

weather report

67°
noon
Monday



Today

• Sunset, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:43 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:29 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 59 degrees

• Humidity 25 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds northeast 10 mph

• Barometer 30.40 inches

and rising

• Record High today 94° (1942)

• Record Low today 19° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 88°

Low Sunday 48°

Precipitation none

This month 1.95

Year to date 15.12

Below normal 2.31 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near

76, winds out of the west at 5

mph becoming calm and a low

around 45. Wednesday: Sunny

with a high near 77, winds calm

becoming east at 5 mph and a low

around 47.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high

near 78 and a low around 49. Fri-

day: Mostly sunny with a high near

77 and a low around 50. Saturday:

Mostly sunny with a high near 82

and a low around 47. Sunday:

Mostly sunny.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Spraying water from a fire hose on a specific target seemed simple enough, but Carly McCracken, 13, and fireman Jared Enfield (above) were sprayed by water as the tug of war barrel kept getting closer to the south end of the overhead line. Fireman Oura Garrett helped Cortney Cowan, 13, (below left) with her aim as she used the water steam to push the barrel to win the water war. See more Flatlander Fall Festival photos on Page 3 and 10. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Water War part of Flatlander fun

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Saturday morning started cool and cloudy, but by noon the sun was shining and the crowds on Main were smiling as they enjoyed one of the best Flatlander Fall Festivals in several years.

A hit at the southern end of Main was the Water War put on by the Goodland Fire Department with about 70 kids and adults donning fire jackets and helmets to spray water against a metal keg in a water tug of war.

Fire Chief Brian James said Justin Stasser assistant fire chief came up with the idea he had seen at a fire department in Nebraska and was assisted by volunteer fireman Oura Garrett, diesel instructor at the tech college.

The lady's fire auxiliary helped get the water fighters ready included Kelly James, Kim Breininger and Andrea Heldermer. Helping to spread the word by walking up and down Main in bunker pants were Garrett's girlfriend Mandy Kreutzer and his daughters Michaela and Breanna. Jared Enfield's sister-in-law Jakalyn VanAllen walked up and down Main in bunker pants to help advertise the water war.

Chief James said they used about 18,000 gallons of water using two fire trucks for the event.

Organizers for the festival were pleased with the turnout, and handed out hundreds of free hamburgers and hot dogs to the large crowd that showed up for the Picnic in the Park Sunday afternoon at Chambers Park.

The Brick Top Cruisers Car Show brought about 160 antique, unique and classic cars to fill Main from 12th to 15th.

The Northwest Kansas Bike Show had a similar number of great motorcycles in all sizes and styles displayed from Eighth to 10th.

Saturday evening the cars and motorcycles paraded from opposite ends of Main to delight a crowd estimated at 900 who filled the sides of Main to watch and cheer the two groups as they passed along the street and then reversed course so both sides could get a good look at the cars and bikes.

This was the first year the cars have been able to join in for the Saturday night parade as weather derailed the car parade plans last year.

Friday night about 100 race cars including 72 modifieds turned out for the Flatlander Fall Classic at Sherman County Speedway, and the racing lasted until midnight with a short rain shower delay about 9 p.m. Friday night the track was pretty slick, and at least two cars rolled in turn three with one driving being



taken to the hospital. Officials said Saturday he had been checked out, but was not injured. The second driver was not injured.

Saturday the races started a bit earlier, but it took about 45 minutes to mud pack the track. Again about 100 race cars including 72 modifieds took to the track in front of a full grandstand to thrill the crowd with great racing. Saturday the race track was in great condition and the races went off

without any major accidents.

Before the races got started Saturday the Sherman County Speedway track champions were introduced and presented with awards and special jackets.

Tyrel Smith (car 12) was the Mini Stock champion; Alex West (31) and Donovan Nichols (44) tied for the Econo Class championship; Joey Snethen (S98) won the Bomber class championship; Randy Tipton

(95) of Weskan was the Stock Car champion; and Nick Tubbs (737) of Colby was the Modified car track champion.

Saturday night Will Brack (15w) of Mead, Colo. was the winner of the Modified Main race passing last year's winner David Murray (97m) of Oberlin for the win.

The Scruffy Dog Contest went off with lots of fun with Sparky owned by Andrew Wood, being named the

Scruffiest Dog.

In the second annual Frontier Ag Chili Cook-off Mark Gillmings of First National Bank was the judge's choice and SunOpta was given the award for the best decorated table. Last year's winner Marty Melia of the KLOE Afternoon Show and *The Goodland Star-News* tied for fourth.

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$6.16 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.46

Corn — \$4.78 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.90

Milo — \$4.10 bushel

Soybeans — \$9.69 bushel

Posted county price — \$10.75

Millet — \$7 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$23 cwt.

Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta,

Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys win 21-6

Goodland senior Brandon Rome looked for a way to elude Trego County senior Casey Flax during Friday's football game. Goodland won 21-6 for their first win of the season. See photo, story on Page 12.

