

weather
report

49°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 6:38 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:40 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:36 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 63 degrees
- Humidity 60 percent
- Sky Cloudy
- Winds Northeast at four mph
- Barometer 30.10 inches and steady
- Record High 95° (1953)
- Record Low 29° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*

High	71°
Low	44°
Precipitation	—

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Thirty percent chance of rain/snow by morning. Tomorrow: Twenty percent chance of slight showers.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday. Dry Wednesday. High 65-70, Low 35-40. Dry Thursday. High 70-75, Low 35-40. Dry Friday. High 80, Low 40-45.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.25 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.15
 - Loan deficiency payment — 30¢
 - Corn — \$1.62 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.60
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — .39¢
 - Milo — \$2.27 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.00 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.96
 - Loan deficiency payment — .93¢
 - Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$6.20 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.44
 - Oil new crop — N/A
 - Confection current — ASK
 - 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.)

afternoon
wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Explosion kills
56 in Mexico

CELAYA, Mexico — The security guard had just dragged two women from the wreckage of a mammoth fireworks explosion when a second blast catapulted him into the asphalt 20 feet away.

The series of explosions tore through a busy area of street stalls and shops near a downtown bus station in this central industrial town late Sunday, killing at least 56 people and injuring 348 — many of them rescuers, like Hector Lara, who rushed to help the victims.

“The smoke turned everything black. There were things flying through the air and falling on top of me,” the 21-year-old Lara said from his hospital bed, his face covered with purplish-black welts.

The blast was thought to have started in the back of a candy store where fireworks were sold, then more explosions were set off, possibly from nearby gas tanks.



The rope ladder was one of the more difficult games at the Flatlander Festival. This intent youngster was moving slowly and carefully toward the \$10 prize.
Photo by Janet Craft/ The Goodland Daily News

Flatlander Fall Festival fantastic fun for families

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Lots of people, motorcycles, old and new cars. Hamburgers sizzling on a grill. Kids screaming and playing games. Food, merchandise, and baked goods for sale. Country and Western music. Funnel cakes cooking. Dogs of different sizes and colors.

These were sights and smells during the Flatlander Fall Festival held Saturday on Main Street in Goodland.

Churches and clubs, plus organizations and departments from the Northwest Kansas Technical School, had food or game booths at the festival.

A few of the games included putting people in jail, riding a mechanical bull, having a pillow fight or climbing a rope ladder.

Foods included polish sausage and sauerkraut, hamburgers, corn dogs, chili dogs and funnel cakes.

There was a stage on 11th Street between Main and Center where singers performed Country and Western songs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. “Exit 17,” a local band, whose members are Stony Wilson, Shad Sheldon, Cody Wilson, Tony Chaffman and Karen Cartwright, provided music and singing during the festival. They were joined by singers Andra Townsend, Holly and Lacy Stephens, Joyce Armstrong, Amanda



Ginger was chosen as “scruffiest.”

Moore, Tim Renner and Tammy Mouchette throughout the day.

A scruffy dog contest at 11 a.m. had over 30 dogs entered, ranging from a Chihuahua to a St. Bernard.

There were nine categories for dogs to compete in. The winners were Jenny and Tyler McClelland with Ginger for the scruffiest; Chris Ames with Peaches for the smallest; Steve Laughlin with Gizmo for the most talented; Loren Strait with Tuka for the best personality; Jill Younger with Spickett for the largest; Taylor Peden with Tata for a face only a mother could love; John

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This 1917 Model Ford truck carried an alternative method of transportation known as a “boneshaker.”

Peden with Stickers for the cutest adult dog; Fern Cody with Bebe for the cutest puppy; and Gena Overmiller with Baily for the judge’s choice.

There were 257 vehicles in this year’s Rod Run, up 20-25 from last year. The oldest vehicle was a 1917

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Banks join forces
to fund water park

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

It could have been a delicate choice between two local banks on financing the new city water park, but a joint proposal presented at the city commission’s special meeting Friday from Bankwest and First National Bank of Goodland made the vote unanimous.

When the special meeting began at 12:30 p.m., Commissioners Curtis Hurd, Rick Billinger, Tom Rohr and Mayor Chuck Lutters were present. Hurd asked that the discussion be delayed a few minutes to allow Commissioner Jim Mull to arrive, and he showed up within a couple of minutes.

City Manager Ron Pickman told the commissioners the city had received a joint proposal from the banks. Cara Daise was present from Bankwest and Jerry Fairbanks from First National.

Pickman said there were four options in the joint proposal, but the one the staff recommended was the one that calls for annual payments of \$275,000 at 5.27 percent interest. The first payment would be made on Jan. 15, and the last payment would be Jan. 2011. Total cost of the proposal would be \$3,137,296, Pickman said.

Daise and Fairbanks each said the banks were glad to be able to jointly handle the project, and that the origination fee of 1 percent (\$24,000 estimated) would be split.

Pickman said the recommendation was to pay the origination fee up front from money the city has put aside, which would reduce the interest cost a bit. When asked about the funds, Pickman said there was \$55,000 set aside in this year’s budget.

Commissioner Mull said he was pleased to see the joint proposal and moved to approve financing of the water park and ball park through a lease-purchase program with the banks.

Commissioner Hurd seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 to approve.

Mayor Lutters said he wanted to commend the banks for bringing the city a joint proposal, which is the best deal possible for building the new water park and ball field.

A contract with Sullivan Palmer Architects for design and contract administration on the water park was the other item on the special meeting agenda. Pickman said he had talked to the architects about the 7 percent clause, and they had agreed to revise it to say “if the scope of work exceeds the \$2,155,000, there will be an increase in engineering cost of 7 percent of the difference. The basic cost for services of \$138,000 remained the same, Pickman said.

Commissioner Billinger asked if the cost would be less if the project came in under the \$2,155,000 estimate.

“I was hoping there would be some incentive for the project to come in under the estimate,” Billinger said. “I have been talking to others and feel that this could be done. I feel this is something we need to keep the cost down.”

Pickman said the reason the architect did not include a reduction clause was the fee is already set at 6.2 percent.

“This is low for an architect, and I have no problem with the contract,” said Hurd as he made the motion to accept. Mull seconded the motion and agreed the rate was already low.

The vote was 4-1 with Billinger against.

“We are locked into the \$138,000,” he said, “and I am not happy about that.”

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next regular city meeting will be 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 11, in the commission room upstairs at the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

Qualye bows out of crowded Republican presidential field

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dan Quayle, the former vice president who hoped to overcome long odds and ridicule to step up to the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, is giving up his White House dreams.

Campaign officials said Sunday night that Quayle planned to drop out of the race today during a Phoenix news conference. They called Quayle the latest victim of George W. Bush’s GOP juggernaut.

Quayle’s departure winnows the GOP field to eight major Republican candidates, and will increase speculation about the finance and political health of the remaining contenders. There is already turbulence within the nomination race.

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Coats. “You don’t have the funds ... and you’re up against a candidate who can outspend you 100-to-1 if he wants to.”

Reality was harsh for the resilient conservative.

Seeking office for the first time since he and President Bush were beaten by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore in 1992, the former Indiana senator sought to push beyond a history of political gaffes and controversies.

One of the biggest obstacles that faced Quayle was what one supporter labeled the “potato factor” — a reference to the day the then-vice president misspelled the word in a classroom full of school children. That and other misuses turned Quayle into a punch line for countless jokes, cementing for many American the perception that Quayle was ill-suited for the top job.

Stuck with the image, Quayle tried to turn it to his advantage, telling conservative voters that the controversies proved his willingness to fight the media and liberal elite to protect values.

“The question in life is not whether you get knocked down. You will. The question is, are you ready to get back up, are you willing to get back up and fight for what you believe in?” Quayle said during his April announcement speech.

Already Rep. John Kasich of Ohio, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire have dropped out of the GOP primary contest.

Kasich endorsed Bush. Alexander, like Quayle, cited Bush’s fund-raising prowess as a reason for leaving. Smith is considering a third-party bid.