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weather

report

78°

at noon

• Sunset, 7:07 p.m.

Sunrise, 6:23 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:05 p.m.

Humidity 38 percent

Winds variable at 5 mph

• Barometer 30.08 inches

• Record High 102° (1931)

• Record Low 34° (1941)

and falling

Last 24 Hours*

Northwest Kansas Forecast

east winds at 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight: clear, low near 50, south

Friday: partly cloudy, with a 20

percent chance of thunderstorms,

high near 85, southeast winds at 5

Extended Forecast

storms, low near 55, high near 80.

Sunday and Monday: dry, lows in the

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

40s, highs in the 70s.

local

markets

Wheat — \$2.25 bushel

Corn — \$1.74 bushel

Saturday: chance of thunder-

72°

45°

none

Sky sunny

High

Low Precipitation

to 15 mph.

Today

Tomorrow

Midday Conditions

Soil Temperature 69 degrees

Twelve Pages

Elevator founder was generous man

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News The name on the big elevator. Iron (Dutch) Mueller, founder of Mueller Grain Co., is remembered as a conservative, hard-working, compassionate man that above all else was generous and loved kids.

R.ATrue, who managed the Mueller

elevator from 1976 to 1998, said that Mueller, who died in 1980, was a man who took failure and successes in stride.

"He had a long term view of northwest Kansas," said True. "He had seen

good times and bad times.

"Dutch never worried about day-today affairs. He always said, 'Things will get better;' he was a true optimist.' Mueller founded the grain firm 50 years ago, in 1949, when the first section of the Goodland elevator was built. The opeation grew and prospered over the years, with major additions in 1954

True said that Mueller was the greatest supporter of northwest Kansas that he has ever known.

pour back into the community," he said. True said he remembers when Good-Rock Island Railroad. He said the town leaders got together to discuss buying grain.

He said Mueller was ready to back needed it. the plan for the good of everyone.

"To me, that was a wondrous thing."

"Dutch said, 'If we need to do this, a couple years after Dutch was gone, I band was very strong for education. her husband started.

on my luck, Dutch loaned me this money. I wanted to return it.""

Iron (Dutch) Mueller built his first elevator in 1949, it stored 250,000 bushels. This is a photo of the Goodland

Muller elevator in the early 1960s, after it was added on to house three million bushels. The elevator company

It was unsigned, she said, so she never knew who her husband had helped. But she said he would help anyone that came to him with a hard luck story. He was just that way.

Mrs. Mueller also said that her hus-

She said that her husband was widely known by children anywhere he went.

"Anywhere he went," she said, "kids would come up to him and say, 'Hi Dutch.' He always had candy or gum to give them."

She said he bought candy and gum by the carton, and was always ready for

Vicki Thomas, a daughter of the Muellers, said her dad was basic and down-to-earth and never had a cross word for her.

She told of a time when she was in high school and had driven his Ford.

"It was a big, black Ford that I had to angle to get into the garage," she said. "I hit the side of the garage, taking a piece of chrome off the side."

When she went in to tell her dad, he just said, "Ah, that door is too small anyway.'

She said that he himself hit the side of the garage a little later, and took the door out and put a bigger one in.

The Muellers built a house in Bird City in 1939. They lived in the basement for five years until they were able to finish the upstairs. In fact, Mrs. Mueller still lives in that house.

"He was proud of the elevator and proud of farming," she said. "He was never a show-off, always wore his overalls and his old felt hat."

Mueller was in his 40s when the elevator really took off, said True. He had worked hard all his life, he said, but Mueller was a very modest man, even

"He was an outstanding individual

Kansas Republicans say Bush is best chance

sas State Sen. Steve Morris, a self-dewas surprised to find his ultraconserva- a wide range of Republicans. tive senate colleagues at a campaign

peal, he said.

publican presidential hopeful, said on the economy and education." scribed moderate Republican, said he McCain doesn't have Bush's appeal to

Kansas Republicans who met Bush It speaks to Bush's far-reaching ap-Kansas City said they are hopeful that of Hallmark Cards Inc. Bush can unite the Republican party "George is the best bet we have to and give it a chance at the presidency.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kan- zona Sen. John McCain, another Re- self to be fiscally prudent, and is strong

Bush's warm welcome from Kansas Republicans included a private fundraising event at the Mission Hills home

I'm going to win. But I have a lot of work to do. I have to earn the respect of the people who will decide the pri-

mary.' Bush's plane arrived promptly at usual pledges to cut taxes and event for Texas Gov. George W. Bush. at his campaign stop Wednesday in of Adele and Donald J. Hall, chairman 3:55 p.m., reminding Kansas Lt. Gov. strengthen the military. Gary Sherrer that Vice President Al Bush responded to a question about Tan, but looking tired, Bush gave Gore was more than an hour late at a a report published Wednesday that

Senate President Dick Bond added: "He's the only one I know who can win."

While in Kansas City, Bush made his

warm handshakes to Kansas Gov. Bill meeting of state officials that Sherrer prominent Texas Democrat Ben Barnes helped Bush get a place in the Texas Air National Guard at the request of Bush's father, who was then a congressman. Barnes has denied the reports, and Bush has said repeatedly that he did not receive preferential treatment.



Mueller in 1950

land was having a hard time with the nity. the railroad so they could export their her husband was a conservative man

and 1959.

is celebrating 50 years of operation. "Dutch was more than willing to let's dothis," he recalled. "He was very

willing to put his assets on the line and take some risks to support the commu-

Ruby Mueller, Dutch's wife, said that who was willing to help anyone who

"Iremember a time," she said, "it was

Photo by courtesy of Janice Phipps got a letter with some money in it. "The letter read, 'When I was down cation," she said, "but he was a strong

"Dutch only had a seventh grade edusupporter of it." Among other things, he started a

scholarship fund the Northwest Kansas Technical School. Each year since then, after his success. there has been a student chosen from either Cheyenne, Rawlins or Sherman that just amazed me," True said. "He County to receive the scholarship. Mrs. was the most gentle and courageous Mueller has continued the scholarship man I have ever known."

Posted county price — \$1.73 Loan deficiency pmt. — .26¢ Milo — \$2.43 hundredweight Soybeans — \$4.37 bushel Posted county price — \$4.42 Loan deficiency payment — .47¢ Millet — \$4 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$6.90 cwt.

Noon

Posted county price — \$2.32

Loan deficiency payment — .13¢

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.71 Oil new crop — \$6.90 cwt. Confection current - no bid Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop) (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.



WASHINGTON - Former Republican Sen. John Danforth today took the reins of an independent inquiry into the fiery end of the 1993 Branch Davidian siege, pledging to answer the "dark questions" of whether the government killed people and covered it up.

"Our country can survive bad judgment. But the thing that really undermines the integrity of government is whether there were bad acts — whether the government killed people,"the ex-Missouri lawmaker said in a news conference convened by Attorney General Janet Reno. Congressional leaders said they would prefer congressional probes be more broad than Danforth's.

Reno has been under attack since revelations the FBI had used some incendiary devices on the last day of the 51-day standoff, which ended in a fire and deaths of cult leader David Koresh and 80 followers.

regain the presidency," said Morris, a diverse state like Texas says something about the man."

"He is absolutely the kind of Repubfrom the southwest Kansas town of lican who can pull the party together," Hugoton. "To be as popular as he is in House Majority Leader Kent Glasscock said.

Morris, a Vietnam veteran like Ari- skills and attributes. He's proven him- nor said, flashing a wide grin. "I think Sherrer said.

Graves and Republican stalwarts who attended in the spring. lined up at the Kansas City Downtown Airport to meet him.

"He has the right combination of president," the two-term Texas gover-

"Republicans need to rally around him so we don't give away the leader-"I'm working hard to be the next ship of the nation to a man in lockstep with the Clinton style of governing,

Back hoe purchased for county transfer station

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News County commissioners approved a bid of \$32,000 from Wagner Equipment of Denver for purchase of a Caterpiller back hoe-loader for the trash transfer station during their regular meeting Tuesday morning.

Road and Bridge Superintendent Curt Way presented the bid along with information on repair costs that have been paid in the past. The back hoe will be used at the transfer station and is to be paid out of the Solid Waste fund.

Commissioner Kenny Davis asked about the status of the new landfill. Way said the state permits have not arrived, but are expected sometime this month. Once those are in hand, the excavation can begin. He said it will be the first of next year before the landfill will be ready for use.

Sheriff Doug Whitson talked to the commissioners about the phone system less connection, and is asking to spend and communications between the about \$1,800 to have Southwestern

sheriff's office and central dispatch in Bell reconfigure the routers which the City Administration Building. Whitson asked for permission to purchase a backup power supply for the phone system at the jail.

Whitson said the current phone system does not ring when the electricity is off, and it is hard to tell if someone is calling except by catching the blinking lights. The backup power supply will keep the phone powered for up to four hours if the electricity is off. The unit will cost \$820.

Earlier this year, Whitson had approached the commissioners about installing a wireless communication connection between the sheriff's office and central dispatch at a cost of \$8,750. The problem began when the city made changes in the dispatch system in November, and the two offices have not been connected since then. Whitson said he is not comfortable with the wireshould allow the two offices to be connected by phone lines.

The commissioners ask Whitson to get a written bid from Southwestern Bell for the reconfiguration.

Whitson also asked about obtaining an extended warranty for the department vehicles. He said the cost would be \$3,505. The commissioners said if the money was available in the department budget, they didn't see a problem.

When a deputy is called out on an emergency at night, Sheriff Whitson asked for permission to pay them a minimum of two hours. He told the commissioners that the City of Goodland and central dispatch currently have a similar pay policy for being called out. Whitson said a deputy who is called out after he is home would be paid for two hours even if the call only took 15 minutes, but if the call took longer the deputy would be paid by the actual hours.

happen if the same deputy was called out twice within the same two hours. Whitson said that shouldn't happen very often. The commissioners ask Whitson to research the past three months to see how many times a deputy has been called out on an emergency and asked to keep track of the cost over the next three months.

Commissioner Gary Townsend made a motion to allow the purchase of the back up for the phone system, the extended warranty on the vehicles and the two-hour call-out policy. Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

the crop insurance on the land the county purchased for the new landfill site. The insurance was not transferred at the time the contract was signed, and Jack Eckland is asking the county pay for it since the county received a por- hearing for next year will be held at 10 tion of the wheat crop. Davis said the a.m.

A question was asked what would cost would be \$105 with \$85 for the insurance and \$20 for the transfer fee.

> After more discussion, the consensus of the commissioners was to pay the crop insurance and transfer fee. The board also agreed to pay Barry Guyer \$95.75 for fertilizer he applied on the five acres that will be used for the initial landfill site.

In other business commissioners:

 Approved a fairground lease with the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter for use Saturday, Sept. 18.

· Approved an emergency vehicle designation for volunteer fireman Alan David.

 Received a letter from Melva Davis brought up a question about Stephens resigning from her position on the Area Agency on Aging board.

The next regular commission meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday in the commission room on the first floor of the Sherman County Courthouse. Abudget

Speaker says evolution and religion are compatible

By David Miles

Associated Press Writer LAWRENCE(AP)—Characterizing evolution and religion as mutually exclusive creates a false and emotionally charged rift, says a nationally known defender of evolution.

"It is not a dichotomy. It is perfectly compatible with most religious faiths," Eugenie Scott said of evolution during an hour-long speech Wednesday before an audience of about 300 people at the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Scott, the executive director of the

opposed to the idea of teaching creationism, as long as it isn't taught in science classes.

During her speech on evolution and creationism, Scott said teachers should respect the religious beliefs of students. But she also said that creationism, the belief that a higher power created the universe, should not be taught alongside evolution as a valid scientific theory.

"These are not equally weighted scientific ideas," Scott said.

Scott also criticized the Kansas

in the science education standards that ment of state-sponsored religion. provide the basis for statewide student assessment tests.

In its efforts to cobble together a political compromise, the board sacrificed academic integrity, Scott said.

"There are times when two plus two just has to equal four," Scott said. "Science is not a democratic process, and we can't vote on how the universe operates.'

Scott said the board was shrewd not to mandate the teaching of creationism. She noted that a number of court

tion in El Cerrito, Calif., said she is not last month to de-emphasize evolution the Constitution bans the establish-

"That is why the Kansas Board of Education's decision was so very clever. ... It may have ducked below the radar of the First Amendment," Scott said

Scott's speech was generally wellreceived. Plymouth's pastor, the Rev. Peter Luckey, said his church played host to the speech to show that some churches support the separation of church and state and do not view science as "the enemy of faith."

Scott had a few critics in the audi- are considering adding intelligent de-National Center for Science Educa- State Board of Education's decision cases prohibit such a requirement and ence. During a question-and answer sign to their curricula.

session, John Calvert, of Kansas City, Mo., said Scott was ignoring biological evidence by failing to acknowledge that life's complexity suggests it was the result of an "intelligent design."

Scott responded that the theory of intelligent design should not be taught in high school because it has not won the acceptance of science educators at the college level.

"It is premature to teach it now when it has not passed that test," Scott said.

Two school boards in Pratt County