

### weather report



77°

noon  
Wednesday

#### Today

• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

#### Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

#### Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 68 degrees  
• Humidity 55 percent  
• Sky sunny  
• Winds southeast 13-23 mph  
• Barometer 29.76 inches  
and falling  
• Record High today 102° (2002)  
• Record Low today 34° (1895)

#### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday 90°  
Low Wednesday 49°  
Precipitation trace  
This month 0.41  
Year to date 7.72  
Below normal 0.97 inches

#### The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 84, winds breezy out of the north at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 55. Saturday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 87, winds calm switching to the east at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 60.

#### Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: Mostly sunny and breezy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and highs in the 80s.  
(National Weather Service)  
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### local markets



#### Noon

Wheat — \$7.27 bushel  
Posted county price — \$7.63  
Corn — \$6.71 bushel  
Posted county price — \$7.42  
Milo — \$6.45 bushel  
Soybeans — \$12.41 bushel  
Posted county price — \$13.15  
Millet — \$5 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$32 cwt.  
Confection — no bid  
Pinto beans — \$28 (new crop)  
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

### inside today

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## Bike rodeo held at Elks

A bicyclist was instructed by the Goodland Police Department and the Sherman County Sheriff's Department at a bike rodeo held at the Goodland Elks Lodge. See story on Page 10.

# Elks hold ceremony in court room

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland Elks were invited to have the Flag Day Ceremony in the Sherman County court room by the guest speaker Judge Scott Showalter. The Elks presented a flag flown over the U.S. Capital to Sherman County.

The ceremony was opened by Elks Americanism Chairman Ron Barkley. Dani and Danny Mangus sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and provided other patriotic music.

Elks officers Exalted Ruler Robin Deeds, Leading Knight Walt Linthacum, Loyal Knight Chuck Boehme and Lecturing Knight Dale Price presented the Elks Flag Day Service.

The two winners of the Americanism Essay contest for the fifth and sixth grade and the seventh and eighth grade read their essays on "Why I am Proud to be an American."

Greg Kuykendall, son of Mike and Diane Kuykendall of Weskan and student at Weskan Elementary, won in the fifth and sixth grade division.

"I am proud to be an American because we have freedom of speech," said Kuykendall. "Freedom of speech gives American's the right to say what's on their mind and not get punished. We also have freedom of religion. I am glad we have freedom of religion because it lets people believe in their own religion. We also have the freedom to bear arms. This freedom gives us the ability to own firearms in our house.

"I am glad we have equal right because it gives blacks and other minorities equal opportunities. I am thankful we are able to have a good education. A lot of countries aren't able to have a good education because they are so poor. I am happy we are able to vote for our president every four years. Lots of countries have kings and queens who are in office until they die. Why I am most



Dani and Danny Mangus provided the patriotic music at the Flag Day Ceremony the Elks Lodge held at the Sherman County Courthouse on Tuesday morning.

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proud to be an American is because we have heroes like policemen, firemen and soldiers who are willing to die for our freedom."

McKayla Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Taylor of St. Francis

and a freshman at St. Francis High School, won in the seventh and eighth grade division.

"If there is anything I'm to be proud about, it's to be an American," said Taylor. "I love my life as a

proud American!

"People say Americans live in the most prosperous land. They're definitely right about that, but what makes America so great? Is it that we always fight for our right to be

free? Yes, that may be one reason. Another marvelous reason is how people in America stand by each other through better or worse. Nothing is greater than the love and generosity of our country.

"The men and women of America in Afghanistan, who are fighting for our freedom we have today, are most definitely the people we should be most thankful to. Without those wonderful people of the past, present and future, we wouldn't be where we stand today.

"If you think back to the Revolutionary War, you never would have thought that farmers or even village people had the skill to take down the British Army. The British had an astonishing Navy force and no one thought that these people, who barely knew what they were doing, could take down a professional army. You know how they did it? It's because of how much they loved their country. Without their love and devotion, we wouldn't be where we are today.

"I think that if it wasn't for the men and women of the past, we wouldn't have the amazing future of today. What do you think?"

The speaker Judge Showalter replied to Barkley's statement that he was thankful that Showalter let the Elks use his court room for the ceremony.

Showalter said, "This is not my court room you truly own this room - I'm just a guardian."

He said the flag reminds him of those who do greater good in their acts and deeds. For example those who serve on juries. They receive little compensation and are given little credit. They are the bedrock of the justice system and they make difficult decisions.

Elks Past Exalted Ruler Linthacum gave the Elks tribute to the flag.

Everyone who came got a small flag to keep.

# Kansas Secretary of State at rally



By Pat Schiefen

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The final event on Tuesday to honor the flag of the U.S. was a presentation by the Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach at Patriot's Day. Kobach is a lawyer and former professor of Constitutional law from Piper. The talk was given to over 100 people at the Sherman County Fairgrounds and the High Plains Constitutional Society had burgers and hot dogs to feed people before the event.

Kobach said that he is trying to educate people on the Constitution so they can be more aware of how the federal government is supposed to govern and why he feels that some aspects of the Constitution are at risk of being over ridden by the courts.

He said the U.S. is not a democracy but is a republic and is the greatest Constitutional republic in the world.

The Constitution is a set of rules or laws that bind the government to insure the rights and freedoms of its citizens.

"The Constitution is a cage for the government," Kobach said.

America started out as a federation of states with the federal government having little power to raise the money needed to run it as well as pay for an army to protect it and the conducting of commerce with other nations.

Kobach said the states held the majority of power at that time and the top politicians were more interested in serving in state legislatures and courts.

Political leaders at the time asked Congress to call for a convention to modify the Articles of Confederation in 1787. They ended up writing a whole new document the Constitution, he said. The convention was held in Philadelphia and only 12 of



A group of children (above) sang for the gathering at Patriot's Day on Tuesday night at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. The director for the kids was Patty Thompson. Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach (left) gave the address.

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the 13 states sent delegates. Rhode Island did not send anyone. When time came for the ratification of the Constitution it was put to popular vote in Rhode Island and was defeated 10 to one.

The writers of the Constitution met in secrecy with the shutters closed in hot, muggy Philadelphia summer weather in wigs and formal dress. A third who attended the convention did not sign the document.

The signers of the document wrote articles favoring the new Constitution called the Federalist Papers which were published in the newspapers of the day. People of that day were very mistrustful of a federal government with any power.

The Constitution, Kobach said, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, keep the powers of the federal government in check. That worked until the 1920s and the terms of Franklin

D. Roosevelt. Roosevelt using the Commerce Clause or Article I Section 8 of the Constitution instituted the New Deal programs including Social Security, minimum wages, child labor and agriculture. The states had always regulated child labor, wages and other things that directly affected people and the federal government regulated business between the states.

To sell his programs F.D.R. used his Fireside Chats radio shows. Kobach said. He attacked the Supreme Court when it started to strike down his programs.

The Congress used what was called the multiplier effect when setting up some of its programs, he said. For instance under the Agriculture Adjustment Act farmers could only grow an allotted amount. A farmer by the name of Filburn grew extra wheat to be used only by him and the logic was that

if every farmer would do that that the demand for wheat would go down and prices would go down. The Supreme Court said that under the Commerce Clause Filburn was affecting interstate commerce and could be regulated by the federal government.

Kobach said he was concerned that because the Supreme Court was supporting the Constitution with only a small majority of justices that parts of the Constitution itself could be over ruled including the freedoms of religion and the right to bear arms. He was also concerned by the fact that the president who nominates the chief justices of the Supreme Court uses the appointees to further his agendas.

"The most important thing Senators do is to vote on Chief Justices of the Supreme Court," said Kobach.