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Fun main feature of Flatlander Fall Festival

By Sharon Corcoran

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There will be something for everyone at the Flatlander Fall Festival. From live entertainment at the talent contest to scruffy dogs, the motorcycle show, the rod run, a golf tournament, and even a tractor pull.

If none of those are your thing, there's the shopping at the sidewalk sale and vendors' booths along Main Ave. as well as the flea market and garage sale at the Antique Warehouse, games, stock car races, a beer garden and plenty of food.

You can sample the chili at Frontier Ag's chili cook-off and vote for the People's Choice awards, and there will be burgers, barbecue, "snowcones", lemonade, Mexican food, pizza cooked in a wood-fired oven, bierocks, funnel cakes and more at the downtown festival Saturday. Hamburger and hot dog meals will be \$1 each at Sunday's Picnic in the Park, and the pizza vendor and a barbecue vendor also plan to sell food at the picnic.

The festival is in its 21st year and is still growing, with the golf tournament and picnic added last year and the talent contest and tractor pull demonstrations added this year, along with the chili cook-off returning with a new sponsor.

The festival added a \$25,000 hole-in-one prize to the golf tournament this year, said Brent Wood, a festival committee member, and is promoting the event around the area.

The tournament will begin with registration at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Sugar Hills Golf Club. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third, two longest-drive contests, two closest-to-the-pin challenges and two longest-putt contests. Call 899-2785 and talk to Mel Dolezal to enter. The \$55 entry per player includes lunch.

The Flatlander committee doesn't



Flatlander Fall Festival last year felt more like winter, but it did not bother the kids who lined up and enjoyed the magic castle and the giant slide. While the kids enjoyed themselves their parents talked and sipped on hot chocolate.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

make money off the street fair, Wood said, but just brings in enough to cover costs. Organizers do the festival to promote Main Street businesses, he said.

In the last two years, he said, they have added the golf tournament and the Sunday Picnic in the Park and plan to add more events, he said; it takes a year to plan some of the events, so there are things being planned now for next year's festival.

This year, he said, the committee added a talent contest. Everyone will compete from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the grandstand at 11th and Main, Wood said, and three finalists

in each age group will compete at the Sunday picnic from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chambers Park. Winners will be announced there.

The age groups are 9-12, 13-19 and 20 and up. Each act will be allowed 15 minutes to perform. They will be evaluated by a panel of three judges on performance, originality and crowd response and interaction.

Each area will be graded on scale of 1-10, said Richard Johnson, festival committee member and owner of Madd Hatter's Music Emporium, with scores entered by a secret ballot. Those will be tabulated at the end of each performance, then compiled at

the end of each category to determine first, second and third place.

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Flatlander Picnic in the Park, Johnson said. Prizes will be \$100 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third in each category.

All three first-place winners will perform at the picnic before the headliner, the Pieces of Eight band. Johnson said he is the lead guitarist for the band, which includes Andrew Melia on drums and vocals, Howard Culver on bass and vocals and Heather Hays as the lead singer.

Another performance has been

added, Highway 385, a well-known bluegrass band, will perform between the talent winners and Pieces of Eight. The performances are scheduled to begin at noon.

The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce used to hold an annual chili cook-off at the festival, but discontinued it five years ago. Frontier Ag brought the cook-off back as a benefit for the Goodland School District's literacy program. The cook-off will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Contestants will prepare their favorite recipe of red chili for judging by a local panel of experts and by the public. Each team will provide two gallons of prepared chili and their own equipment for keeping it at a proper temperature to prevent food-borne illness (above 140 degrees Fahrenheit).

The chili will be judged on aroma, appearance, texture, blend and overall taste. Each team's entry form and \$50 fee need to be turned into Frontier Ag before 9 a.m. Saturday. Businesses are sponsoring teams, and a few slots are left. Ten to 15 teams are expected.

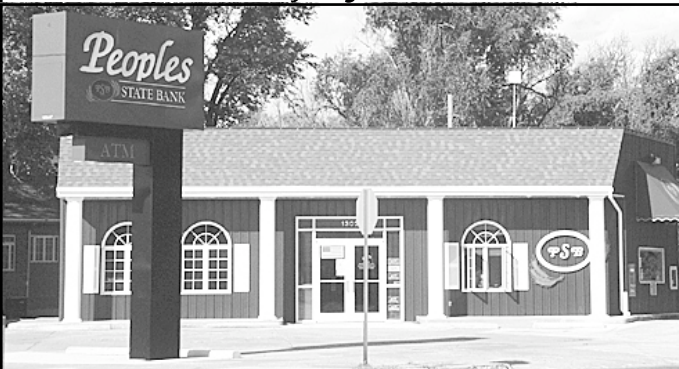
A traveling trophy will be kept by the winner for a year, and winners will be listed on a banner at Frontier Ag and congratulated on the radio and in *The Goodland Star-News*.

The Colorado Tractor Puller's Association will hold the David Clark Memorial Show and Pull Saturday. The show will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Main between 16th and 17th streets.

Then they will have pulling demonstrations at 3:30 p.m. at the lot behind Subway and Wendy's, next to Herl Chevrolet-Buick's main location at the intersection of U.S. Business 24 and K-27.

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New car club behind Flatlander Rod Run

By Tom Betz

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Classic, antique and some unique cars will fill south Main for the 20th year Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning for the Flatlander Fall Festival.

The Rod Run is a couple of years older than the Flatlander Festival, and the anchor event that expanded into the festival that fills Main from Eighth to 17th with something for everyone.

This year, however, a new car club, Brick Top Cruisers, are organizing and handling the Rod Run as the previous Early Iron of Western Kansas Car Club decided not to do this year's show.

The Brick Top Cruisers was born to sponsor the annual Rod Run, and Matt Murray was one of those responsible for getting a group of car enthusiasts together in July to take up the challenge and continue the event this year.

Since the meetings in July the car club has become organized and has been advertising and gathering pieces to make this year's show as good if not better than in the past.

One thing all the club members agree on is they hope the weather is more like a warm fall day rather than the cold near winter weather the festival faced last year.

Despite the weather last year 160 cars lined Main from 12th to 14th by midmorning on Saturday.

Murray and the new car club members feel the show will be successful if they can get at least the same number of cars as last year, and are hoping to get closer to 200 cars.

Early entries are being taken, and car club members say they are getting a good response. The early registration, which ended Sept. 21, was for \$20, but those who arrive on Friday or Saturday morning will be asked to pay \$25 to enter their car.

A hamburger feed is planned for 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Central Elementary at 13th and Main for Friday evening for early registration and fellowship.

Saturday morning registration opens at 8 a.m. at Central, 1311 Main. The day will include a continental breakfast, Show and Shine, door prizes and dash plaques for the first 150 entries.

Supper is included on Saturday at Central Elementary for the participants, and for the first time plans are for the Rod Run cars to join the bikers for a parade down Main about 8 p.m.

The plan is for the cars to start at Main and 17th and drive north while the bikers will start at Ninth and Main and parade south. The two groups should pass each other near Central Elementary, and once they reach the opposite end of Main the groups will turn around and parade back up the street.

Sunday events begin at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast, at 9 a.m. to 10:30 for the fun walk and at 11 a.m. for the awards in front of the school.

Rod Run participants are invited to attend the Flatlander Festival Picnic in the Park to be held Sunday afternoon at Chambers Park, which is one block west of Main at 13th.

Awards for Rod Run entries will be given in pre-1949, 1950 to 1964, 1965 to 1975, 1976 to 1989, 1990 to present and trucks.

A new award this year will allow Rod Run people to vote on their choice of the best of the motorcycles in the Northwest Kansas Bike Show on the north end of Main, and the motorcycle show people are being invited to vote on the best of the Rod Run.

Trophies will be exchanged between the two groups.

Rod Run organizers who can be contacted for information are Bob Gittinger (785) 890-2447, Matt Murray (785) 890-8669 or Dan Krayca (785) 890-3846.



Classic and antique cars will show and shine Saturday and Sunday with the new car club, Brick Top Cruisers handling the 20th annual Rod Run, and this year the cars will join the bikers for a parade down Main about 8 p.m. on Saturday.

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Schedule full of fun

2007 Flatlander Festival Events

Friday, Sept. 28

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Flatlander **Golf Tournament** at Sugar Hills Golf Club, three-person scramble including lunch and \$25,000 hole-in-one prize \$55 per person. Call Debbie Reed at 890-6231.

5 p.m. — **Car club** fellowship and registration.

6:30 p.m. — **Stockcar races** at the Sherman County Speedway on north Main.

7:30 p.m. — **Howard Johnson Burnout Pit** in the Howard Johnson parking lot.

Saturday, Sept. 29

7 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. — Vendor booth setup.

8 a.m. to noon — **Car club** registration and **show** at Central Elementary, 13th and Main.

9 a.m. to noon — **Bike show**, registration at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ninth and Main.

9 a.m. — **Flea market and garage sale** open at the Antique Warehouse, 17th and Main.

Chili cook-off begins in front of the First Baptist Church.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — **Sidewalk sale** on Main.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — **Scale Modelers Society Show and Contest** at 1118 Main (High Plains Office Supply).

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Colorado Tractor Puller's Association's **David Clark Memorial Show** on Main between 16th and 17th streets. **Tractor pull demonstrations 3:30 p.m.** next to Herl Chevrolet-Buick at the intersection of U.S. Business 24 and K-27.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — **Street Festival** on Main — Car show, motorcycle show, crafts, games, food and beer garden.

11 a.m. — **Scruffy Dog Contest** at the grandstand at 11th and Main.

Noon to 4 p.m. — **Talent contest** at the grandstand at 11th and Main.

1:30 p.m. — **Bike show** — **Slide show** on Jim Oliver motorcycle trip around the world at the VFW.

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. — **Bike show** — **games** at the Bankwest parking lot, 10th and Center.

5:30 p.m. — **Stockcar races** at the Sherman County Speedway on North Main.

6 p.m. — **Bike Show** at the VFW.

Car club fellowship at Central Elementary.

8 p.m. — **Bike show parade** of motorcycles on Main.

Sunday, Sept. 30

8 a.m. — **Bike show breakfast and Sunday services** at the VFW.

Car club fun walk and awards at Central Elementary.

9 a.m. — **Bike show poker run.**

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — **Picnic in the Park** — Chambers Park. Live music, craft booths, games, talent show winners perform and receive awards, Highway 385 and Pieces of Eight bands on stage, \$1 hamburger and hot dog meals, bring your lawn chairs.

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Motorcycle group honors a show founder

By Pat Schiefen

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Casey Quint has been chosen to be the grand marshal for the parade of motorcycles on Saturday evening down Main Avenue. He and his wife, Linda, helped start the bike show during the Flatlanders Fall Festival in 1995.

"The bike show has grown more than I expected," said Casey. "The first year we had 52 people. It has gained every year except for last year because of the cold weather.

"It's the only show I know that divides the motorcycles into classes and the prizes are excellent. The show is to bring people into town."

Casey said his first horsepower was Billy B and W Talking Horse. "He would see me coming with a bucket of oats and lift his tail and pass gas."

Linda said Casey and his brothers still talk about Billy. Casey is the youngest of eight kids and was born on a farm northeast of Hays. He went to the Vineyard Country School from first to third grade.

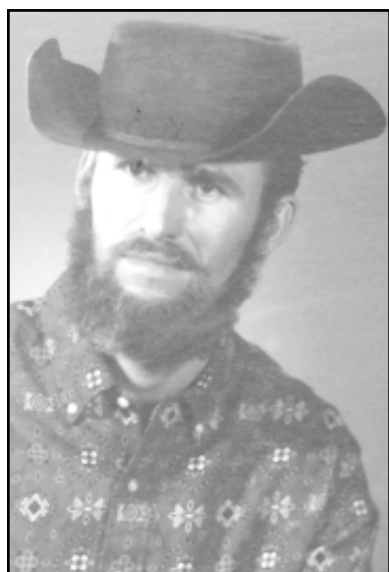
"I was the best looking boy and I learned to play with the girls since I was the only boy at the school," Casey said. "I remember the German war prisoners working in the fields and the big B-29s from Walker Air Force Base, northeast of Victoria, flying over head."

"My family," he said, "moved to Hays in 1945. In 1948 I lost my father when I was 11 and had to be the man of the house and learn to take care of my mother.

"I graduated from Hays High School in 1949."

His next machine was a Doodle Bug, which is a scooter with a Briggs and Stratton motor, he said.

"I worked at the Yankee Dollar as a soda jerk and cook for 35 cents an hour. The Yankee Dollar was like a Sonic with car hops. I saved my



Casey Quint in his younger days.

money and swapped the Doodle Bug for a Wizard which is a motorized bicycle."

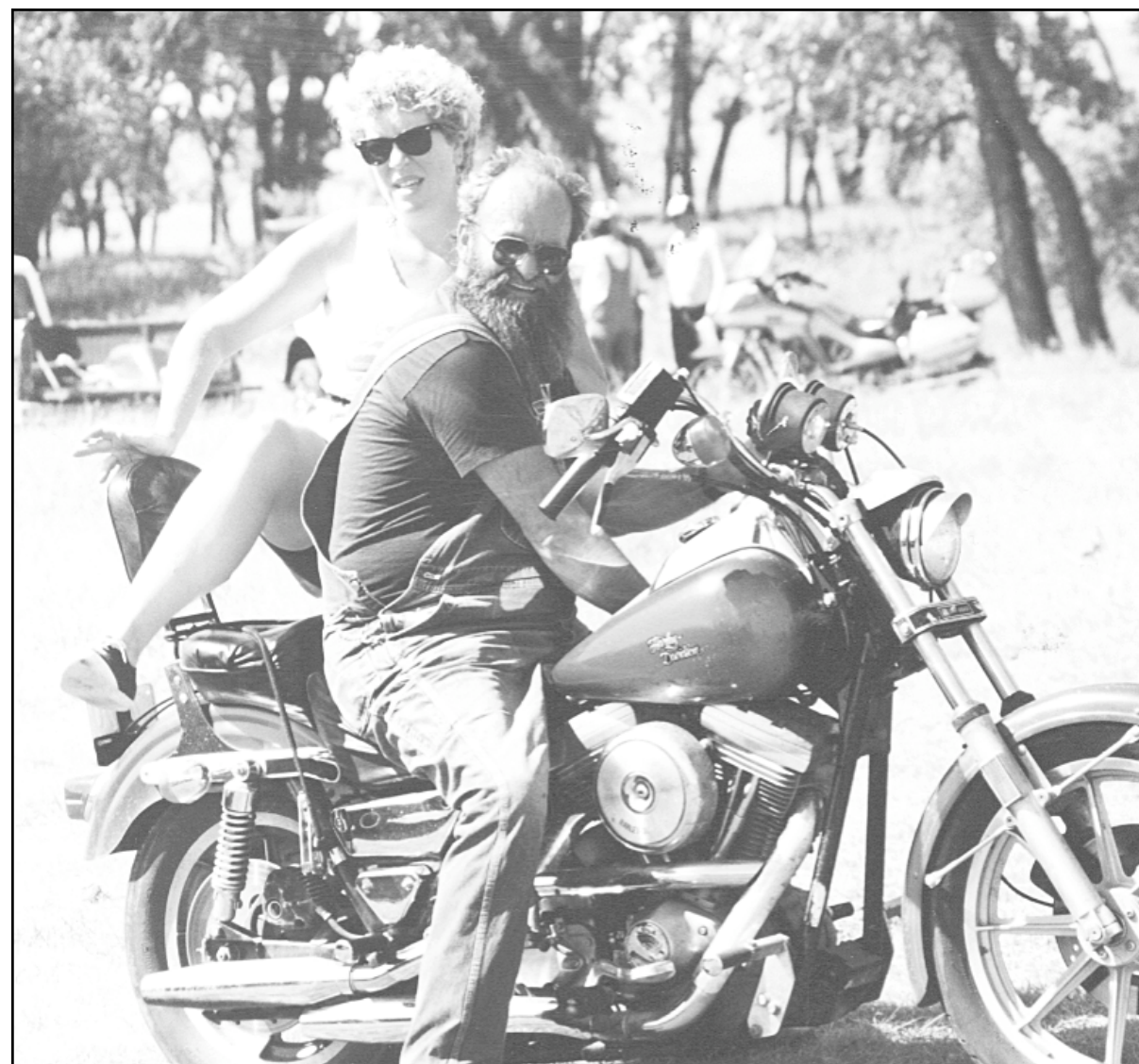
Casey said he needed a bigger and faster bike so he bought a 1952 650cc Triumph for \$300. "I and seven others from Hays rode through the mountains to Sturgis in 1959.

"At that time camping in Sturgis was a \$1 a night. I didn't keep the Triumph for long because I didn't have the metric tools to work on it with.

"In 1969 I bought a 250cc Scrambler and rode to Sturgis," Casey said. "I didn't ride the Interstate and used secondary roads. Who would ever think of riding a 250 cc long distance today?

"I did a lot of trading for Ducati (Italian) motorcycles and bought a new Gilera (Italian) and used it for hill climbing. We used to take a filled sock and play tag while riding by throwing the sock at each other."

Casey said he married Barbara in 1959 and had four children. Craig (Anna) of Cheyenne Wells has three daughters, Leanna, Trena and Jes-



Casey Quint and his wife Linda participating in motorcycle games at an event they went to.

sica. Craig works for service oil. Son Kevin has been in Afghanistan and Iraq for 3 1/2 years working as a civilian plumber. He and his wife Linda have a home in Arizona. Daughter, Crystal (Dennis) Newman, lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., is a criminal lawyer and has two sons, Matthew and Thomas, and her daughter, Sarah.

Son Garrett lives in Cheyenne Wells.

"In 1969 I moved to Cheyenne Wells, raised my kids and worked for Occidental Petroleum in production," he said.

"I was a distributor for Coors when they had the old metal cans that needed an opener and Pepsi Cola. Beer was only sold in 12-ounce cans,

11-ounce bottles and quarts. When I sold beer I drank Pepsi and when I sold Pepsi I drank beer. I retired in 1983 when I had a big heart attack."

Casey said he taught his wife, Linda, to ride a motorcycle and they have ridden bikes to a lot of places

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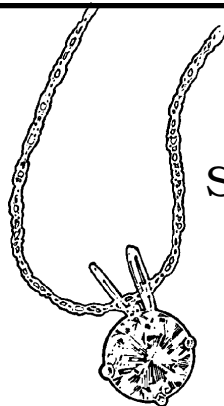
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A picture of Casey Quint (middle back row) with his sons Craig, Kevin and Brian and daughter Crystal taken at Christmas 1997.

Bike show founder honored

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since 1991. He and Linda were married in 1995. Linda has a son Terrin Keith of Texas.

"Linda's first trip was to Red River and it was slick and very cold," he said. We have been to Sturgis, Four Corners, a big trip to Moab, Utah, and many other trips.

"Motorcycles are really expensive now," he said. "A new Harley Davidson costs \$20,000."

Casey said he helped found the Scrambles Track in Hays, the Tri State Coalition of Concerned Motorcyclists and Poker Runs from

Goodland with Don Caldwell of Burlington. He helped start the Goodland Toy Run, Cheyenne Wells Toy Run, Burlington Toy Run, Oakley Toy Run and Grainfield Toy Run.

"Chuck Redlin and Fred Studer have also been with the bike show since it started. Dave and Judy Daniels now head the bike show," he said. "The bike show has been good to Linda and I."

"My favorite motorcycle is a Harley Davidson now and years ago it was a BSA and Triumph in the 50s."



Casey Quint and his wife Linda rode in one of the many 'Toys for Tots' parades to collect toys for the kids at Christmas time. The area motorcycle group has continued this tradition and collected a large amount of toys last year.

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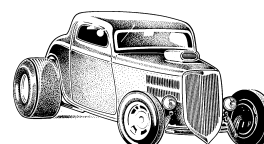
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Flatlander Classic grande finale for season

By Tom Betz

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Races for the 18th annual Flatlander Fall Classic will give fans more than 12 hours of high-speed action Friday and Saturday on the dirt track at the Sherman County Speedway.

The two nights of racing will wind up the speedway season, and Alex West, Sherman County Racing Association president, hopes the weather is nice to bring out a good crowd both nights.

West said he has had calls from a lot of drivers about coming to the two-day event, and said he expects to have lots of cars in all of the categories. Earlier in the racing season the number of stock cars dropped to two, and for the last few nights there were not enough to have a stock car class.

West said he has heard from about 20 drivers who want to bring their stock cars, and have called to ask if that class will be running.

Despite the cold weather last year there were 122 cars entered on Friday, and West said with good weather this year he hopes the track can attract more than 130 cars for both nights.

He said on Friday the cars in the mini stock, econo, bomber, stocks and modified will run in qualifying heats to determine starting order for the main events on Saturday.

The races on Friday start at 6:30 p.m., but racing on Saturday night will start at 5:30 p.m. to honor the track champions.

Track champions, based on the season point sheet, were:

- Tyrell Smith (12) of Goodland in the Mini-stock class.
- Roger Snethen (S5) of Goodland in the Econo class.
- Joey Snethen (S98) of Goodland in the Bomber class.
- Angel Munoz (95N) of Lamar, Colo., in the Stock class.
- Darren DeLoach (21) of Lamar in



Four of the 45 modified class cars sped around turn three during one of the preliminary heats on Friday at the Sherman County Speedway last year. Over 120 cars are expected to descend on the fairgrounds where the speedway is located for the 18th Annual Flatlander Class

the Modified class.

On Saturday, drivers for each class — Mini Stock, Econo, Bomber, Stock and Modified — will park in front of the grandstand as they are introduced.

West said he will inspect the cars after the qualifying races on Friday, and the cars will have a seal attached to the engine hood to make sure that all the cars are the same when they run on Saturday.

"I can understand if a driver has

something he feels needs to be fixed," West said, "and if they come to me before they start working on the car I will discuss it with them and determine if the work can be done.

"I had a problem last year with some drivers wanting to pull out their engine from Friday night and put another in for Saturday. We want to keep it as fair as possible to give everyone a chance."

West said they have opened the rac-

ing in the mini stocks to 14-year olds, and said everyone was surprised last year when the winner of the modified main was a 16-year old.

Rodney Sanders, 16, (car 20) of Happy, Texas, won the car-packed modified main, his first win in Goodland. West said Sanders' car was checked thoroughly, but some of the drivers were disappointed to lose to a 16-year-old. Track Champion DeLoach, who had to start at the back

of the 30-car field last year, finished 16th.

West said the racing association hopes they have a good weekend to help bring them out of the hole. The association received \$1,000 from the city and county to help them pay their bills and keep the races going beyond this weekend.

A special award will be given on Saturday to Goodland Greenline for their support West said.

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5 p.m. Car Club fellowship and registration

6:30 p.m. Flatlander Fall Classic Car Races at Sherman County Speedway

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

8 a.m. Car Club registration and show, with events throughout the day, 1 3th and Main

9 a.m. Registration starts for the 13th Annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show with events throughout the day, 9th and Main

9 a.m. Flea Market and Garage Sale, Antique Warehouse, 17th and Main

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sidewalk Sale, Main Ave.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Scale Modelers Society Show and Contest, 1118 Main Ave.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Street Festival with vendors, food and games, 8th to 17th on Main Ave.

11 a.m. Scruffy Dog Contest at the Grandstand, 11th and Main.
Noon to 4 p.m. Talent Contest at the Grandstand, 11th and

Main.

1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Bike Show Slide Show and Games, 9th and Main

5:30 p.m. Flatland Fall Classic Car Races at Sherman County Speedway

6 p.m. Bike Show, 9th and Main

6 p.m. Car Club Fellowship, Central Elementary School

8 p.m. Bike Show Parade of Motorcycles, Main Ave.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

8 a.m. Bike Show Breakfast and Sunday Service, 9th and Main

8 a.m. Car Club Fun Walk and Awards at Central Elementary School

9 a.m. Bike Show Poker Run

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Picnic in the Park in Chambers Park \$1 hot dog and hamburgers, Live Music, Craft Booths

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