

weather report

**68°
at noon**



Today

• Sunset, 8:12 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 71 degrees
- Humidity 65 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds variable at 5 mph
- Barometer 30.04 inches and steady
- Record High 102° (1952)
- Record Low 41° (1984)

Last 24 Hours*

High 83°
Low 56°
Precipitation .30

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy, with a 70 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 55, winds northeast at 5 to 15 mph. Tomorrow: partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high near 75, east winds at 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday through Monday: chance of thunderstorms, lows 50 to 55, highs 80 to 85.

(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHZ.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.37 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.19
 - Loan deficiency payment — 26¢
 - Corn — \$1.72 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.89
 - Loan deficiency prmt. — 10¢
 - Milo — \$2.60 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.05 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.07
 - Loan deficiency payment — 82¢
 - Millet — \$4 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$7.65 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.77
 - Oil new crop — \$7.90 cwt.
 - Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Jackson says end not near

WICHITA — The Rev. Jesse Jackson is warning Americans not to buy into the Kosovo peace agreement too quickly.

The pact was signed Wednesday by Yugoslav and Western generals after 78 days of NATO airstrikes, clearing the way for a Kosovo peace plan and a peacekeeping force in the battered region.

But Jackson told the Kansas Bar Association on Wednesday that among the things President Clinton, President Slobodan Milosevic and NATO have in common is opposition to dissension in the region.

U.S. ground troops would be going to a country where neither side wants them, he said. He said one side sees them as an occupying force and the other considers them in the way.

And there is no telling how long the troops would be there.

Legally blind, but still hopeful

By Janet Craft

Goodland Daily News

The morning of March 8, 1999 did not start out as a usual day for Tyler Selbe. He woke up that day to discover that he could not see.

Tyler described it as "a black light through his eyes."

He didn't go to school that day, as he also had a cold. But when he went back on Tuesday, his eyes were tested and Tyler's mother was called to let her know that he needed to be seen by an eye doctor. After Dr. D. F. Schnee, optometrist, tested Tyler, he determined that Tyler was legally blind in the center of both eyes, as his vision was 20/400 in both. However, Tyler is not totally blind, as he still has peripheral vision in both eyes.

But Tyler needed to be seen by an eye specialist to determine what was going on, what may have caused the problem and if something could be done to correct it.

So, Dr. Schnee made arrangements for Tyler to see Dr. David Pfoff, an eye specialist in Denver, on Wednesday morning. However, after Dr. Pfoff did an examination of Tyler, he referred him to Dr. Stephen Petty, who is a retinal specialist in Denver. Dr. Petty determined from the pictures he took, that there was no blood flowing to Tyler's eyes.

Over the course of time, Tyler saw seven different eye specialists, none of which had ever seen this type of occurrence in a young child. They had seen

it in elderly people, but usually in only one eye.

Tyler was eventually referred to Dr. Rachel Nuss, a hematologist (blood doctor) in Denver. Her partner, who is one of the top ten hematologists in the country, had seen only two similar cases in children during her practice.

Lots of tests were run on Tyler, mostly bloodwork, and everything came back normal, except for his protein c. His protein c (clotting) level was low. And the reason that Tyler has low protein c is because he inherited it.

Tyler's mother said that Dr. Nuss believes a combination of the low protein c and his cold that he had at the time may be what caused this condition to have occurred. She thinks that clots formed which went to each eye, shut off the blood flow and caused Tyler to lose his vision.

About two to three months after Tyler's condition first occurred, he went back to see Dr. Petty, who determined that the blood to Tyler's eyes was flowing again. He also went to see Dr. Pfoff after about three months, who tested his vision and found that the right eye had improved to 20/100, but that the left eye was the same.

Tyler's mom said that "he really loves sports." The vision problem has created some problems for Tyler with playing sports. Baseball is hard, because of the size of the ball, so Tyler's baseball coach, Darin Neufeld, bought colored balls, in hopes that Tyler might be able to see them easier. Tyler does



Tyler Selbe is typing on his braille. The machine will help him to get familiar with reading in braille.

better in basketball and soccer.

Tyler has been loaned a braille, which is a typewriter that types in braille and has only six keys on it. Shari Oren, from Oakley, came to the school to teach him how to use the machine. It

gets him familiar with reading in braille, in case his eyesight worsens in the future.

Tyler has raised \$500 by selling notepads, to help purchase a computer, to scan papers and enlarge them. But he

needs more money. Tyler is thankful to all those people who bought notepads and also to the First National Bank and Wal-Mart for their donations. He also is thankful to his friends for helping him out in school and sticking by him.

Local promises spectacular show on Fourth

By Keith Lippoldt

Goodland Daily News

Don't make travel plans to see a fireworks production this Fourth of July, unless you plan on traveling to Goodland.

In what is being billed as the largest fireworks show between Salina and Denver, hometown product Joe Diaz promises you a night of pyrotechnic brilliance.

"I feel like we have always done a

good job in Goodland," Diaz said. "This year we plan on doing a lot more than we have done here before. We have put on displays, this year we are putting on a production."

The Goodland Chamber of Commerce has a full evening of activities planned for the holiday. The Hometown Carnival will be debuting their new rides plus local entertainment has been scheduled for throughout the day. A watermelon feed sponsored by the

Rotary Club will begin at 8 p.m. with the fireworks starting around 9:30.

Ron Harding, executive director of the chamber, is excited about what has been planned so far, and said that more may be in the works.

"The schedule has not been finalized," Harding said. "We are excited about what Joe has planned for us. This is going to be far more significant than anything we've seen in the past."

With a show of this magnitude also

comes a larger bill and Harding again is hoping that the businesses and individuals of Goodland will step forward and help share in the production costs.

"The show has cost us around \$3,500 but had a retail value of \$10,000," Harding said. "This show will have a retail value \$20,000 and Joe is letting us have it for \$6,500. We have to raise the entire amount. If we come up short we will have to scale back the show."

A letter was sent to businesses in Goodland requesting donations and the initial response has been good but Harding says there is "still a long ways to go".

Diaz, who was born and raised in Goodland, started in the fireworks business with his family when he was 12. The family's original stand was located three miles west of town and by the time Joe had graduated from high school, that number had grown to five.

Now in his 23rd year of business, Tri-State Fireworks d/b/a Diaz Fireworks has become a major retailer in the Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska region. The number of retail sites has grown to 40

and the company has become big in the public display area as well.

"We landed a show that put us on the map," Diaz said. "We were selected to produce the New Years Eve ball drop for 65,000 people at Union Station in Denver this past year. That show has really helped us."

So what does Diaz and his crew of 15 have in store for the old hometown?

"The introduction will definitely capture the audiences attention," he said.

"We will be using a system of time fusing and electronic firing. The show will last around 45 minutes and it will be continuous.

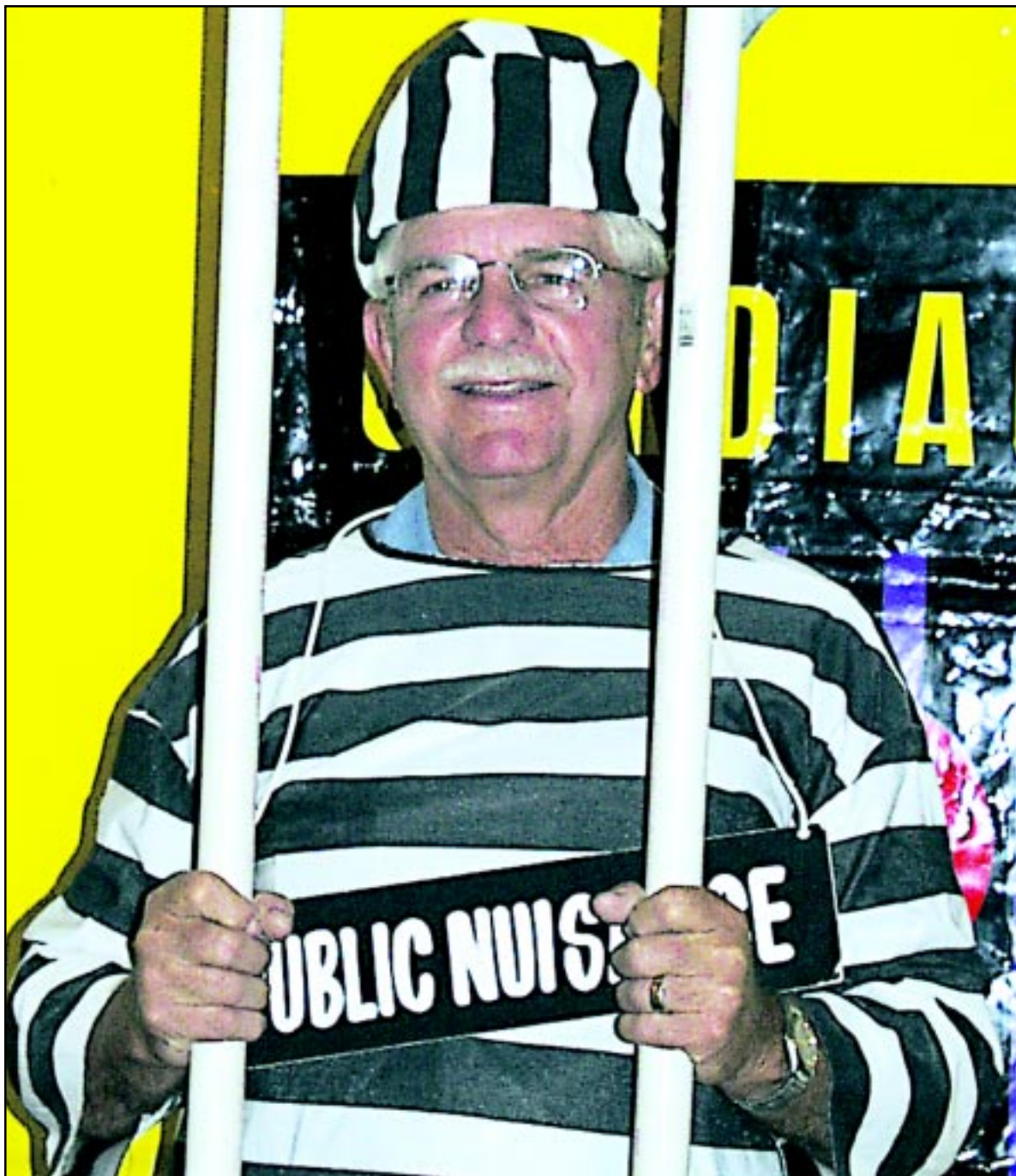
"The finale is something that hasn't been seen in this area. It alone will have more than 700 breaks."

Diaz recommends that you attend the show in person because several ground effects will be set off that will only be visible by those in attendance.

If you are interested in helping the show with a donation, contact Harding at the chamber office at 899-7130.

"He does an excellent job," Harding said. "I know it will be spectacular."

Bahe behind bars



Wilmer Bahe put on prison clothes and went into a makeshift jail cell as part of the Cardiac Arrest held on Wednesday in the Sherman County Courtroom. Over 60 people were arrested to raise money for the American Heart Association. "Judge Heartless," played by Steve Evert did the sentencing on those who appeared before him. The fund raiser brought in \$4,787 for the organization.

Photo by Janet Craft/Goodland Daily News

Stearman Fly-In returns to St. Francis

By Charlie Baker

Goodland Daily News

Grab your scarves and goggles because it's time for the 17th annual Stearman Fly-In at Cheyenne County Airport south of St. Francis this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

At the free event, you can see restored biplanes, and even take a ride in one; also colorful hot air balloons and skydivers will all be taking their turns in the skies over St. Francis.

The Stearman Aircraft Corporation of Wichita built biplanes from 1927 to 1934, and even after the company was acquired by Boeing Aircraft Company, and to this, day, the biplanes are referred to as Stearmans.

There will also be other aircraft on display, including experimental and home-built models.

"We anticipate around 15 of the restored biplanes to be on hand," said Richard Grace, operations manager of Grace Flying Service, who is organizing the event.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, the planes will

take to the sky to try to bust helium filled balloons with their propellers.

There will be a formation flight at 10 a.m. on Sunday, with all the biplanes lining up for take off and a patterned flight.

Those interested in feeling the wind in their faces can take a ride in one of the planes, for a fee of \$40.

If riding in a World War I circa biplane isn't thrill enough, tandem skydiving will be available for \$145.

You can hook yourself on to an experienced skydiver, who will take care of all the work, while you experience the thrill of flying without any wings.

The hot air balloons plan to launch at 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, as long as the weather conditions do not pose a danger.

There will be a concession area set up at the airport for breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday, and after Sunday's lunch the event will end.

Anyone wanting more information can may call Grace Flying Service at (785) 332-2251.