

weather report

67°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 6:39 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:39 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:38 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 54 degrees

• Humidity 38 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds northwest at 5 mph

• Barometer 30.25 inches

and steady

• Record High today 90° (1974)

• Record Low today 22° (1942)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 66°

Low Monday 37°

Precipitation —

This month 1.03

Year to date 19.23

Above Normal 1.92 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny, high near 80, low near 45, northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high near 70, low near 41, north wind between 10 and 15 mph. Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 65, low around 40. Friday: Mostly sunny, high near 74 low near 45. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 77, low near 43.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.22 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.33

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.45 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.20

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.05 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.74 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.67

Loan deficiency pmt. — 2¢

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.)

inside today

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Cowgirls here today

Amber Cowan went for a dig to set up the ball for her Cowgirl teammates during a home game on Sept. 5. The Cowgirls will be in action at 4:30 p.m. tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse. See photo, story on Page 11.



City workers spread out the special Flatlander Festival banner on Friday afternoon. The banner flopped in the winds on Saturday under wind gusts of 45 mph. The cold made people bundle up, and at times there were calls to the city power

plant because the wind was making the light poles swing wildly. Most of the banner survived the winds, but the top corners on each end came loose in the wind.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Festival goers bundle up Saturday

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Hot coffee and hot chocolate were the drinks of choice along Main in cold, windy, overcast weather for the Flatlander Fall Festival on Saturday, but it was back to short sleeves and ice-cold Coke for the picnic Sunday.

Lincoln Wilson, president of the Flatlander committee and owner of Goodland's Howard Johnson Hotel, said Sunday it had been a good two days despite the cold weather Saturday.

The skies were grey and the temperature was about 45 degrees at 7 a.m. Saturday when the workers began setting up the booths along Main. The biggest complaint was not the temperature but a north wind that blew things off the tables and

sent papers flying down the street.

The wind was blowing at 20 mph while the set up was going on but increased to 33 mph about 11 a.m. with gusts reaching 43. The wind did not die down until about 8 p.m. The temperature got up to 51 degrees, then dropped to 41 for the overnight low. Sunday, the sky was sunny and the high was 66 degrees with a northwest breeze of 8 mph.

Drivers with entries for the Early Iron Car Show and Rod Run lined the 1300 block of Main before 7 a.m. to get their favorite spot and reserve places for friends they expected to show up. Randall Fixsen said he was surprised at the number of cars entered, noting that there had been several cancellations from people saying it was too cold. One hundred

sixty cars lined Main from 12th to 14th by midmorning.

Sunday morning, the drivers gathered outside Central Elementary School in the sunshine as the judges handed out awards and prizes.

On the north end of Main, the Northwest Kansas Bike Show pulled a semi trailer truck across the street to help block the wind. The bikes stretched from Eighth to 10th, with 159 registered for the show. Dave Daniels said there were probably over 200 bikes in town on Saturday, but some did not register.

The show held games on the Bankwest parking lot west of Main at 10th, with more than 100 bikes surrounding the parking lot, but the wind kept many spectators away.

The bikers held a dinner and awards ceremony at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 824 Main, and a bit before 8 p.m. they lined up and paraded down Main to 17th and back up the street to close out the day.

Sunday morning they had a worship service and a poker run.

The First Baptist Church, which is remodeling the old Alco building at 12th and Main, opened the building for people to get out of the cold wind, and some of the vendors moved their tables into the church building to keep their goods from blowing away.

Kids didn't seem to mind the cold, as they bounced and climbed up the big slides set up at 12th and Main. One of the traditional games, how-

ever, did not do well, as nobody would volunteer to man the dunk tank.

A Fishing Hole sponsored by Greg Williams of Just Ponds and More, 1010 Main, kept kids of all ages busy catching and releasing catfish. The cold slowed the fish down a bit, and at times they were hiding under a 4-wheel drive pickup from Dan Brenner Ford-Mercury sitting on cement blocks on the west side.

Festival vendors said the crowds were not as large as in some of the warmer days in past years, but said the people who came did buy. Food vendors on Saturday said they sold most of what they brought.

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Scruffy dogs didn't mind cold

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Despite weather that had some dogs in sweaters, 29 contestants showed up for the Scruffy Dog Contest at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Flatlander Festival.

Don Davis and his wire-haired pointer-griffin cross Axle won the title of largest and scruffiest. Axle, liver colored with a woolly coat, sneezed as he walked the circle with his owner.

Peppy, a shitzu from Idaho owned by Denise Sochinsky, was named scruffiest dog.

A tiny mixed breed pair, Tinker and Tumbles, owned by Kelly Livengood, were the Judges' Choice.

Chewy, a shitzu-yorkie cross owned by Kyle Hawks, was named the most talented dog. She could stand and beg and then sit.

Simon Bassett's basset hound, Clemintine, was named the cutest puppy. She was able to sit for the judges. The cutest adult dog was Grrr, a Pomeranian-poodle cross owned by Bonnie Hawks.

Emma was honored for having the best personality. Lori Peck showed the lab mix.

Lily, a Labrador sharpei mix owned by Amber Kersenbrock, won the prize for the face only a mother could love.

The two smallest dogs were owned by Tracy Devader of Burlington, Miss Priss and Max, 12-weeks-old Chihuahua-pug mixes.

The contest was sponsored by KLOE and the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter. The judges were Marty Melia, owner of KLOE; Rose Koggie, realtor for Homeland Real Estate; and John Koggie.



Axle, winner of the Largest and Scruffiest, stands next to Peppy, a shitzu from Idaho also the winner of the Scruffiest Dog waiting for the decision of the judges.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Pickup hits school bus, four hurt

A pickup hit a Goodland school bus in Kanorado last week while the bus was on its way to school in Goodland, sending the pickup's driver, a passenger and two students to the hospital for a checkup.

Undersheriff Roger Studer reported that the 1994 Ford pickup driven by Channelle Black, 26, Goodland, was going west about 6:55 a.m. Friday when the driver failed to yield at the intersection of Locust and Center in Kanorado. The pickup hit the southbound school bus on the driver's side.

Studer said the bus carried 14 kids and driver Sue Cude, 59.

The pickup driver and a 5-year-old passenger in the pickup were taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center and released.

All of the students were checked by emergency medical technicians, Superintendent Shelly Angelos said, and two were taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center because they said their necks hurt, were checked out and released to their parents. Both students returned to school on Monday, Angelos said.

Road budget raises issues

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Work on repaving Caldwell Avenue north of the airport should begin in October, but Sherman County commissioners were asked Tuesday why the county's 20 percent share was coming out of the road and bridge budget.

Public Works Manager Curt Way, accompanied by County Attorney Bonnie Selby, came to the commission meeting Tuesday to ask why the county match was coming out of his budget.

Way said he had a couple of issues with the way money was allocated, and wanted expla-

nations about why the money was taken from the road and bridge budget.

He said he thought the county match of \$38,940 on a box culvert built last year on Road 65 half a mile west of Road 16 would be reimbursed to road and bridge, but it wasn't. Now, he said, the commissioners were talking about taking the 20 percent match for the Caldwell project out of his budget.

"I would like an explanation," Way said, claiming that with the cuts he wouldn't be able to save money for equipment the county needs.

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