



Kids build houses in Summer Art Institute

The Summer Art Institute 2004 program "The House that YOU Built" drew Goodland children to the Carnegie Arts Center to participate in the fun last Wednesday. Instructor Amy Anderson showed the kids how to build a miniature house with some paper, glue and imagination. J.P. Armstrong (above) spent part of the morning cutting out the windows of his house. (Right) Instructor Brittney Redlin (left) helped Holton Witman (right) put together one of the walls of his house while Raquel Tomsic (middle) watched the progress. The program, open to kids from kindergarden to sixth grade, lasted from 11 a.m. to noon.

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Chamber begins Flatlander Fall Festival planning

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Goodland's annual Flatlander Fall Festival is set to kick off on Saturday, Sept. 25, with food vendors, face painting and plenty of cars and motorcycles.

Although the plans are not set yet, the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Friday discussed some ideas for additions to the festival, including air brush tattooing and caricature drawing.

The festival normally includes a dunk tank, jumping balloon, rope climb, balloon dart throw and other activities for children run by the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The chamber may hold a "burn out" contest, a match up where the drivers spin their back tires to see which car can produce the most smoke and noise, or renting a dynamometer, a machine that will give

a measurement of an engine's torque and revolutions per minute to be used for horsepower calculations. The device would allow the cars to compete without moving to eliminate the danger of street racing.

The chamber plans to work with the police and sheriff to help them establish a more friendly relationship with out-of-town visitors. They said some visitors have been ticketed in the past and they hope the car contests will help prevent problems.

Board members also discussed having a race at the fairgrounds on Friday or Saturday night during the festival. Courtney Warden, executive director of the Chamber, said they might arrange a fly in for Saturday morning, also.

The chamber's main focus will be on the vendor booths. Although they have good participation in the

past, Warden said they are working to get more people involved in running booths.

Donna Swager, Chamber board chairman, said Flatlanders is an opportunity for organizations to raise money for their projects through running booths. The Chamber also invites outside vendors that sell funnel cakes and other foods.

Because the festival has spread throughout the years, Swager said, they now use all of Main Avenue, which leaves them room for more vendors. The booths that will line Main run \$25 for chamber members, \$60 for non-profit organizations, \$100 for non-and an extra \$20 if the booth requires electricity.

This year, said Swager, the Chamber would like to add a canopy that will help visitors identify the chamber information booth. The canopies are costly, said Swager, but they would help draw

attention to the booth.

The Early Iron Car Club has already organized much of the 18th Annual Fall Festival Rod Run, or the car section of Flatlanders, and is coordinating the weekend with the Chamber. The car show starts near Central Elementary School and lines the street to the south.

Registration starts on Friday when visitors begin to arrive. The car club will hold a continental breakfast at Central on Saturday and a supper that night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. Following supper, they plan a dance that will be open to the public.

They will have Flatlanders T-shirts for sale and plan to give away a 350 Chevy engine and cash prizes. There will be a contest to see how long it will take for the engine of a car emptied of oil to blow up.

Sunday, the car club will have a "fun walk" with games that involve

car parts and a \$100 prize. The cars will be on display for the public on Sunday and awards will be handed out at noon for the top 15 in each class, pre 1949, 1949-1972 and a 1973-present class.

Iris Scheopner, car club secretary, said they normally have over 230 entries and they have already had a few pre-entries. The first 250 cars will receive a dash plaque.

The Northwest Kansas Bike Show expects to offer events similar to last year, including "rodeo" games in the parking lot behind Bankwest. The games include a slow race, a balloon toss and other contests while riding on the motorcycle. The bikes will be set up at the north end of Main for the street festival.

On Saturday night, the bike club will hold a dinner, followed by an award ceremony for the best bikes. Dave Daniels with the bike show

said would like to hold a street dance, but plans are indefinite.

Organizers plan a breakfast Sunday morning and a church service after breakfast with the members of the Christian Motorcycle Association. Daniels said they had 176 bikes for the show last year and they are looking for over 200 entries this year.

Warden said they have anywhere from 14,000 to 16,000 people come to the festival each year. Swager said Goodland hotels and those in neighboring towns normally are booked for the weekend.

"We get a ton of people in town," said Swager.

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County hears personnel matter

Sherman County commissioners held four closed-door sessions Tuesday on a personnel matter relating to the central dispatch operations.

First, a closed session for personnel issues was called with two members of the County Communications Board, Kathy Russell and

Fred Hall. City Commissioner Chuck Lutters was included because Russell represents the city on the communications board. The session lasted 20 minutes, and after the board members left, the commissioners went back into closed session for five minutes. When they returned to open session, no action

was taken.

Mary Messamore, head of emergency management and central dispatch, arrived later, and the commissioner went into closed session with her for 35 minutes. After Messamore left, the commissioners went back into closed session for five minutes.

corrections

There were two errors on the Front page of Friday's Goodland Star-News. The name under Janet Rumpel's photo was misspelled, and the headline on the story about Register of Deeds Carol Armstrong incorrectly identified her as the county treasurer. These were layout errors.

The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story.

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