

Festival goers celebrate season



Two young boys had a pillow fight during Saturday's Flatlander events in Goodland. The game was sponsored by one of the departments at the Northwest Kansas Technical School.

Fall Festival draws large crowd

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booths was up to 65 this year, an increase over last year's 60.

At the sixth annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show, about 116 motorcycles were lined up in rows between 10th and 11th streets. Antique motorcycles, touring bikes, dirt bikes and regular cycles could be seen.

The motorcycle organization had chosen Dean Topliff of Goodland as their grand marshal for this year's show. A supper and awards show began at 6 p.m. Saturday for the bike participants. Topliff was presented a plaque that evening.

The winner for Best of Show was Leroy Charvat of Wilson with his '98 Boss Hog and the winner for Best Engine was Ron Burns of Ness County with his '99 Harley Davidson Softtail.

The Scruffy Dog contest began at 11 a.m. at 11th and Main. Over 40 dogs, ranging from tiny to huge, were entered. Owners walked around the ring

with their pets to show them off to the judges and audience.

There were nine winners. Chosen as scruffiest was Deb WasseMiller's "Rascal," smallest was Johana Eddleman's dog; most talented went to "Max" owned by Chris McQuigg of St. Francis, best personality to Clark Jordan with "Amber," largest to "Stella" owned by Talen Martin, a face only a mother could love to Nicole David with "Buzz;" cutest adult dog (one year or older) to Lexi David with "Snowball," cutest puppy to Lori Juleson with "Binky," and judges' choice to Melinda Smith of Las Animas, Colo., with "Sally."

The Early Iron Rod Run had 282 cars registered, about half from Colorado and the rest from Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Cars were lined up between 12th and 15th streets on Main.

Tim Dinkel, president of the Early Iron Club of Western Kansas, said this was an increase from last year's 268 entries.

Twenty-five awards were given for

top vehicles in the 1948 and older category and 25 more for the top cars in the 1949 and newer category. Six additional awards were given for longest distance, sheriff's choice, chief of police's choice, club choice, McDonald's choice and Ambassador's choice.

Dinkel said he really appreciated all the help and participation he received from businesses and the city.

"We wouldn't be able to put on this show without the participation of these businesses he said, adding that it was a big help to be able to use Central School.

The club also held a dance Saturday night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

In the Sunflower Bake-Off, all the winners were from Goodland. Best of show winner was Diana Spinney with her sunflower triangles. Judy Escudero won second place with a sunflower seed pie and the third went to Jessica Fitzgerald for her sunflower banana bread.



A biker (above) reached out to catch a water balloon after throwing it over a wire Saturday in a motorcycle game at the Bankwest parking lot. Libni Villegas, 11, (below) tried to knock over a mannequin head at a booth on Main Street.



Jackie Finley entered her son's miniature pincher, Sobe, in the Scruffy Dog Contest on Saturday. There were 45 entries in nine categories, and though she was cute, Sobe didn't win.

