

weather report

67°

at noon

Today

- Sunset, 6:31 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:44 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:30 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 69 degrees
- Humidity 37 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northwest 17 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.91 inches and rising

Last 24 Hours*

- High 85°
- Low 45°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance of rain, low lower 40s, winds northeast 15-25 m.p.h. Tomorrow: cloudy with 30 percent chance of rain in the evening, high mid 50s, low upper 30s.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: cloudy with 40 percent chance of rain, high mid 50s, low upper 30s. Friday: partly cloudy and breezy, high near 60.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.58 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.48
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Corn — \$2.55 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.29
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.24 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$4.83 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.87
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$10.70 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$18
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

High court to hear case

TRENTON, N.J. — The state Supreme Court decided today to hear arguments over whether Democrats can replace Sen. Robert Torricelli on the November ballot, a day after the senator abruptly dropped out of the race.

The court issued an order saying it would hear the case directly instead of waiting for a lower court to act. The high court hearing is scheduled for Wednesday morning. As a result, a hearing set for this afternoon in Middlesex County Superior Court was canceled.

The Democrats, who hold a one-seat majority in the Senate, had asked the high court to hear the case directly because of the urgency involved. Torricelli's end to his scandal-tainted re-election campaign forced Democrats to scramble for a candidate.



Rod run attracts 223 cars

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Ford Coupes, 1969 Corvettes, muscle cars, tricked-out pickups, convertibles and roadsters, they were all in Goodland Saturday, plus many more, during the 16th annual Early Iron Rod Run.

Car lovers wandered up and down Main Avenue during the Flatlander Festival, checking out classic automobiles, reminiscing about vehicles they used to own and sharing car care tips.

"I had a '55 Chevy back in the '70s," said John Garbon from Parker, Colo., talking to the owner of a classic car. "Man, that sucker could purr. How much do you have under the hood there?"

Harry Tompkins, Aurora, was showing a 1972 Ford Mustang. He said although there was a car show in Denver that weekend, he preferred coming to Goodland.

"There are a lot of car lovers here," Tompkins said. "One man told me he'd give up his wife for a chance to ride in my car. He was joking. I think."

People at the Goodland show are more polite than at some of the bigger shows, he said.

"The people here really seem to enjoy cars," he said. "They stop by and admire, they ask intelligent questions, and most importantly, they keep their hands to themselves."

It's bad form at a car show to touch the vehicles, many owners said. Some cars sported signs hanging from their rear-view mirrors which had sayings like, "Keep your hands to yourself. I'm not that kind of car."

Scott Lockhart, president of the car club, said the Goodland show is more casual and laid back than others, which might be why it draws in so many people.

"I think people enjoy how positive the show is," he said, "and how much hospitality we show them."

The dinner and dance at the Veterans of Foreign Wars that evening didn't hurt either, he said.

"We had a good time," Lockhart said. "A couple of ladies from Colorado said they come just for the desserts at the banquet."

There were 223 cars at the show, he said, down a little from previous years. Shows in Denver and Brush, Colo., pulled some entries away, he said, but the turnout was still decent.

"We had people tell us it was closer to Denver and Brush from where they lived, but they came to Goodland anyway," Lockhart said. "We have a good show."

Don Hartman won the Ambassador's Choice award with a 1934 Ford pickup.

Shirley Pfankuch won the club's choice with a 1968 Firebird. David Corla drove the farthest distance, bringing his 1968 Camaro from San Diego.

Bill Coffey won the police chief's award with a 1946 Ford. Matt Murray's 1969 Chevy Chevelle won the sheriff's choice, and Carl and Bonnie Thompson's 1936 Plymouth was the fire chief's pick.

The following people finished in the Top 25 in their divisions:

Pre-1948



Anne Hickert of Goodland (above) dressed as a clown at the Flatlander Fall Festival on Saturday and sold balloons on Main Avenue. Carl Thompson of Hugo, Colo., (top picture on right), talked to an admirer about his flame-embossed 1936 Plymouth Coupe at the Early Iron Rod Run.

Photos by Tom Betz and Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News



Mike and Debbie Gray of Littleton, Colo. were among 94 cyclists who participated in a nighttime parade down Main Saturday. The parade was led by a motorcycle police officer from Burlington. It was the first time the motorcycles have had an organized parade.

Jim Landsparger, 1933 Ford; Willy Snyder, 1932 Ford; Ron and Joan Palmer, 1932 Ford; Ed Swedensky, 1941 Lincoln Zepher; Steve Firebaugh, 1933 Ford Coupe; Bob Adams, 1935 Chevy; Rich Bauer, 1941 Willys; Mike Specht, 1939

Chevy; Lyl McCormack, 1929 "A" Roadster; Nancy and Rich Barton 1939 Chevy; Larry Smith 1936 Ford; John and Sharon Strasser, 1947 Chevy; Tom and Joni Gustin, 1938 Chevy; Bob and Donna Benallo, 1932 Ford; Benny Vallejo, 1936 Ford; Irvin and Luella Snyder, 1941 Willys; Bob and Deb Robson, 1940 Chevy; Bill Coffey, 1946 Ford; Robert Logan, 1931 Chevy, Don and Zeke North, 1930 Ford.

1948 to present

Bill Field, 1957 Chevy Belair; Jerome and Linda Naugle, 1958 Chevy Impala; Joe Bellamy, 1949 Mercury; Peter Decker, 1948 Ford Studebaker; Max Shannon, 1970 Chevy; Craig Swenson, 1968 Chevy Camaro; Len Hoogland, 1959 Rambler American; Darrell Crank 1956 F350 T-Ton; A.L. Bockman 1965 Ford Cobra; Bruce Shannon 1968 Chevy Camaro; Steve Pilant 1969 Chevy C-10 pickup; Matt Murray 1969 Chevelle; Darrell and Alice Wulf, 1959 Chevy Impala; Pam and Ron Di Fazio, 1972 Chevy Nova; Jerry and Lelia Hurlburt, 1961 Ford F-100; Leroy Craft, 1956 Chevy; Mark Feack, 1957 Buick Special; Joe and Nancy Herman, 1968 Chevy Camaro; Ashley Knutson, 1955 Chevy Belair; Bill Johnson, 1970 Plymouth Barricuda; Roger Preece, 1954 Chevy Belair; Robert Rall, 1952 Chevy pickup; Frank Nuanes, 1968 Chevy Camaro; Terry Imel, 1958 Chevy Corvette; John Warren, 1955 Chevy Belair.

Hot cars fire up Festival

People flee from hurricane

Storm rips off roofs, kills seven so far

By Anita Snow

Associated Press Writer

HAVANA — Hurricane Lili dumped heavy rains on western Cuba on Tuesday and 127,000 people fled their homes in fear of the storm that ripped roofs from buildings in the Cayman Islands and killed seven in Jamaica and St. Vincent.

Lili picked up speed and its violent winds gained strength as it approached Cuba, whipping up battering waves and storm surges up to 10 feet higher than normal, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

On the island, government radio stations announced that school classes in western Pinar del Rio province and the capital of Havana were canceled. Cubana Airlines halted all flights and train service between Havana and the provincial capital of Pinar del Rio was suspended.

Early Tuesday, the storm was located very near the small Isle of Youth south of the main island. It was expected to cross over or close to western Cuba later in the day.

The hurricane continued to punish Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and eastern Cuba with torrential rains that "could cause life-threatening flash flooding and mudslides," the Hurricane Center said.

Lili grew into a hurricane on Monday as its winds topped 74 mph and its eye tore across Cayman Brac, uprooting trees and utility poles, knocking out power and tearing roofs from at least two apartment complexes, legislator Lyndon Martin said in the British territory. About 300 people sought refuge in emergency shelters.

Driver's throat cut on bus

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A passenger slashed the throat of a Greyhound bus driver as the bus traveled down a California freeway, causing it to careen out of control, authorities said. Two people died and dozens were injured.

The bus, heading from Los Angeles to San Francisco, flipped on its side Monday evening and slid into a cotton field about 500 feet off Interstate 5 near Fresno, officials said. The bus was carrying 50 passengers.

Officials said the attack was not related to terrorism, and said this morning they did not know the motive of the suspect, identified as Arturo Tapia Martinez, 27, a transient from the Los Angeles area. He was booked into Fresno County Jail on two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder.

"He has told us several stories about why he did what he did," said Lt. Margaret Mims of the Fresno County Sheriff's Department. Among the factors being looked at, she said, were whether drugs, alcohol or mental problems played a role.

According to witness accounts, the man rose from his seat shortly before 9 p.m., walked briskly up to the driver and attacked him. The weapon was a pair of scissors, authorities said.

"It happened very quickly. He immediately stabbed the driver, too quickly for the passengers to take action on their own," Mims said. She said the driver "struggled, tried to defend himself and lost control of the bus."

Authorities caught Martinez as he tried to run away.

"I saw a dude walk fast and pull past to the front (of the bus)," said passenger Howard Johnson, who suffered only minor injuries and later was reunited at a community center with his wife. "I'm feeling blessed."