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## weather report

**89°**

noon Monday



### Today

• Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

### Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 80 degrees  
• Humidity 40 percent  
• Sky mostly sunny  
• Winds southeast at 17 mph  
• Barometer 29.79 inches  
and steady

• Record High today 103° (1952)

• Record Low today 37° (1947)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 89°  
Low Monday 59°  
Precipitation —  
This month .09  
Year to date 6.55  
Below normal 1.59 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. High near 82, low near 58.

### Extended Forecast

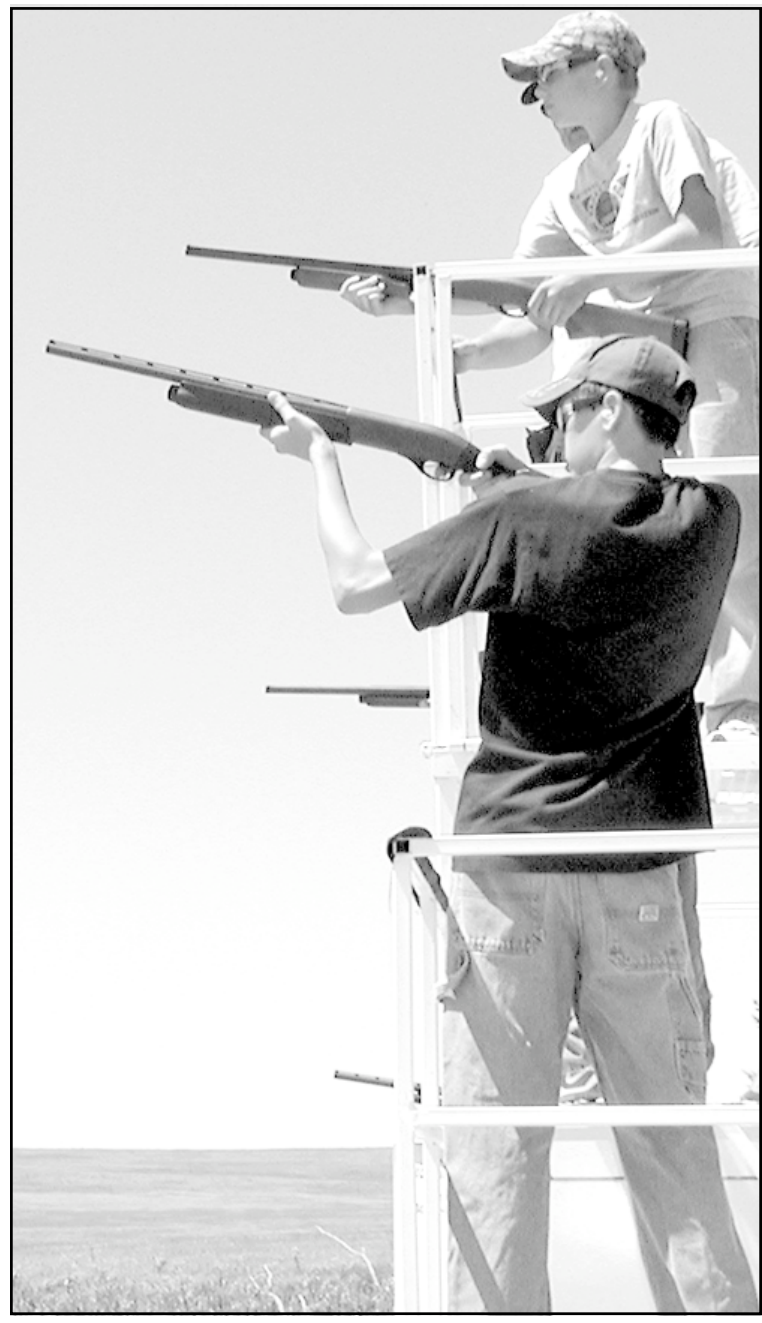
Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High near 78, low around 56. Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High near 82, low around 60. Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High near 83, low around 61. Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High near 86, low around 58.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Randy Selbe (above right) shows one of kids going to Youth Skills Day on Saturday at Bellamy Farms how to hold a compound bow. Kids (right) try their hand at hitting clay pigeons with shot guns from a multi-level platform.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



## Gorgeous day for 54 kids to learn skills

By Pat Schiefen

*The Goodland Star-News*

The day was gorgeous and with just enough wind for 54 boys and girls attending Youth Skills Day at Bellamy Farms, 12 miles southwest of town.

This is the third year for the event. Kids got to learn about tracking and trapping, archery, muzzle loading, trap shooting, map reading, first aid and falconry.

Marvin Cox showed his group

how to set a trap for coyote and how to watch tracks so you would know where to set a trap.

Jim Kennedy showed kids how to load a percussion cap muzzleloader. First he said you measure the powder in a measurer, using a funnel to pour it down the muzzle, put ball and patch on the end of the muzzle, use a short starter to start pushing the ball and patch down the muzzle and then seat the ball on top of the powder with a ram rod. The last step is

to cock the gun and put a percussion cap on the firing mechanism. If everything goes right the gun goes off when the trigger is pulled.

Randy Raile and Randy Selbe let the kids try their hand at hitting a buck, doe, turkey or coyote target with a compound bow. They showed them how to line up the arrow and where to sight the target.

A trap shooting station was manned by Melvin Crow, Rick McElwee and Curt Way where kids

got to try their hand at shooting clay pigeons.

Kansas wildlife officers Benny Young and Jason Hawman talked about hunting laws and licensing.

Emergency Medical Technician Steve Evert gave the kids hints on basic first aid.

Rick Stramel, Jon Whisnant and Bill Fulcher gave instruction on how to read a map and how to navigate with a compass. They had a course for the kids to try.

Andy Kear brought his red-tailed hawk out to show the kids falconry.

Troy Mannis was the contact person and has taught hunter safety for a number of years. Mannis said he was happy with the number of kids who showed up and the amount of help he got from sponsors and adults.

The event wouldn't have come off without everyone helping, Mannis

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## City gives owners 90 days to fix up or tear down

By Tom Betz

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The City of Goodland took another step in efforts to clean up dangerous houses with a second round of hearings last Monday on two houses on Montana Avenue.

The city commission gave the owners of houses at 1608 and 1519 Montana 90 days to begin repairing them or tear them down.

Steve Criswell, city building inspector, said

the two have been vacant for some time and are in disrepair.

Criswell said the owner of record for the house at 1608 Montana is Michael C. McGlone of Stage Stop Ventures, and he has not had any contact from him.

Mayor Rick Billinger asked if there was anyone in the room for the hearing, which has been advertised in the paper, but Criswell said no one had come for the first house.

Commissioner Josh Dechant asked if the lien holder had been notified.

Criswell said there are two mortgages against the property from Western State Bank, and he had notified the bank.

Commissioner Dave Daniels asked if the property taxes had been paid. Criswell said they were paid up to the last six months.

Commissioner John Garcia asked what the next step would be.

Criswell said the commission could direct him to draft another resolution giving the owner 90 days to act. He said if no action is taken in the 90 days, the city can order the house demolished.

Dechant asked if the weeds had been mowed.

"He is maintaining the weeds," Criswell

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## Flag Day service honors nation's symbol

*American flag for your window inside today*

Flag Day is Thursday, but because of scheduling the Goodland Elks held their annual flag service on Saturday at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center.

More than 50 people attended the service held in the center's chapel, and Elks Americanism Chairman Ron Barkley presented the Good Samaritan Society an American Flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol in May.

Elks Exalted Ruler Steve Riebel led the annual salute to the American Flag, which is a special symbol for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Assisting in the service included Leading Knight Scott Jarrett, Loyal Night David Gailey, Lodge Trustee Zona Price and Chaplain Dale Price.

Jena McCall sang the national anthem and America.

Fionna Cruz, daughter of Florida and Leandro Cruz, read her winning Elks Americanism Essay and she read the essay by Mikaela Grace of St. Francis who was the first place winner in the eighth grade division. Cruz won the Elks lodge, district and state essay contest with her description of "Why she was proud to be an American."

People from the Good Samaritan Center and Wheat Ridge Acres were at the service plus a number of other people. Barkley specifically

thanked those veterans who attended. He held a display case of the World War II medals won by Jay Carpenter, and said these were the symbols of the freedoms that the veterans of yesterday and today are fighting for.

He said everyone should be proud to live under the American flag and the freedom they have.

Veterans at the ceremony included Les Frazier, Ken Baum (in a set of Navy dress blues), Mazie Sutton, Lewis Moreland, Lloyd Studer, Carpenter, Raymond Boll and Les Perry.

The Boy Scouts will present a special Flag Day ceremony at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday at Wheat Ridge Acres.

Flag Day commemorates June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag. Observance of the day began in 1885.

Inspired by three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day was officially established by President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3, 1949, that President Harry S. Truman signed a law designating June 14 as national Flag Day.

Flag Day is the start of the 21-day salute to the U.S. flag, which ends with the celebration on Independence Day of July 4.



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**McCall**

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## Colby wins tournament

Goodland pitcher Tyler Hillmer let one fly at the game on Saturday against Scott City. Goodland won 11-0. Colby won the tournament. Hillmer received the \$500 Levi Hayden Memorial Scholarship. See photos, story on Page 12.



Former Navy Engineman Second Class Ken Baum saluted in his dress blue uniform and former Women's Army Corps member Mazie Sutton put her hand over her heart as the flag was presented at the Elks Flag Day ceremony Saturday.

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