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**WEEKEND**  
**Friday, Sept. 19**  
**2003**

**75¢**

## weather report

**56°**

at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 6:51 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:32 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:49 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 69 degrees
- Humidity 32 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 20-27 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.29 inches and rising
- Record High 99° (1935)
- Record Low 32° (1971)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 93°  
Low 46°  
Precipitation none

### N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly sunny and warmer, high mid 70s, low upper 40s, winds west 10-15 m.p.h. Saturday: mostly sunny with a 30% chance of scattered showers in the evening, high upper 70s, low upper 40s.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy with a chance of scattered showers during the day, cooler and windy, high lower 60s. Monday: partly cloudy, high mid 70s, low near 40. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high upper 70s, low mid 40s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



## Grant students watch rescue

Goodland volunteer firemen Troy Mannis and Ryan Weis (above) folded back the roof of the demonstration car to extract a "victim" (under black safety blanket). State Trooper Joe Green (right) assisted in the extraction of "victim" Casey Henderson, 8th grader at Grant Junior High, as Bruce Gleason, director of Northwest Kansas EMS, stabilizes Henderson's head and neck. Part of Grant's Safety Day, the demonstration showed students how rescuers extract victims from the passenger or driver's side of a car. Tonya Gray, (below) 7th grade math teacher at Grant Junior High, was immobilized after being rescued. Firemen Mannis (below right) and Weis demonstrated cutting procedures used to remove the roof of a wrecked vehicle. The car was donated by McB's Motor and Radiator Repair.

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## Flatlander Fall Festival continues to expand

By Tom Betz

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Plans are shaping up for the Flatlander Fall Festival, and it is expected to be expanded to fill Main Avenue from 17th Street to Ninth.

The street will be closed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, for the biggest street festival of the year.

Anywhere from 8,000 to 10,000 people are expected to take part in the events at this year's annual Flatlander Fall Festival. And what a list of events there are.

Stock car races, a pancake breakfast, antique tractor show, scruffy dog contest, basketball tournament, bike and car shows, photo contest and possibly a Blackhawk helicopter, to name just a few, are some of the activities for the family to enjoy.

The morning begins with a benefit pancake feed from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Goodland High School cafeteria. The school district employees will be serving pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Tickets for adults are \$4 and kids 5-12, \$3. The proceeds will establish an emergency medical benefit fund for dis-

trict employees.

About 60 booths will be set up on Main, between 10th and 12th, Saturday morning featuring food, crafts, games and contests. Kids, and adventurous adults, can get their faces painted, people can win bottles of soda in ring tosses, and there are always souvenirs available to help remember the event. The Northwest Kansas Technical College will have booths from all 13 departments.

The 18th Early Iron Rod Run will fill blocks of Main, from 12th to 16th, Saturday and Sunday with vintage cars. Past entries included original Model-Ts, '30s and '40s hot rods, '50s customs and classics, '60s and '70s muscle cars, all years of custom and classic pickups and more modern cars of the '80s and '90s. Organizers call it the largest car show between Salina and Denver. About 300 entries are expected.

Cars typically come from Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska, but have come from as far away as Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, California, and Washington.

Rod Run activities include a disk

jockey playing music both Saturday and Sunday, a "motor-blow" car on Saturday afternoon, a fun walk on Sunday morning, and the awards ceremony around noon on Sunday.

The ninth annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the north end of Main, and will feature more than 170 motorcycles in 28 classes.

Registration, \$15 per couple, will be from 9 a.m. to noon with the bikes being judged between noon and 2:30 p.m. Contests will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Bankwest parking lot, and a breakfast and poker run will be held Sunday morning.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, the motorcycles will parade down Main, the second year they have done so. Sam Kirby, who grew up north of Ruleton, will be the grand marshal.

The Sunflower Spinners Antique Tractor Club will move their show to Main this year and will be in the 1600 block. In the same block there will be a military display which should include a World War II half-

track and historic individual weapons.

Plans are firming up to have a Blackhawk helicopter fly in and land near the downtown area as part of a special drug prevention program. The drug program will be held near the intersection of 10th and Main.

Justin Bentzinger, acting chamber manager, said he is working with the Red Ribbon Prevention representatives.

"We thought a landing site for the helicopter had been approved at the old IGA parking lot on Center," he said, "but the advance person decided the gas pump island would make it difficult to land there."

"We are trying to suggest a couple of alternate landing sites, and hope to have it confirmed by Monday."

The Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter will hold the annual "Scruffy Dog" contest at 11 a.m. on Main. Pet owners can sign up at the shelter's booth on 13th and Main. People of all ages are encouraged to enter.

A three-on-three basketball tournament will be held at 10 a.m. at the

Goodland Activities Center. Boys and girls from third through eighth grades can enter.

Not every event will be held on Main. The Goodland Activities Center is holding their Punt, Pass and Kick competition in conjunction with the festival at 9 a.m. Saturday at Goodland High School's Cowboy Stadium. Kids between 8 and 15 can participate, and will be split into age divisions, with boys and girls competing separately.

The Carnegie Arts Center, 120 W. 12th, is holding a "Flatlander" photo contest. People visiting the Art Center can vote on the photography to determine the winner.

People interested in history can experience a one-room school setting at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Union School House, north of the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

Those who like cars and fast action can attend the Stock Car races at the Sherman County Speedway at 6:30 p.m. Friday and 5:30 p.m. Saturday. These races will close out the racing season.

## Special meeting today

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A special community meeting on the Aircraft Seals and Gasket Corp. opportunity will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at the Northwest Kansas Technical College student union.

Randy Schoenthaler of Peoples State Bank said the effort to bring the company to Goodland has reached the deadline, and the meeting will be to see if there are any additional things that can be done to make it happen in Goodland.

Wednesday City Manager Ron Pickman, with the support of the city commission, suggested the company could locate in the old IGA building the city owns. Pickman said there are some things that would have to be done to make the building ready, and that he was looking for a roofing company who could do the job in the specified time.

Roy Dixon of Brewster, who has been working with Herb Menold, president of Aircraft Seals and Gasket, said that Wichita has already offered the company a building and venture capital to locate there, but that Menold wanted to give Goodland a final chance before signing with Wichita.

"I hope the room is not big enough," Schoenthaler said. "We need to see if there is a way to bring this company here. The city's efforts help, but we have more that needs to be done."

The company, which is operating in Brea, Calif., would employ about 30 people to start with and could grow to 100 employees in a year.

## Post Office times change

Goodland postal customers have been receiving cards announcing a cutback in post office window hours effective Saturday, Sept. 27.

Postmaster Kenton Krehbiel said the window will be open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Krehbiel said currently the window is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

"Our machines record how many customers there are by each hour," he said, "and a recent study showed the slowest hour of the day was from 8 to 9 a.m. This will give us more flexibility in the back while remaining convenient for our customers."

The change on Saturday is so the window is open at 9 a.m. all six days.

## inside today

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## West begins box top effort

Jenise Floyd showed West Elementary students what a box top looks like last Friday to be sure they knew what to turn in to raise money for the school. See story and photos on Page 3.