

## Car show to celebrate 25 years

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The last weekend of September will mark the 25th annual Flatlander Fall Festival, and it will be a big celebration for the Brick Top Cruisers who will be "Remembering the past and looking to the future."

This will be the 25th year for the car show as part of the Flatlander Festival, and for some of the car people it was moving the show to Main in 1988 that created the street festival.

Car shows and drag racing goes back about 50 years said Bob Gittinger, who said he knows the first car club was organized in June 1961 under the Goodland Dragons.

Kenny Halbleib was president, Gary Doze, vice president and Robert Gittinger was secretary-treasurer.

Bob Gittinger said the guys in the car club then went to area drag races. He said they used to drag race on "old" U.S.24. He said drag races were held at Julesburg, Garden City and Liberal where the Goodland guys would race.

Sometime after 1961 the club changed names to Northwest Kansas Timing Association.

The club name changed again in 1968 to High Plains Performance Associates with Ron Schields, president, Bob Werner, vice

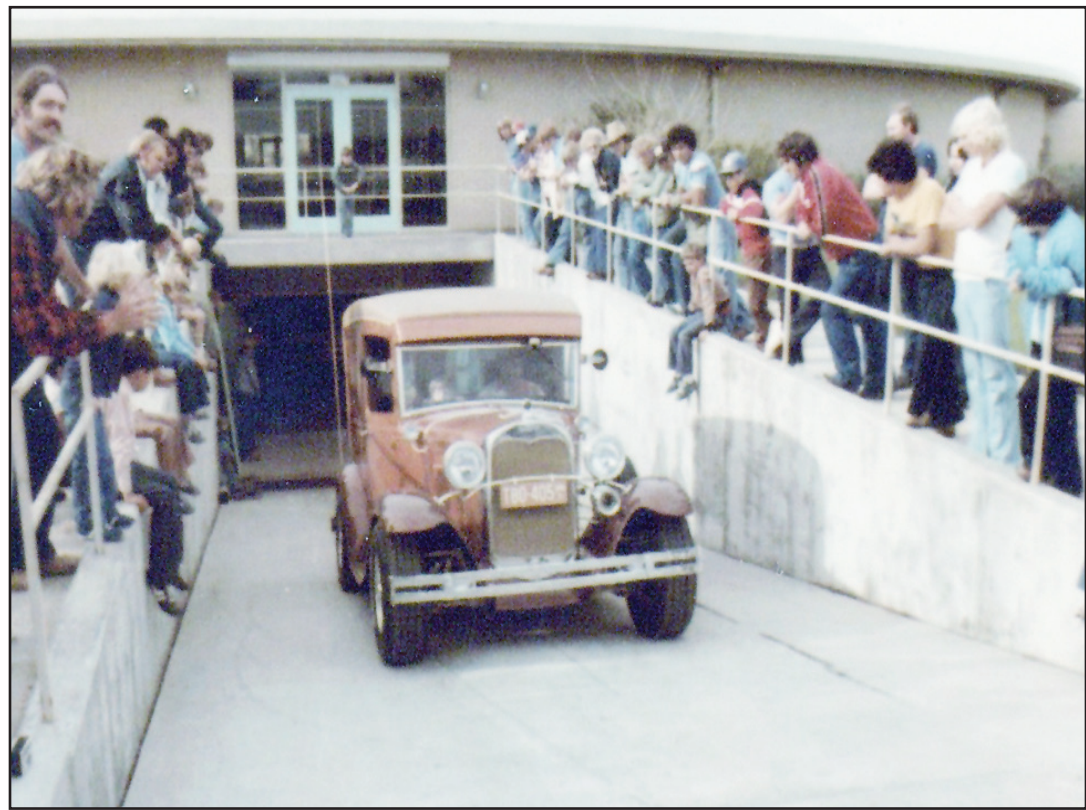


Cars will return to the bricks on Main Ave. on Saturday, Sept. 24 for the 25th Flatlander Festival and the 25th car show on Main. The Brick Top Cruisers have been handling the car show for several years, and Bob Gittinger has been researching to find out the car shows started about 50 years ago. Photos by Tom Betz and Bob Gittinger

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Returning this year are the popular valve cover races to be held in the early afternoon on Saturday, Sept. 24 at Central Elementary. The special track was built by Big Twin Auto, and NAPA sponsors the races.



In the late 60s through the mid 80s the car shows were held at Max Jones Fieldhouse, and people would gather on the south side to watch the antique and hot rods come up the ramp. Some of the cars were so low they had to be careful not to scrape their bottoms.

## Hospital foundation moving ahead with fund raising

On the heels of another very successful Slice of Life, the Board of Directors of the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of a capital campaign "Project Healthcare: Invest in Your Future."

The foundation money supports the needs of Goodland Regional Medical Center. Currently the hospital has plans to open a Renal Dialysis Center, convert and upgrade to the MEDITECH system for medical information and better patient care, continue its physician and staff recruitment and retention programs, move the ER to the southwest corner of the building to make it more conducive to patient care and build endowment for future needs.

The Foundation plans to be a major financial supporter of these needs to help ensure the best possible healthcare for Sherman County residents, as well as supporting one of the largest employers in the county, said Dale Schields, executive director of the foundation.

In order to raise money for a project of this size the foundation board authorized Solutions 4 Fundraising



Ying Huang and Dale Schields are the campaign co-chairmen.

of Kingsville, Mo., to conduct a capital campaign feasibility study for this project. The study, completed earlier this year, provided very positive results indicating a major fund-raising campaign was indeed possible.

Ninety-eight percent of those interviewed use the Goodland hospital for their family's medical needs. The study further confirmed Goodland Regional Medical Center and the foundation are very important to the community for a variety of reasons including quality

healthcare and employment in the community, as well as an avenue for local philanthropy, Schields said.

The Goodland Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, as a long time supporter of the facility, has been quick to be the first to step up to the plate and make a gift. The Auxiliary has graciously set the pace of the "Project Healthcare: Invest in Your Future" Capital Campaign with a gift of \$35,000, Schields said.

The foundation board thanks Avis Alcorn, president, and all Auxiliary members for their generosity and

leadership for the campaign, he said.

"We are extremely pleased with this start and thankful for the hospital Auxiliary for setting the pace," Schields said. "We are going to conduct an internal campaign first and then determine our goals based on that."

Along with Dale Schields, long-time hospital employee and

foundation treasurer, Ying Huang,

have been named as the Chairs of the Hospital Family Campaign. Schields and Huang have served on the foundation board for nearly 30 years. Assisting with the process is Frank Albert, vice president of Solutions 4 Fundraising; who will be living in the community during the campaign process.

## Sherman County Sheriff under investigation

The Attorney General has received materials about the Sherman County Sheriff from the Sherman County Attorney's office, and Friday the word from Topeka is the KBI will assign an agent to investigate the case.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby said Friday her office had gathered material on possible allegations against the sheriff from other law enforcement offices and had forwarded the material to the Attorney General's office. She said she was told Friday the Attorney General had received the material and would be asking the KBI to assign an agent to do further investigation.

Selby said she could not comment on the specifics of the investigation or the material sent to Topeka.

Sheriff Kevin Butts was contacted on Wednesday about the apparently pending investiga-

tion and said he did not want to comment.

"All I have to say is I have been a good sheriff, and feel I have done good things for this department and this county," he said, "and I would like to continue doing good things."

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad brought up Sheriff Butts at the commission meeting on Wednesday morning saying there apparently was an investigation being conducted through the county attorney's office, and said she would not discuss the sheriff in a closed session because he is an elected official and not eligible to be discussed behind closed doors.

Selby said there was no discussion about the sheriff at the commissioner meeting and said her office had not done an investigation, but gathered the information to send to Topeka.

### weather report

64°

10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday

Today

Sunset, 7:09 p.m.

Wednesday

Sunrise, 6:21 a.m.

Sunset, 7:07 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 65 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds south 17 mph
- Barometer 30.13 inches and falling
- Record High today 102° (1939)
- Record Low today 37° (1956)

Last 24 Hours\*

- High Monday 80°
- Low Monday 45°
- Precipitation none
- This month .01
- Year to date 16.08
- Above Normal 0 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, winds out of the south at 15 mph, a high near 81 and a low around 53. Wednesday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 75 and a low around 51.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 76, winds out of the north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 49. Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 75 and a low around 54.

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### local markets

10:30 a.m.

- Wheat — \$7.85 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.11
- Corn — \$7.32 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7
- Milo — \$6.94 bushel
- Soybeans — \$13.18 bushel
- Posted county price — \$13.52
- Millet — \$5 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$32.05 cwt.
- Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$28
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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