

weather
report

74°

10:30 a.m.
Monday

Today

- Sunset, 6:46 p.m.
- **Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:34 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:45 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 61 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southwest 13 mph
- Barometer 30.18 inches and falling
- Record High today 95° (1986)
- Record Low today 30° (1983)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	76°
Low Sunday	46°
Precipitation	none
This month	.37
Year to date	16.44
Below Normal	.21 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight, a high near 70, winds breezy out of the north at 10 to 30 mph, and a low around 45. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 68, winds calm switching to the south at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 44.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 75 and a low around 44. Friday: Sunny with a high near 80 and a low around 47. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 82 and a low around 50.

(National Weather Service)
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City plans final contest push

The year long Take Charge Challenge is coming down to the last two weeks, and Goodland is in contention to win the \$100,000 energy upgrade first prize with help from the citizens in the final citywide events.

Based on the recent Take Charge standings Goodland is leading in one of the three categories, Colby is leading in the second and WaKeeney is leading in the third. To win outright a city has to win two of the three categories. The other communities in the contest are Oakley and Hoxie.

The final push will include efforts in the schools and a booth and power plant tour during the Flatlander Festival, said Amy Thorson, who with Shauna Johnson have

been ramrodding the Take Charge Challenge for the city.

Johnny Mercer with the High School is the teacher who went to the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education workshop, and is in the process of completing three learning tree activities with different classes.

Sarah Short and Mary Kratky are assisting with the Energy Bandit skit at the High School and Junior High, Thorson said.

The final Take Charge community event will be during Flatlander with a booth on Saturday, on south Main Ave., down by the Goodland fire department. People who come to the booth will be given bags of goodies and

light bulbs starting at 9 a.m. for as long as they last as this is the final event and the city wants to get all the materials and light bulbs out in the community.

The final public event will be on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. The Take Charge Challenge will have an ice cream social and tours of the Goodland power plant for the public at Steever Park.

If you have never taken a tour of the city power plant here is you chance, Thorson said, and by taking the tour and eating some ice cream you can help the city win the \$100,000 first prize to be used to improve energy efficiency in the schools and the community.

Thorson said the city has several more

retrofits and energy saving numbers to enter into the contest before the end of the month when the contest ends.

“We feel confident with the final events we will have enough points to put Goodland into first or close enough to win in case of a tie,” she said.

In the case none of the communities have won two of the three categories, the winner will be determined by weighting each category and the community with the highest total will be named the winner.

Efficiency Kansas is planning on having the announcement of the winner the end of October in Topeka, Thorson said.



The 25th Annual Flatlander Festival will fill the Magic Mile on Main Ave. on Saturday with a variety of cars, motorcycles, games, food, crafts and many other events bringing thousands of people to Goodland for the premiere event of the year. The events begin with racing on Friday, street show on Saturday and Picnic in Park on Sunday.

Flatlander Festival big weekend for city

By Tom Betz

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Crowds will fill the Magic Mile for the 25th Annual Flatlander Festival beginning with car races on Friday, the street fair, Brick Top Cruisers car show and Northwest Kansas bike show on Saturday and Picnic in the Park on Sunday.

A big feature of the street fair on Saturday will be the NASCAR No. 88 of Dale Earnhardt, Jr., being sponsored by the Kansas National Guard. The car sponsored in part by the National Guard will be on the parking lot at Kansasland Tire at 14th and Main.

The Sherman County Speedway will kick off the Fall Flatlander Classic at 5:30 p.m. on Friday with

races by IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Hobby Stock, IMCA Sports Modified, IMCA Stock Cars and Econos. The second night of racing will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Flatlander 5k run/walk fun will begin things on Saturday starting at 7:30 a.m. The 5k is sponsored by the Goodland Activities Center and registration information is available from the center or online at goodlandgac.com. The phone number is (785) 890-7242.

Flatlander Festival on Main Ave. on Saturday begins at 9 a.m. and runs to 3 p.m. This is a change moving the start up an hour to better fit the events of the day, said Flatlander Festival Chairman Brent Wood.

Wood said he expects about 50

vendors for food, games, crafts and souvenirs to be on Main between the cars on the south and the motorcycles on the north. The Northwest Kansas Technical College will have 18 booths from of the campus organizations as part of the fun. The students are raising money for their annual trips.

Among the booths include food, face painting, a dunk tank and several other games. In the past one of the favorites is the car bash where people can take a sledge hammer and beat on a car to see how much damage they can really do to the body.

Amateur radio operators from the Sherman County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts Club will have a special

event station KS0GLD in operation in the 1200 block of Main.

The Scruffy Dog Contest will be held at 11 a.m. at the grandstand at 12th and Main. The Scruffy Dog Contest is sponsored by Eagle Communication and the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter.

The Arts Council Talent Show will follow the scruffy dog contest about noon at the grandstand. Three categories pre-teen (4 through 12), teen (13 through 17) and adult (18 and up). There are cash awards for first, second and third in each category.

All awards will be handed out on Sunday after the performances at the Picnic in the Park held at Chambers Park at 13th and Center Ave.

Kansas author Marci Penner, who wrote 8 Wonders of Kansas, will be signing her book at 1:30 p.m. at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

The Brick Top Cruisers will be celebrating their 25th Annual Flatlander car show with early registration at Central Elementary on Friday and registration will open at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

Bob Gittinger said to provide more seating and room for the Saturday evening meal and Sunday awards ceremony, these are being moved to the Goodland Elks Lodge at 1523 Arcade Ave.

“We will be ‘Remembering the

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Historian talks about , tours Kidder Massacre site

By Pat Schiefen

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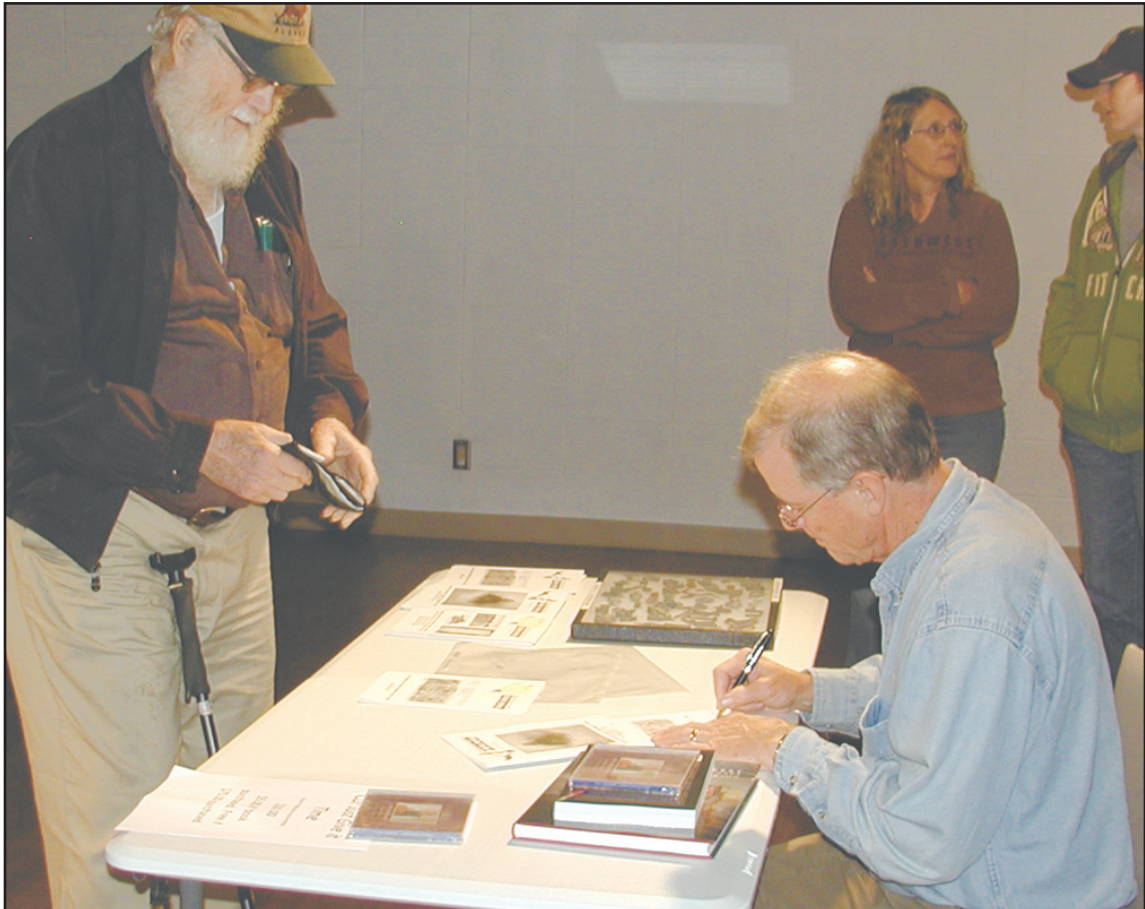
A group of around 25 people were at the High Plains Museum on Saturday to listen to a talk by historian Jeff Broome followed by a tour of the Kidder Massacre site. At the site Broome chronicled the fateful day of July 2, 1867.

There had been some uncertainty about the exact location of the battle, said Broome. He had used a metal detector to find buttons and rifle shells to develop a timeline.

Doug and Pam Whitson have also used a metal detector at the site and recovered artifacts..

Lt. Lyman Kidder had only returned to the U.S. Cavalry nine days previously when he was sent to deliver dispatches to Lt. Col. George Custer from Fort Sedgewick near Julesburg, Colo., said Broome. Custer came from Fort Hays to quell an Indian uprising that had been threatening white settlers. He patrolled north to Fort MacPherson on the Platte Rive near North Platte, Neb. and then south to the forks of the Republican River where Benkelman, Neb. is located presently.

After the Civil War officers had to reapply for their commissions when the army was greatly reduced.



Rev. Gene Tromble has historian Jeff Broome sign books that include information on the Kidder Massacre on Saturday morning at the High Plains Museum. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Kidder had been out of the military for two years.

Lt. Kidder lead a 12-man patrol with a Lakota guide, Red Bead.

Custer learned on July 6, 1867, that Kidder had been dispatched to find him at Riverside Station, forty miles west of Ft. Sedgewick, by telegraph.

Kidder had reached Custer abandoned camp on the Republican and assumed Custer had gone south to Fort Wallace. Kidder meet up with the Indians and had a running battle at a ravine by Beaver Creek.

Broome began to systematically study the massacre, reading all available literature and making trips to the site in 1997 to locate exactly where the fight took place. The bodies of Kidder and his party had been mutilated, partially burned and scalped. The remains were buried in a common grave by Custer's men.

He determined from the location of the ravine where Kidder and his men were found on July 12, 1867, by Custer and 300 of his 7th Cavalry troopers.

The original ravine is still evident, and is approximate 150 yards

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local
markets

10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$6.90 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.07
Corn — \$6.64 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.75
Milo — \$6.25 bushel
Soybeans — \$12.13 bushel
Posted county price — \$12.53
Millet — \$5 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$32.20 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — \$28
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys struggling

Cowboy Blaine Luther was bright spot in the junior varsity game on Monday against Oberlin. The Cowboys had a wild game on Friday against Holcomb. Story, photos on Page 8A.

