

Food and games expected at festival

By Pat Schiefen

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The fall in Goodland wouldn't be complete without the Flatlander Fall Festival, coming up on Friday to Sunday, Sept. 23 to 25, featuring food, fun, cars, golf, photos, music, beer, cycles, quilts, racing, models, and fishing.

The festival is a favorite activity for the departments of the Northwest Kansas Technical College, many of which will have food stands, face painting, raffles and games to make money at the event.

The festival will feature 40 to 50 booths with crafts and knicknacks to jewelry and food, said Brant Wood, vice president for the organizing group, Flatland Festival Inc. There will be live music on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., including gospel, western, rock, southern rock and bluegrass.

The festival usually draws about 4,000 people, with booths and events lining Main from Eighth to 17th.

"We are trying to expand to a multi-day festival," Wood said.

On Friday, there will be a two-man scramble golf tournament starting at 9 a.m. at the Sugar Hills Golf Club. Lincoln Wilson, owner of the Howard Johnson Hotel and president of the festival group, will run the tournament. Wood said the golf event is new this year.

Extending the festival into Sunday afternoon will be a picnic at Chambers Park with hamburgers and hot dogs, beans and pop for \$1, Wood said. There will be live music with the Group from Burlington, the Calvary Gospel Praise Band, H 385 from Burlington, Pieces of Eight and J Factor, a "praise and worship" group from Harvest Evangelical Free Church. Vendors from the festival the day before many move to the park.

On Saturday, beside the booths and games, will be an open house and photography exhibit at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 W. 12th Street; a quilt show at the First United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 1116 Sherman, sponsored by the Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild; a rod run by and car show by Early Iron Car Club in front of Central Elementary School, 13th and Main; a beer garden at the lot owned by Herl Chevrolet-Buick Co. Inc. on east side of the 1500 block of Main and a motorcycle show starting at 9th and Main.

The quilting guild has the show every other year. They will have a quilt raffle for the Goodland Churches Thrift Store.

The rod run, in its 20th year, includes a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a "show and shine" and motor blow on Saturday on Main, door prizes, games on Sunday, dash plaques, supper on Saturday and an evening cruise. Classes are pre 1949, 1950 to 1964, 1965 to 1975, 1976 to 1989, 1990 to present and trucks.

A scale model show will be featured at High Plains Office Supply, 1118 Main. The Flatland Fall Clas-

Events

Schedule of events for the Flatlander Fall Festival:

Friday, Sept. 22

- 9 a.m. — Two-man scramble golf tournament at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

- 6:30 p.m. — Flatlander Fall Classic car races at Sherman County Speedway.

Saturday, Sept. 23

- 8 a.m. — Registration starts for Early Iron Car Club Rod Run, with events throughout the day, 13th and Main.

- 9 a.m. — Registration starts for the 12th Annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show with events throughout the day, 9th and Main.

- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Street festival with vendors, food and games, 8th to 17th on Main Ave.

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Quilt show at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 1116 Sherman.

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Model show at High Plains Office Supply, 1118 Main.

- 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Jeep Show, south Main.

- 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Fish Hole, sponsored by Just Ponds and More, 10th and Main.

- 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Beer garden, 1500 block of Main.

- 11 a.m. — Scruffy Dog Contest at grandstand, 11th and Main.

- Noon to 4 p.m. — Music at grandstand, 11th and Main.

- 1 to 4 p.m. — Photography contest and open house at Carnegie Arts Center, 120 West 12th.

- 5:30 p.m. — Flatland Fall Classic car races at Sherman County Speedway.

- 9 p.m. — Dance and burn-out pit at Howard Johnson Hotel, 2218 Commerce Road.

Sunday, Sept. 24

- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Picnic in the Park in Chambers Park.

- Noon to 4 p.m. — Music and vendors in Chambers Park.

sic Car Races will draw crowds to the fairgrounds Friday and Saturday night at the Sherman County Speedway, with mini stock, econos, bomber, super stock and modified classes.

New to the festival this year will be the "fishing hole" run by Greg Williams of Just Ponds and More on Saturday. The hole allow kids to catch and release catfish.

A favorite of animal lovers is the Scruffy Dog Contest sponsored by KLOE radio and the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter at 11 a.m. Saturday at the grand stand at 11th and Main. The judges will be selected by the animal shelter.

There will be a Jeep show and the Goodland Fire Department will have trucks on display Saturday on Main south of Central Elementary School.

On Saturday night, Howard Johnsons will have a dance and burnout pit at 9:30 p.m. at the hotel, 2218 Commerce Road.

Arts Center has contest

From sunrise to sunset, from a bee to a moose, the photos in the Flatlander Photo Contest at the Carnegie Arts Center show a wide spectrum of visual experience.

Director Tina Goodwin has been hanging pictures for the September exhibit, which will open Sunday and run through Saturday, Sept. 30. Visitors can vote on their favorite photos throughout the month, and the winners in adult and youth categories will receive People's Choice awards.

Photographers are invited to submit black-and-white and color

prints for the annual contest. Entries must be submitted ready to hang.

Goodwin said she will keep hanging pictures as long as she has space. Call the center, 120 W. 12th in Goodland, at 890-6442 for information.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday through Monday, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

An open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, during the Flatlander Fall Festival to celebrate the exhibit. Refreshments will be served.

Evening out a road



Sporer Land Development crews were grading a new curve on K-27 about three miles south of town Friday. The curve eliminates a dip, said Eric Oelschlager, district engineer for the Kan-

sas Department of Transportation. The K-27 project will replace the existing highway from the south edge of town to the Wallace County line. Paving will begin next spring, Oelschlager said.

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Drop in there! Fort Hays State University President Ed Hammond tried to guide his ball after making a put on the 18th green at Sugar Hill Golf Club on Friday. Hammond was playing in a fund-raising alumni tournament which drew 32 golfers to the course.

Photo by Steve Haynes/The Goodland Star-News

Fort Hays expects 9,300 enrollment

By Steve Haynes

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A "healthy" Fort Hays State University expects to enroll 9,200 to 9,300 students this fall, President Ed Hammond told alumni at a charity golf tournament Friday at Sugar Hills Golf Club.

The student count incudes about 4,600 expected in Hays, he said, with the rest enrolled in the university's "Virtual College." Those students may never set foot on the campus, Dr. Hammond said, but they are vital to the university's plans.

"Our objective is to have 5,000 in Hays and 5,000 online," he said, adding that Fort Hays wants to be both "high touch" and "high tech."

By high touch, he said, the university means it wants to maintain small class sizes and maximize contact between students and senior faculty. Nearly 97 percent of all classes are taught by core faculty, he said.

By high tech, he said, Fort Hays aims to become a "tablet university," where all students have tablet computers for taking notes, communicating and research. Students and staff will get "smart phones" with wireless web features, and

many classes will be available as podcasts.

"Word is out throughout the state," he said, "that if you're interested in a high-tech education, Fort Hays is the place."

The university has grown from about 5,600 students in 2000, Hammond said. Fort Hays decided then to avoid the steep tuition hikes planned by other Kansas universities by increasing revenue through growth.

"Instead," he said, "we decided the grow the university to 10,000 students."

Today, he said, Fort Hays has about 1,000 online students in western Kansas, another thousand in eastern Kansas and more than 2,000 in China, where it has developed relationships with Chinese colleges.

Hammond and his wife Mary played with Larry McCants, president of First National Bank of Goodland and a Fort Hays graduate, in the best-ball tournament.

Also at the tournament were Athletic Director Curtis Hammeke, women's basketball coach Annette Wiles and Debra Prideaux, director of alumni and governmental relations.



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correction

A story on Page 1a of the Friday, Sept. 8, issue of *The Goodland Star-News* reported incorrectly that City Manager Wayne Hill received a 7.7 percent raise. The correct figure is 3 percent. This was an editing error.

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