

**weather report**

**93°**  
at noon



**Today**

• Sunset, 8:12 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 5:35 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:11 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 83 degrees
- Humidity 22 percent
- Sky Mostly sunny
- Winds south 16 mph
- Barometer 30.07 inches and falling
- Record High 106° (1936)
- Record Low 52° (1927)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 97°  
Low 65°  
Precipitation —

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Clear low upper 60s, wind south around 15 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny high around 101, wind south around 15 mph, lows upper 60s.

**Extended Forecast**

Friday through Saturday: Mostly clear, highs near 101, lows upper 60s. Sunday through Tuesday: Partly cloudy, chance of thundershowers, lows in the 60s, high Sunday mid 90s, Monday and Tuesday mid 80s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$3.36 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.29
  - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
  - Corn — \$2.11 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.10
  - Loan deficiency payment — 00¢
  - Milo — \$1.77 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$5.10 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$5.34
  - Loan deficiency payment — 0.00¢
  - Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$11.60 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$0.00
  - Nu Sun — \$11.75
  - Confection current — inquire
  - Pinto beans — \$27 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco 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.

**Missing girl's body found**

STANTON, Calif. — The nude body of a girl found in a rugged area southeast of Los Angeles was identified today as that of 5-year-old Samantha Runnion, who was kidnapped outside her home by a man who drove up and asked for help finding his dog. Orange County Sheriff Mike Carona said the cause and place of Samantha's death were not immediately known but authorities believe she was sexually assaulted by her killer. "We believe he is a serial rapist and perhaps a serial killer and would strike again," Carona said. Authorities said there was no prime suspect, and Carona warned parents in the area to talk to their children about staying away from strangers. Samantha's abductor has been described by police as a Hispanic man with slicked-back black hair.

## Group offers to buy city trash service

By Doug Stephens

*The Goodland Daily News*

A Goodland-based group gave the city commission an offer Monday to buy the city's trash service for \$315,000.

Randy Topliff, representing C.E.K.K. Company, went over a broad outline of the group's plans. Many details haven't been worked out yet, he said, but he wanted to give the commissioners an idea of what the group was thinking.

The group proposed buying the city's trash equipment over a period of 10 years, and wants a 10-year exclusive contract. They plan to build a transfer station, he said, and will haul much of the trash out of the county. He didn't say where. "Nothing is written in stone," he said. "There are many landfills we can haul to."

Because the city doesn't have to pay property

taxes on its equipment, and has other advantages as a government unit, Topliff said, the group would probably have to raise rates about 7 percent.

"There are things we would have to pay, and you don't," he said. Topliff said it is important that the city retain some control of trash service, and it shouldn't allow just anyone in to compete for customers. The people running the service should live in the area, he said, and he is afraid if the city contracts to an out-of-town group, rates may go up. "I don't want to pay \$35 a month for service," Topliff said. "That's what it is like in some cities."

U.S. Waste Industries, a Colorado Springs company, approached the city and county last month about taking over trash service and buying the county's landfill and transfer station. The Colorado company said the cost of service would go down slightly if they got the contract. After the

county turned the company's offer down, the business said it would come up with a new offer for the city.

Topliff said the local group could take over as early as Sept. 1, using the county landfill, and in October could finish a new transfer station and start hauling trash out of the county.

The group would hire on four of the city's six solid waste employees, Topliff said, but it would have no need for the two the city recently hired to sort trash.

Trash pickups would stay pretty much the way they are now, he said. Yard waste and special pickups would be handled the same way, and prices probably wouldn't go up much.

The group has to make a profit, Topliff said, but would try to keep prices as low as possible.

An audience member, Elmer Jacobs, said he is

paying for the county landfill, and if trash starts going out of town, he is going to be charged for something which isn't being used.

With the fees the landfill charges, Topliff replied, it would be cheaper to go out of town. "As a business decision, it is more efficient," Topliff said.

"I understand that from a business standpoint," Jacobs replied, "but people aren't going to like it."

The biggest benefit to contracting to a Goodland company, Topliff said, is that money will stay in the area.

"We are local people providing local solutions to our problems," said Topliff, who owns Overhead Door. "We choose to work and live in Sherman County. We don't have to. We choose to."

## Candidates stop in city on campaign tour

A candidate for state treasurer and the wife of a Shawnee man running for attorney general stopped in Goodland Tuesday night on a northwest Kansas campaign tour organized by Sen. Stan Clark.

The two-day tour started Tuesday and will cover 14 counties. Goodland was the last stop Tuesday, with a few people coming to the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall to meet Dennis Wilson, treasurer candidate, and Deborah Kline, the wife of Phill Kline, attorney general candidate.

Sen. Clark, Oakley; Rep. Jim Morrison, Colby; and Bryan Riley, a conservative Republican running for insurance commissioner, were at the meeting. Deborah Kline said Clark arranged the tour and was in charge of transportation.



Deborah Kline, the wife of Phill Kline, a Shawnee Republican running for attorney general, talked with Deborah Boyle of Goodland on Tuesday night, while Kline's daughter Hillary listened. Kline and Dennis Wilson, a

candidate for state treasurer, met with voters at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall during their campaign tour across northwest Kansas.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

## Wilson says he's most qualified

By Rachel Miscall

*The Goodland Daily News*

Dennis Wilson, a Republican running for Kansas treasurer, said his experience as a business owner, banker and county treasurer and the fact he's worked in the state treasurer's office makes him the most qualified candidate.

Wilson, who lives in Overland Park, is running against Sen. Lynn Jenkins of Topeka in the Republican primary. Jenkins is generally identified with the party's moderate wing, while Wilson is a conservative. He stopped in Goodland Tuesday night on a northwest Kansas campaign tour with Deborah Kline, the wife of Republican attorney general candidate Phill Kline. The two talked to a small group at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, with Wilson sharing his experience and goals and Kline promoting her husband's qualifications.

Wilson said most people who vote for state treasurer probably feel the best candidate should have run a business, worked in banking, been a state legislator, worked in the state treasurer's office and been a county treasurer.

He said he's the only candidate who meets all of those requirements.

"I have the gray hair to prove it," he added.

Wilson said he has owned car dealerships, worked in insurance, run a bank, completed two terms in the state House of Representatives and is currently the Johnson County treasurer. In 1999, he said, he decided not to seek a House seat again so he could help Tim Shallenburger, the current state treasurer, run for office. Shallenburger is leaving the post because he's running for governor. After Shallenburger was elected, Wilson said, he served as director of unclaimed property in the state

treasurer's office for two years.

As a car dealer, an insurance salesman and a politician, Wilson said, he has worked in the top three least trusted professions. He joked that he's considered becoming a television evangelist to round out the top four.

But Wilson said voters can trust him. He said he runs a tight ship and that's important in this time when the state has serious budget problems.

In the state treasurer's office, he said, he saved money by increasing productivity. He said he did the same thing in Johnson County.

Wilson said it used to take drivers two and a half hours to register their car in Johnson County, and now it takes 14 minutes.

He said Jenkins, his opponent, is a certified public accountant, but can't match his experience.

If elected, Wilson said, he will ask legislators for money to expand programs. He said he would start a new program to teach children the importance of saving money. Wilson said he wants to reach as many people as possible before the primary election.

"I don't care how big of a crowd this is," he said. "It's still more people than we would talk to if we didn't do anything."

## Candidate's wife says he has integrity

By Rachel Miscall

*The Goodland Daily News*

Deborah Kline is on the campaign trail for her husband, former state representative Phill Kline, telling voters he will bring honesty and sincerity to Kansas government and the attorney general's office.

She stresses that every elected official should have integrity and it's one of her husband's most prominent characteristics.

"Integrity underlies all he does," she told a group at Goodland's Veterans of Foreign Wars hall on Tuesday night. "As his wife, I recognize that."

If he is elected attorney general, Deborah said Phill, a Shawnee Republican, will make Kansans more safe by working to keep violent criminals behind bars and opposing any bills that seek to release criminals early.

She and her daughter Hillary are on a two-day northwest Kansas campaign tour with Dennis Wilson, a Republican candidate for state treasurer. Their last stop Tuesday was in Goodland, and they plan to visit more towns today.

Deborah said she is doing the northwest Kansas tour while her husband campaigns in the eastern part of the state. She said Phill was at a fund raiser

"Our freedoms are vulnerable. We need to be sure our elected officials have integrity."

- Deborah Kline  
wife of attorney  
general candidate

on Tuesday night.

During the eight years Phill was in the state House of Representatives, Deborah said, he was honest about what it was lawmakers were trying to do and didn't bog down constituents with confusing language.

She said Phill learned that sometimes people don't understand what legislators do because no one clearly explains it to them.

For example, Deborah said, a "budget cut" to most people means having less money to spend in a certain period of time. But in the Legislature, she said, it often means increasing the amount of money that can be spent and then slightly cutting the new figure, so actually there is more money to spend.

It's important for voters to elect trust-

worthy officials, she said.

"Our freedoms are vulnerable," Deborah said. "We need to be sure our elected officials have integrity."

Kansas is becoming less safe each year, she said, and Phill wants to reverse that.

She said the state is 13th in the nation in murder, 16th in rape and 11th in larceny. In the last four years, Deborah said, laws against those crimes have relaxed.

As a legislator, Deborah said, Phill worked to pass six victims' rights bills and voted against a law that allowed 887 felons to be released from prison early — with 328 going back behind bars within the following year.

Sen. David Adkins, one of Phill's Republican opponents, voted for that bill, she said, which was hastily passed to save \$725,000 for other projects.

Phill is also running against Charles McAtee, Topeka, in the Republican primary, but Deborah focused on Adkins, who is from Leawood.

She said Adkins and her husband are diametrically opposed on most issues. Adkins is liberal, Deborah said, while her husband is conservative.

"Phill is a Ronald Reagan-George Bush Republican," she said.

## Weather prompts officials to extend burn ban

Sherman County remains under a countywide burn ban, and the commissioners expect to continue it until there is some rain.

The commissioners voted unanimously to extend the ban at Tuesday's meeting and will consider another extension at the next meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23.

Forecasts by the National Weather Service indicate little hope for adequate rain in the next several days, with temperatures remaining near 100 through Saturday. The forecast shows a cool down beginning Monday, with a chance of thundershowers through Wednesday, and the temperatures dropping into the mid-80s on Tuesday and

Wednesday.

The weather service issued a special weather statement showing fire danger as extreme across northwest Kansas, southwest Nebraska and east central Colorado.

The outlook for Thursday: High temperatures will reach 100 to 105 degrees with relative humidity dropping to

around 20 percent.

"You are urged to postpone all outdoor burning until the fire danger decreases," the bulletin said. "Several counties and cities have banned outdoor burning. Check with local authorities for bans in your area. Extreme fire danger means fires can start quickly... spread furiously... and burn intensely."

## County roundup

- On Tuesday, the commissioners:
- Extended a fire ban. Story to left.
- Gave the grant writer a list of priority projects. Story to come.
- Discussed the cost of inspecting fire extinguishers. Story to come.