

weather report

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noon
Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 6:46 p.m.
- Sunrise, 6:35 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:44 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 63 degrees
- Humidity 93 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds northwest at 24 mph
- Barometer 29.34 inches and steady
- Record High today 96° (1939)
- Record Low today 30° (1995)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	75°
Low Thursday	36°
Precipitation	.34 of an inch
This month	.68 of an inch
Year to date	18.5 inches
Above normal	1.35 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers, mostly cloudy, high near 61, breezy with a north wind at 10 to 20 mph. A 50 percent chance of showers at night, low near 41, northwest wind at 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers, partly cloudy, high near 58, low near 35, northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 65, low near 37. Monday: Sunny, high near 73, low near 41. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, high near 77, low near 43. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Festival hails beginning of fall

Special section inside today

The weather will be more like fall in Goodland as the Flatlander Fall Festival begins today and gets into full swing on Saturday and Sunday, featuring food and fun, racing, a street fair, golf, cars, motorcycles and more.

The Flatlander Fall Festival is expanding and begins today with a golf tournament and stock car races. Saturday there will be game, food and face painting booths on Main, a motorcycle show, car show, jeep show, cancer screening clinic, a fishing pond, live entertainment, beer garden, dog contest, punt, pass and kick competition, open house and photo exhibit and quilt show.

The forecast from the National Weather Service in Goodland is for a chance of showers Saturday morning becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers in the afternoon. The high Saturday is expected to be in the upper 50s with northwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Sunday the forecast is for mostly clear with a high in the mid 60s.

The festival began this morning with a three-man scramble golf tournament at Sugar Hills Golf Club. Tonight is the first night of the 17th annual Flatlander Fall Classic stock car races at the Sherman County Speedway. Races begin at 6:30 p.m. tonight and at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Early registration for the 20th annual Early Iron Rod Run will be from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Central

Elementary School. The show will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

A street festival on Saturday will feature 40 to 50 booths selling crafts, knickknacks, jewelry and food, said Brent Wood, vice president of the organizing committee, Flatlander Festival Inc. There will be live music at 11th and Main on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and at Chambers Park on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The festival should fill the "Main Street Mile" from Eighth to 17th on Saturday.

The event is a favorite fund-raising activity for the departments from the Northwest Kansas Technical College, which plan food stands, face painting, raffles and games.

Sunday afternoon will feature a picnic at Chambers Park with hamburgers and hot dogs, beans and pop for \$1 for the first 1,500 hungry visitors, Wood said. He said there will be live music by The Group from Burlington, Calvary Gospel Praise Band, H 385 from Burlington, Pieces of Eight from Goodland and J Factor, a praise and worship group from Harvest Evangelical Free Church.

Some vendors from the street festival the day before are expected at the park.

Saturday, beside the booths and games, will feature an open house and photography exhibit at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 West 12th Street; a quilt show at the United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 1116 Sherman, sponsored by the Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild.

The Scruffy Dog Contest sponsored by KLOE Radio will begin at 11 a.m. at the corner of Main and

11th. The Goodland Activity Center will hold an NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition at Cowboys Stadium beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The Kansas Masonic Foundation and Kansas Shriners will sponsor a booth in front of Dr. Sid Unruh's office, 1015 Main, said Brenda McCants, director of patient relations at Goodland Regional Medical Center. People can register for health screenings beginning at 9:30 a.m. It will be first come, first served.

Free cancer screenings will be available by a team from the University of Kansas Medical Center, including prostate, breast and skin cancer, and bone density.

There will be a beer garden on the east side of Main in the 1500 block and a motorcycle show starting at 9th and Main.

The 12th annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show will feature games at 3 p.m. on the parking lot behind Bankwest, and after dinner there will be a parade up Main at 8 p.m. The bike show is sponsored by a group of motorcycle enthusiasts from Goodland.

A scale model show will be on display at High Plains Office Supply, 1118 Main. New to the festival this year will be the Fish Hole run by Greg Williams of Just Ponds and More, 1010 Main, where kids can catch and release catfish.

There will be a Jeep show on Main at 16th and the Goodland Fire Department will have trucks on display on Main.

Saturday night, the Howard Johnson Hotel will have a dance and a burnout pit where motorcycles and cars will try to make as much noise and smoke as possible.

Flatlander Festival events

Schedule of events for the Flatlander Fall Festival:

Friday

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

Saturday

• 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.

• 9:30 a.m. — Goodland Activities Center's Punt, Pass and Kick Boys and Girls ages eight to 15, Cowboy Stadium. Punt, Pass and Kick competition is nationally sponsored by Pepsi and National Football League.

• 9:30 — Registration for free cancer screening for prostate, breast, skin cancer and bone densities at a booth by Kansas Masonic Foundation and Kansas Shriners in front of Dr. Sid Unruh's office, 1015 Main. The screenings are given by a team from the University of Kansas Medical Center in cooperation with Goodland Regional Medical Center.

• 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.

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

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

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

• 5:30 p.m. — Flatlander Fall Classic car races at Sherman County Speedway.

• 9:30 p.m. — Dance and burn-out pit at Howard Johnson Hotel, 2218 Commerce Road.

Sunday

• 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.

More information can be found on the Internet at www.flatlanderfestival.com.

City provides power for booths on Main

Brick project done



Rodney Bouwens co-owner of Stonescapes of Wichita, replaced bricks at the 10th and Main intersection last Friday that did not pass the inspection of Jerry Nemecek (in the background) of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who handled the project for the city, walked the intersection putting small pieces of tape on bricks that needed to be replaced. The opening of the intersection at 10th on Friday afternoon was the completion of the replacement of the five intersections from Ninth to 13th that began in April. Miller Construction was the contractor, and the bricklaying work began the first week of August. Getting started late on the bricklaying people were worried the work would not be completed before the Flatlander Fall Festival on Saturday.

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By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Power will be available at four intersections on Main to handle vendors for the Flatlander Fall Festival on Saturday and the city has agreed to pick up the cost for the installation, charging a fee to use the setup.

City Manager Wayne Hill told the City Commission on Monday that the crew had installed additional lines to the intersections at 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Streets as requested by the Flatlander Committee.

Lincoln Wilson, president of the committee, said the city had put in the power drops, but not the meters or plugs.

Brent Wood, vice-president of the committee, said he had contacted Gene Becker of B&B Electric about getting that done.

Wood said the cost of the meters and plugs for the four intersections would be about \$2,000, and asked if the city would consider helping with the cost since it will be a permanent improvement available to anyone putting on an event on Main.

Eventually, the council agreed to pay the whole cost, charging a rental

fee plus the cost of electricity to users. The city had planned to donate the power.

Hill said the city already has spent \$1,000 on the project to bring the power to Main.

"By doing this we have opened the city streets to a lot of events that might need electricity," Wood said.

Hill said the city would be paying the electric bill when the drops are used. The meters were requested by Charlie Bandel, superintendent of the city electric distribution system, to monitor the use, he said.

Wood said the Flatlander festival has paid for electricity in the past and it cost about \$125 a year.

Mayor Rick Billinger asked why the city was putting in 220-volt power lines.

Wood said that will let the users split off the power and allow more people to use electrical devices in their booths.

Hill said Bandel had run separate circuits to each intersection, and wanted to know what the line loss was.

"I guess we need to let Charlie

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Injured city worker recovering at home

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

There was good news Monday when city officials reported that Rich Simon, public works director was coming home from the Denver hospital here he had been since his powered parachute got tangled in a 7,000-volt power line west of the city.

City Commissioner Wayne Hill told the city commission he had driven to Denver on Friday to visit Simon at the University of Colorado Hospital, and that City Clerk Mary Volk had talked to him on Monday and he was expected to be home that night.

"I thought he was in great shape," Hill said. "I asked him to grab both hands and squeeze. I thought he was going to break them."

"He is the 'Energizer bunny' and always ready to go. He was ready to come home."

Trooper Eric Hodges of the Kansas Highway Patrol said Simon was doing touch-and-go landings at a private field three miles east of town about 6:48 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, when his parachute lines got tangled in the Midwest Energy line and crashed.

While the crash was serious enough, Simon went down just short of a 115,000-volt line serving the city of Goodland.

He was flown to the University of Colorado Hospital burn unit. He was treated for burns on his chest and arm, and some skin grafting surgery was done last week Hill said.

The city commissioners said they were glad to hear he was doing well and coming home.

Hill did not know when Simon might come back to work, but said he knows that Simon is sorry he is not there to help his crews.

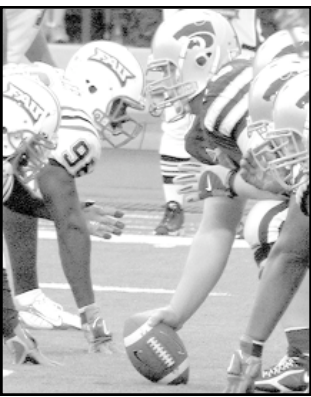
local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.16 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.27
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Corn — \$2.39 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.09
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Milo — \$1.99 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.74 bushel
- Posted county price — \$11.04
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- NuSun crop — \$11.50
- Pinto beans — \$19 (new crop)
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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K-State center is Cowboy

Former Cowboy Jordan Bedore is the starting center for the Kansas State Wildcats, and every play begins with his hand on the ball. The Wildcats face Louisville on Saturday. See photo, story on Page 12.