



Over 115 motorcycles of various sizes and beauty lined Goodland's Main Street last year during Flatlanders.

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# Flatlanders Fall Festival will offer fun for all this weekend

When the Flatlanders Fall Festival hits Goodland this weekend, it will be hard to miss. What with all of the contests, games, foods, shows, drawings, entertainment and exhibits, the annual festival will reach into every corner of downtown Goodland and into the weekend of most Sherman County people. Goodland merchants will have sales and discounts each day of the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event, which features a street festival, scruffy dog contest, rod run, motorcycle show, poker run, stock car races, silent auction, photo display, bake-off and

dance. The traditional street festival will be held Saturday in downtown Goodland with crafts, food concessions, games, raffles, entertainment, drawings and souvenirs. A \$2 festival button will allow discounts on events and merchants' sales, and holders will be eligible for prize drawings. Buttons may be purchased before the festival at the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office or at their information booth during the street festival at 11th and Main. The Scruffy Dog Contest will begin

at 11 a.m. Saturday in front of the entertainment stage. Pet owners need to sign up between 9 and 10:45 a.m. at the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter booth on Main Street. The Early Iron Rod Run will have antique cars on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 8 to 10 a.m. Sunday on Main Street. Members will sponsor a dance at 8 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. The sixth annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday on Main, with an exhibit of motorcycles in 28 classes including American, Asian and European, both

stock and custom. Games will follow at 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind Bankwest. A poker run for bike-show participants will start at 9 a.m. Sunday with a short church service and breakfast at 8 a.m. The Carnegie Arts Center will hold three events. One will be a silent auction of paintings donated to the center. The paintings will be in the windows of downtown businesses starting Monday, and bids will be taken at the arts center from 1 p.m. Monday to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. A photo display called "A Day in the

Life of Sherman County" will be seen Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the center. People can vote on their favorite photo during the festival. There will be a community canvas in front of the center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday for anyone who wants to paint on it. It will cost \$1 to paint for five minutes. Stock car races will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, and at 3 p.m. Saturday on the racetrack at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Something new this year will be a sunflower bake-off contest for youth ages 15 and under and adults ages 16 and over in the Tri-State area. Every entry will get \$1 and a ribbon and each baker will get a gift bag of sunflower products. Class entries include breads (one loaf), candy (six pieces), cookies (six pieces), flavored seeds (4 oz. bag), cereal/trail

mix (4 oz. bag), miscellaneous (one pie or six pieces), and gift basket exhibit. Items need to be entered between 10 a.m. and noon Saturday at the old Schneider building, 1101 Main St. All first-place entries will go into the Best of Show contest, which will be judged at 3 p.m. Judges for the contest are Sarah Short and Ron Barkley of Goodland and Mila Bandel of St. Francis, the Cheyenne County extension agent. Prizes for the Best of Show contest are \$50 for first, plus a sunflower wreath (\$70 value) provided by the National Sunflower Association; \$25 for second prize, plus a sunflower watch (\$25 value) provided by Lady in Red at St. Francis. Entries and gifts can be picked up between 3 and 4 p.m., after the judging is over.

## Lawmakers pledge to limit R-rated movie audiences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hollywood executives are seeking to mollify angry lawmakers with new pledges to curb the marketing of R-rated movies to underage audiences. But as top studio executives prepared to present their initiatives Wednesday on Capitol Hill, some lawmakers and children's advocates already were questioning whether the industry was going far enough. After being sharply rebuked for declining to testify at an earlier hearing of the Senate Commerce Committee, representatives from eight studios answered their summons to appear before the senators armed with a 12-point plan for limiting the marketing of inappropriate films to children. The plan, which was unveiled Tuesday by the Motion Picture Association of America, calls for the movie studios to ask theater owners not to show ads for R-rated films during G-rated movies and to not include people under age 17 in focus groups for R-rated movies without a parent. More broadly, the companies have pledged to review their marketing and advertising practices so as not to target inappropriately R-rated movies at children, and they will appoint senior executive compliance officers to review these efforts.

a fresh look at the way we market our films." The Walt Disney Co., Dreamworks SKG, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, Paramount Pictures, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Twentieth Century Fox, Universal Studios and Warner Bros. all signed on to the agreement. Some companies already have unveiled plans to go beyond the industrywide effort. News Corp. said Tuesday that its Fox network would not accept ads for R-rated films in any family programming or shows in which 35 percent or more of the audience is under age 17. Also, the company's Twentieth Century Fox Film label will ask theater owners not to show trailers for R-rated films during G or PG-rated movies. "All of us in the media industry have a fundamental responsibility to help parents cope with the many entertainment choices facing their children," said Peter Chernin, News Corp. president. Disney already has said it would prohibit theater owners from showing trailers for R-rated films before movies released under the Walt Disney label and that its ABC network would not accept advertisements for R-rated films during prime time before 9 p.m. But these moves may not be enough to satisfy lawmakers, who say they want executives to make a broader dec-

laration. "I'm appalled that the movie executives still have not stated they will stop marketing violent movies to children. This is the least they should do," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., a longtime advocate on the issue. Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., said he hopes the studios offer "a firm commitment to stop marketing material to children that they themselves have deemed unsuitable for that age." "I don't think it should be that complicated," he said in an interview. The Federal Trade Commission, which reported earlier this month that the entertainment industry was peddling inappropriate materials to children, said it was encouraged to see the industry heeding the call for improved self-regulation. Kathryn Montgomery, president of the Center for Media Education, said the industry's initiative was an important first step, but added that the movie companies needed to extend their efforts to TV, by not advertising R-rated movies on shows popular with young audiences.

A study being released Wednesday by the conservative Parents Television Council found that of 54 movie ads aired on broadcast TV during 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. — the so-called family hour — 83 percent were for R-rated films. The sample was taken from Sept. 1 to Sept. 20 this year. Others groups argue that the movie executives are trying to sugarcoat a more fundamental problem — the rating system itself. "It's kind of putting a Band-Aid on a system that is truly outdated," said Daphne White, founder and executive director of The Lion & Lamb Project. She is pushing for a complete overhaul of the movie rating system to make it more accessible to parents. But Valenti maintains there is no problem with the ratings themselves and he offered several initiatives focused on explaining the reasons for a given rating in print advertisement and on Web sites. On the Net: Motion Picture Association of America site: <http://www.mpa.org> Federal Trade Commission site: <http://www.ftc.gov>

## Pancake feed canceled

The Goodland Rotary Club has canceled a pancake feed it was planning for Saturday and Sunday morning during the Flatlander Fall Festival this weekend due to unforeseen circumstances. Jo Simmons, Chamber of Commerce office manager, said the feed was to be held at Central Elementary School. Those who are hungry, she said, will have options.

She said the Butterfly Cafe, at the Goodland Airport, will open at 6:30 a.m. with a full breakfast buffet; Anthony's Bakery and Cafe on Main Street will open at 8:30 a.m. and serve coffee and cinnamon rolls; Ray's Cafe on 17th will open at 5:30 a.m.; and the Bread Box bakery on Main will open at 6 a.m. McDonalds, the Buffalo Inn and Howard Johnsons restaurants also will be open for breakfast.

## Trial for war crimes unlikely

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration line for Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is that he should be "out of power, out of Serbia and in The Hague." It's a good sound bite but administration officials privately acknowledge that the goal of dispatching Milosevic to The Hague for trial on war crimes charges has always been a long shot.

A more realistic hope for the administration over the short term is that Milosevic will emerge from the current electoral process either severely weakened or driven from office altogether by disaffected voters. It would be icing on the cake if he were to suffer the added humiliation of being hauled before the court, officials say.

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