

## weather report

**48°**

at noon



### Today

- Sunset, 5:21 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 6:39 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:22 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 26 percent
- Sky Overcast
- Winds NE 27-32
- Barometer 29.90 inches and rising
- Record High 75° (1999)
- Record Low -8° (1936)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High	50°
Low	16°
Precipitation	—

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, then becoming mostly clear. Lows in upper teens. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high in mid-40s, wind NW 5-10.

### Extended Forecast

Saturday: Sunny, high in low 50s. Sunday: Mostly cloudy, lows mid 20s, highs mid 50s. Monday: Partly cloudy, scattered showers, windy, lows mid 20s, high mid 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.61 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.55  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.92 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.86  
Loan deficiency payment — 13¢  
Milo — \$1.64 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.76 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.78  
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.14  
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$9.20 cwt.  
Oil New Crop — \$9.50 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$69  
Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

**1 p.m.**

## Senate to get campaign bill

WASHINGTON — Hours after the House passed the most significant campaign spending bill in a generation, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said the Senate was ready to take up the measure immediately and he would fight an expected filibuster.

"I'm going to seek consent to go to this bill the minute we receive it," Daschle, D-S.D., said today at a news conference of proponents of the legislation. It would end the flow of millions of dollars in unregulated "soft-money" contributions to the national political parties. President Bush's spokesman was noncommittal about whether Bush would sign the measure if it clears the Senate.

"I think the president has made clear he would like to sign something that will improve the system," said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

# Cut in state aid approved

*Bill will mean less money for schools*

TOPEKA (AP) — A Senate committee reluctantly approved a \$158-per-pupil cut in state aid to public schools Wednesday, pushed by some members who said it would be irresponsible to do otherwise for now.

"It's the fervent hope for me and, I think, most everyone that this is not the final result for education," Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairman Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, said after the vote.

Most of the committee's Republican members, led by Senate President Dave Kerr, said it would be unwise to draft a proposed budget for the Department of Education that assumed any new revenues for the fiscal year that starts July 1.

With the state facing a projected revenue shortfall of at least \$426 million, Gov. Bill Graves included the \$158-per-pupil cut in the balanced budget he submitted in January.

But he also proposed \$228 million in tax increases to avoid the cut, and some legislators have been talking about ways to bring in fresh revenue.

Neither chamber has voted on a tax plan, however, and members of the Ways and Means Committee did not want to guess at how big any tax increase might be.

Under the committee's plan, the Department of Education would receive about \$2.2 billion in fiscal 2003, down about \$130 million or 5.6 percent from this year's state appropriation.

For the 304 school districts, aid per pupil would drop to \$3,712 from its current \$3,870.

The proposal now becomes part of a proposed state budget the Senate expects to debate in March.

# New Love at 90

*Age, stereotypes didn't discourage newlyweds*

By Rachel Miscall

*The Goodland Daily News*

A few weeks before turning 90, Olive Thiel wasn't contemplating her past, she was planning her future.

She was thinking about a wedding dress and a honeymoon, not retirement centers and living wills.

Olive married Troy Dillinger, 87, on Jan. 30 and the newlyweds held a reception and birthday party in Brewster on Sunday, the day after she turned 90. The reception was planned for Saturday, but it was put off a day because of the wind storm.

The couple, who live in Brewster, said they have known each other for more than 50 years and their children attended Brewster High School together, but they never imagined they would be married.

Both had long, happy marriages, and they say they missed the caring and companionship after their mates died. They found comfort in each other, the couple says, as they have a lot in common and enjoy spending time together.

And their friendship quickly grew into something more.

Olive said the couple had been "dating" for about a month when Troy popped the question in November. Both said they had reservations about marrying again and wondered what people would say, but then they decided life was too short to worry about that.

It turned out there was no reason to worry, because their family and friends are excited about the marriage and their lawyers sorted out money and property issues.



Olive Thiel and Troy Dillinger on their wedding day.

Clasping each other's hand at their dining room table, the newlyweds said they believe their former spouses are smiling down on them from heaven.

Luther, Olive's husband of 64 years, died from a heart attack on Oct. 10, 1995. She said they had a wonderful marriage and she was lonely without his company. Olive said she thought life was over, and she started knitting

quilts to keep her mind off her sorrow. Cancer killed Lottie, Troy's wife of 65 years, on Oct. 18, 2000. Troy said Lottie was the only sweetheart he had ever had before he married Olive. He said he moved their Sherman County farmhouse to Brewster in 1994, because he didn't want Lottie to be living alone in the country if he died first. It was Troy who was left alone.

Olive joked that she doesn't know what she'll do if Troy leaves, because she doesn't think she can knit quilts anymore. Caressing her hand, Troy said he's not going anywhere if he can help it.

After the couple were married at the Levant Community Church, which Olive has attended since 1952, they moved into Olive's Brewster home — built in 1979 when she and Luther moved off the farm.

Troy and Olive said they have a lot in common. They both lived on farms outside Brewster for a good part of their lives, their children went to school together, they survived the Depression, World War II and the Dust Bowl and lived less than a block away from each other for seven years.

Olive said they are even related in a roundabout way. Her daughter-in-law's aunt is Troy's cousin.

Of course, they didn't know that until they started chatting at the post office one day in October. Troy said they started talking often, and one day Olive mentioned that she needed to go to Colby, but didn't have a ride.

Olive told Troy that her son Dale, who runs the family farm, doesn't like her traveling alone and will take her anywhere at anytime. But since it was the middle of corn harvest, she said, she didn't want to bother him.

Troy offered to take her, and said they chatted all the way to Colby and back. By the time they returned, he said, he realized he was falling in love.

"I found out how much we really had in common," he said, "and I

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# Recycling part of plan to cut trash load

## Idea to extend life of landfill

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Daily News*

Recycling containers for paper, glass and aluminum arrived in Goodland on Monday as part of a voluntary plan to help reduce the load of trash being hauled to the county transfer station and buried in the new landfill.

That was the first step in a joint program to keep things out of the municipal solid waste stream, but Tuesday trucks for the city and for Kevin Butts's rural trash collection service were full of contaminated trash which should not even be in the dumpsters.

"I think some people are not getting the message," said City Manager Ron Pickman about the things being pulled out of the trash. "I have had people tell me that they will not recycle, and that if we want theirs we can come get it. I explain that it is a voluntary program.

"One lady told me she was not going to be a taxi for the recycle material."

When the trash trucks arrive at the transfer station, they are weighed and then they back into the building and dump the load onto the floor. Supervisor Margaret Russell and her helpers, Kevin Delano, Dale Smith and Adam Waters, look through it to see if there is material that should not be put in the landfill.

Tuesday, Russell said every load had this kind of material. Items including a motor, a stroller and quite a bit of construction and demolition debris like floor tiles and sheet rock. There paint cans and over a gallon of used oil, which are considered household hazardous waste.

"This is one of the worst days I have seen recently," she said, adding that over the past month there has been quite a bit of construction debris in the city trucks.

Pickman said the January figures showed that the county pulled over



Holding a piece of sheet rock she found, Margaret Russell waded through a load of trash from a city truck. The wallboard is construction debris, one of the things both the county and city are trying to keep out of the landfill. Photos by Tom Betz /The Goodland Daily News

three tons of material out of the trucks that should not have been placed in the city dumpsters.

"The hard thing is to get the people to take responsibility for what they are doing," Pickman said. "I pay the same monthly bill, and I certainly don't want it to go up further, but unless we get people to take the time to be responsible, that may be the only alternative.

"The real problem is when we make it convenient, they seem to want to take advantage of the system. This puts us in the middle, and puts pressure on our people to take things out of the dumpsters before they are put into the trash trucks. We can do this, but instead

of reducing the cost of handling the trash, it will cost us more in the long run.

"The better situation would be for people to voluntarily help with the recycling effort, which will reduce the tons of trash and therefore save both the city and county money. With a reduction in the tons of trash the citizens win, and we won't have to increase rates."

Russell said she thinks the recycling will help, but she is more concerned about the metal and construction debris thrown into the city dumpsters.

To help this situation, the city has hauled four dumpsters to the transfer station and these are available to handle small loads of metal, concrete, con-

struction debris and burnable wood.

"The problem we have had is that people want to put everything in these (regular dumpsters)," Russell said. "We have put the city and Butts on notice that, based on the operation plan we have filed with the state health department, the people hauling the trash to use are responsible for separating out the contamination. We'll see what happens, but so far the trucks have been cleaner."

She said one city trash truck driver said he now checks each dumpster and pulls things out that he can see. One told her he found a whole computer desk in a dumpster. She asked if that was one



Cans of paint, paint thinner and used oil were pulled out of the city trash truck Tuesday at the county transfer station. This material is listed by the state health department as household hazardous waste and is not supposed to be in trash dumpsters because it can contaminate groundwater.

that the city's special pickup crew brought out separately, and the truck driver said it was.

Pickman said the city will have to review how they are doing the special pickup, but that it is a means of helping. The city crew will pick up most odd, banned or oversize items free of charge. (There is a charge for tires and some other items.)

"If you have stuff to throw away that should not go in the dumpsters call," he said, "the city and we will come to your front door. We can't make it any more convenient than that."

County Commissioner Kevin Rasure says he has seen some people pulling up to the new recycling containers, and hopes that will continue because it is a way everyone can act to reduce the amount of trash.

The hours at the transfer station are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The only exceptions are the 11 county holidays.