawa High School

her daughter needs to have that social interaction with her friends, she would enjoy some time without her students around.

"I see them all day," she said. "When I'm at home, I would like to be home without them there."

Many of Paquette's students were his son's friends, and they often would come and practice after school hours in the band room.

"My room was always open to him and his friends," he said. "It was a good experience for him and for me."

Tatum said her daughter's friends and her students are polite and act the same way in class.

"Her really close friends usually speak more freely once they get to know me," she said.

Tatum, Cailin and her youngest daughter, Alec, ride together to school in the morning. She said it is a bonding time for them, but Cailin usually gets a ride home from school with a friend.

"She needs her friend time," Tatum said. "Which is fine with

me."

Cailin often will come into her mother's classroom to say hello during the school day.

"She likes being able to do that," she said.

Although her other daughter is younger, she also never will have her mom for a teacher.

"She would be the one that is fine with it," she said. "She's the one that is more interested in academics, where the older one is more interested in socialization."

Like Tatum, Paquette's other child, a daughter, never will be in his class.

"She's older, and she just wanted to sing," he said. "She didn't have any classes with me."

Paquette said while his son is now a freshman at the high school and no longer in his classroom, he doesn't think his son minded having him as a teacher.

"I never got a feeling he resented being in my class," he said. "I didn't make him call me Mr. Paquette or anything. He just always called me Dad."

Bond news has local officials smiling

By VICKIE MOSS
Herald Public Affairs Editor

Ottawa and Franklin County will get a little help when it comes to borrowing money.

Ottawa has received its first bond rating, which is expected to give investors more information and open up the city to a broader audience of investors when the city borrows by issuing bonds, the city's top financial officer said.

Meanwhile, Franklin County Commissioners accepted more than \$2 million in Recovery Zone Bonds as part of the federal stimulus package.

Ottawa

City officials sought the city's first bond rating from Moody's Services as part of the Northeast Water Tower project.

The city will sell about \$2.345 million in general obligation bonds Nov. 18 for the project, which includes a new water tower, main lines and a booster pump station. The project, now under construction, is expected to take about a year to complete. Municipalities issue bonds to raise money for

specific projects, like to develop infrastructure. They pay back the borrowed money with interest. A bond rating provides potential buyers with additional information about the city and likely will open the city to a broader audience of interested bond buyers, Scott Bird, city clerk and finance director, said.

The city received a bond rating of A3, the lowest of the A ratings but typical for a city of Ottawa's size, Bird said. The city can work toward a higher rating for future projects that use general obligation bonds, he said. AAA1 is the highest available rating.

Ottawa typically does well when selling bonds, Bird said.

"However, in light of everything that's been going on in the economy, our bond attorney recommended we seek a bond rating," Bird said.

Mayor Blake Jorgensen, who was part of a committee that worked with Moody's for the bond rating, said he appreciated the hard work that led to the rating.

"This is good news," he said.

Franklin County

Commissioners accepted more than \$2 million in Recovery Zone

Bonds, but it's possible the county won't need them.

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Franklin County qualified for \$2.336 million in recovery zone facility bonds.

Recovery Zone Bonds provide tax incentives for state and local government to borrow at lower costs to promote job creation and economic recovery in areas hit hard by unemployment.

The county doesn't have specific projects the bonds could be used for, but if it didn't accept the bonds, the money would have gone elsewhere, Lisa Johnson, county administrator, told commissioners at meetings last month. Commissioners accepted the bonds to make sure the money would be available if they discovered an eligible project.

If the county doesn't issue the bonds before July 1, 2010, the money will be reallocated by the state.

The county's bond attorney recommended officials investigate possible projects that might qualify for the bonds.

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