

weather report

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noon
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 8:11 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:12 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 75 degrees
- Humidity 15 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds northwest at 16 mph
- Barometer 29.54 inches and rising

• Record High today 102° (1985)

• Record Low today 39° (1996)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	94°
Low Thursday	55°
Precipitation	—
This month	.09
Year to date	6.55
Below normal	1.15 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 74, low around 51.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Isolated showers after noon. Partly cloudy, high near 86, low around 56. Sunday: Partly cloudy, high near 91, low around 57. Monday: Partly cloudy, high near 92, low around 58. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, high near 88, low around 60. Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high near 87.

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Army's Rambo arrested on I-70

By Tom Betz

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It is not unusual to see an Army Humvee driving down I-70, but when it is driving on county roads and driven by someone named Rambo it draws more attention, and that attention got a missing Army private arrested Tuesday evening near Goodland.

Sylvester Stallone made the name Rambo famous, and eyebrows raised when the driver was identified as Wayne Rambo, 20, of Fort Carson, Colorado Springs.

Rambo apparently left Fort Carson on Sunday driving a stolen Humvee (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV, pronounced "Humvee", also dubbed "Hummer") and pulling a covered trailer said Dee McNutt of the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office. She said the vehicle and trailer were from a training battalion based at Fort Carson.

Tuesday afternoon the Humvee was reported driving around the Burlington area, and had been stopped and checked out by a Kit Carson Deputy about 5:15 p.m.

Rambo told the deputy he was using the vehicle with permission to move to Fort Carson. The deputy had the Colorado driver's license checked and it came back as valid to Wayne Rambo.

The deputy let him go, but had the Kit Carson County dispatch notify the Sherman County dispatch about a suspicious vehicle, because the Kit Carson County dispatch had not received a reply from Fort Carson about the vehicle and trailer.

Trooper Minh C. Huynh was alerted to be watching for the Humvee, and calls went out to the Sherman County Sheriff and Goodland Police.

About 6 p.m. there was a report of the vehicle driving north on County Road 14 past the Northern Sun plant and the Goodland Energy Center. Undersheriff Roger Studer stopped and

checked with the security guard at the energy center who said he saw the Army vehicle turn east on County Road 65 heading east toward town.

About 6:20 Rambo was spotted by police officers Mike Fenner and James Gillespie driving south on K-27, and turning east onto I-70.

Trooper Huynh stopped the vehicle about a mile east of town with police officers and Deputy Studer right behind.

Rambo did not give the officers much trouble when they arrested him and impounded the vehicle and trailer. The private was handcuffed and taken to the Bastille by Deputy Studer and the vehicle and trailer were impounded in the city lot.

Trooper Huynh said Rambo tried the same story about using the vehicle to move, but when Huynh asked for any paperwork authorizing the use Rambo said he did not have any.

"He was not very honest," Huynh said. "I think this is not his first time, and that is not a vehicle you can blend in with."

Huynh said Rambo was absent without leave



Trooper Minh Huynh (above left) questions Army private Wayne Rambo (in handcuffs) after his arrest on I-70 near Goodland. Police officer Mike Fenner assisted in the arrest. Rambo was driving a stolen Humvee and trailer (below). Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

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Shine On action teams report on projects, goals

By Pat Schiefen

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Over 60 people showed up Monday night for a look at what has happened since the community conversation was held on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Consultant Terry Woodbury of Kansas Communities LLC led the meeting.

At the October meeting, 120 people were chosen to focus on a list of 60 ideas from the conversation to develop a countywide strategic plan. The people were picked from government, education, business and health care.

The 120 people attended a "vision retreat" in November and set up the following action groups: government services alliance, youth development, community beautification, resource development and regional health care. The group came up with the vision "Sherman County Shining On...An engaged community building economic diversity through family, agriculture, energy, transportation and business.

Action groups were formed and each group came up with two year and five year goals.

Lincoln Wilson, owner of Howard Johnson Hotel, and a member of the resource development group said they had helped the Sherman County Community Foundation get a banner and ran an information booth at the Home and Garden Show the last weekend of April. He reported a 90 percent participation in the meetings held at 7 a.m. on



Goodland High School student Brittney Medrano (left) talks with Kim Bohme of Miller's Home Center about the skate park plans being developed by the Youth Development Action Team for Shine on Sherman County's forum on Monday night at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Students are putting on a bake sale and car wash Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Wal-Mart.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Wednesday at Howard Johnson Hotel.

Their two-year goal was to assist the community foundation to promote itself and raise additional money. The five-year goal is to make the foundation the driving

force for all civic projects and create a spirit of cooperation.

Connie Livengood, Goodland High School teacher, said the youth development group had finished one goal and had moved on. She said an after-school program had been

started at the high school and at Central Elementary School.

Her group includes two high school students and they wanted to have a city skate park. The group has met twice with Goodland City Commissioners and the city said they

could build the skate park at Steever Park. Committee member Kim Bohme said they wanted to start with a 60x80' cement slab and will cost \$20,000. The city will handle the liability insurance and a security camera will monitor the park.

She said some of the kids who want the skate park will have a car wash and bake sale on Saturday at Wal-Mart. They are in the process of planning an activity for the Fourth of July and Flatlander Fall Festival. The group also had concerns that the Goodland Elks Lodge could be lost as a community resource. Their five-year goal was to start a youth facility.

Brian Freeman, owner of Goodland Grind and Gallery, reported for the community beautification committee. He said they have had some people join the group and are thinking of forming two subgroups. One quick win for the group was to educate people about city ordinances on improvement of property without raising taxes.

The second success was the annual citywide cleanup Saturday, April 14.

A third project is to buy American flags to fly on Main from 17th Street to 8th Street. Money has been raised for 25 of the 45 flags needed. They would like to have them for the Fourth of July.

Their two-year goals are to beautify two residential sections, repair

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Flag Day service to be held Saturday

The Goodland Elks' annual Flag Day ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center chapel.

Ron Barkley, lodge Americanism chairman, said the ceremony will be on Saturday rather than on the traditional day of Thursday, June 14, because of scheduling problems.

A special presentation of an American flag will be made to the Good Samaritan Center, and everyone who attends will receive a personal American flag.

Jena McCall will present selections of patriotic music, and the public is invited to attend. Veterans are encouraged to wear uniforms and medals.

Elks lodges across the nation stage a Flag Day ceremony each year because the American Flag is tied to the principals of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Flag Day commemorates June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

Flag Day was officially established by President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. On Aug. 3, 1949, 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 Independence Day on July 4.

City approves skate park site

By Tom Betz

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Steever Park was approved as a site for a proposed skate park, and members of the Shine On Sherman County Youth Development action team plan to begin raising money with a car wash on Saturday.

The city commission agreed on Monday to allow the action team to plan on using a site in Steever Park to develop a skate park.

Kim Bohme, one of the co-conveners of the action team, and a number of other team members and young skateboarders were at the city commission meeting to ask for approval for the skate park site.

She told the commission the team members had looked at the proposed sites and felt that the area on the west side of Steever Park was the best place to put a skate park.

Bohme said the request was for an area 200 x 200, and with the city approval the plan was to develop the skate park in sections.

City Manager Wayne Hill said he felt the area was a good location, and that the location near the old pool would allow the power plan security system to keep an eye on the area.

Mayor Rick Billinger asked if the old concrete slab left over from the old pool would be near the skate park.

Bohme said she was not sure that was included in the site plan, but the action team was asking for the 200 x 200 area to have that much available for future expansion into a skate and roller park.

Hill said he thought the site was a little more south of the concrete, but it would be close.

Bohme said one idea was to incorporate the existing slab into the park, and it could be used to jump off of since the skate park would be lower than the existing slab.

City Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she

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local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.66 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.60
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Corn — \$3.44 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.55
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Milo — \$3.54 bushel
- Soybeans — \$7.32 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.15
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- NuSun crop — \$16.50 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Elks K-18 wins two

Catcher Laine Herl of the Goodland Elks K-18 baseball team threw the ball to pitcher Garth Helton in the first game of a double-header on Monday against Colby II. Goodland won both games. See photo, story on Page 12.