

weather report

69°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 63 degrees
- Humidity 46 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds south at 10 mph
- Barometer 30.31 inches and falling
- Record High 105° (1952)
- Record Low 40° (1969)

Last 24 Hours*

High 73°
Low 47°
Precipitation .03

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy, 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, low in the mid 50s, south winds 15 to 25 mph.
Tuesday: mostly cloudy, 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, high in the mid 70s, northeast winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Thursday: chance of thunderstorms, lows in the 50s, highs in the 70s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.38 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.20
 - Loan deficiency payment — 25¢
 - Corn — \$1.69 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.86
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 13¢
 - Milo — \$2.54 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.03 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.05
 - Loan deficiency payment — 84¢
 - Millet — \$4 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$7.70 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.79
 - Oil new crop — \$8 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.

Ulysses elevator crashes down

ULYSSES — Part of a grain elevator collapsed Monday just moments after two men walked away from the building.

No one was injured in the incident at Ulysses Co-op elevator, the Grant County Sheriff's Department said. A semi-tractor trailer the men were unloading was crushed.

Sheriff Lonnie Lee said an elevator employee and a truck driver were unloading a load of corn at the elevator about 9:15 a.m. Monday. They walked away moments before a 20-foot by 40-foot section of the elevator wall directly above them collapsed.

Coop spokesman Maurice Stein said the elevator's wall simply failed. He emphasized that it was not an explosion.

Insurance adjusters and structural engineers were to assess the damage.



Vintage Stearman bi-planes fly in formation (above left) as part of Sundays activities at the 17th annual Stearman Fly-in at St. Francis' Cheyenne County Airport. Not only were the skies over St. Francis filled, the streets too had their share of excitement. This balloon (above) lands on Jackson Street Saturday morning. Darcie Nolan experiences skydiving for the first time with the help of Nick Robson of Sky Tours Skydiving (below). Dan Dunning's 1942 Stearman (bottom) restored to original condition, including the decals, which Dunning copied from photographs. Photos by Charlie Baker/Goodland Daily News

Historic planes visit St. Francis

By Charlie Baker
Goodland Daily News

History, nostalgia, lots of good food and excitement were enjoyed by nearly a thousand people Saturday and Sunday at Cheyenne County Airport's 17th Stearman Fly-in.

"We had a great time," said Richard Grace, airport manager and owner of Grace Flying Service, which organized the show. "The turn-out was down from past years because of the weather, but that made the lines shorter for the ones who did come out. There were about 70 planes in the Fly-in, eight of them fabric-covered Stearman trainers. Most of the Stearmans flew in from the Front Range area of Colorado. There was one from Pueblo, Colo.; one from Hersey, Neb., and the Stearman owned by Grace.

"These planes are a slice of American history," said Tim Liewer, who flew his in from Hersey. "We are just caretakers of these planes until someone else takes over to continue the tradition."

Most of the planes were built in the 1940s, the owners said. Many were used to train pilots for the Navy. They were sold by the military after World War II, most for around \$500, and many then were used for crop dusting or training pilots.

"I could have bought my plane in 1970 for \$3,500," said Liewer, adding that today it is worth somewhere around \$75,000.

"My dad was a pilot," said Dan

Dunning, who flew his Stearman in from Strasburg, Colo., east of Denver. "I love the history that surrounds these planes."

"They represent America, all the nostalgia and patriotism of our glory days."

Grace estimated that as many as 1,000 people stopped by to see the planes, skydivers and hot air balloons.

There were parachuters doing stunts throughout the fly-in, and several people participated in the tandem sky-dive jumps offered for \$145.

"It was excellent," said Darcie Nolan, an 18 year-old from Colorado Springs. "I got a little scared when they opened the door of the plane and I could barely see the ground, but after we jumped out, it was excellent. 'I think everybody should do it.'"

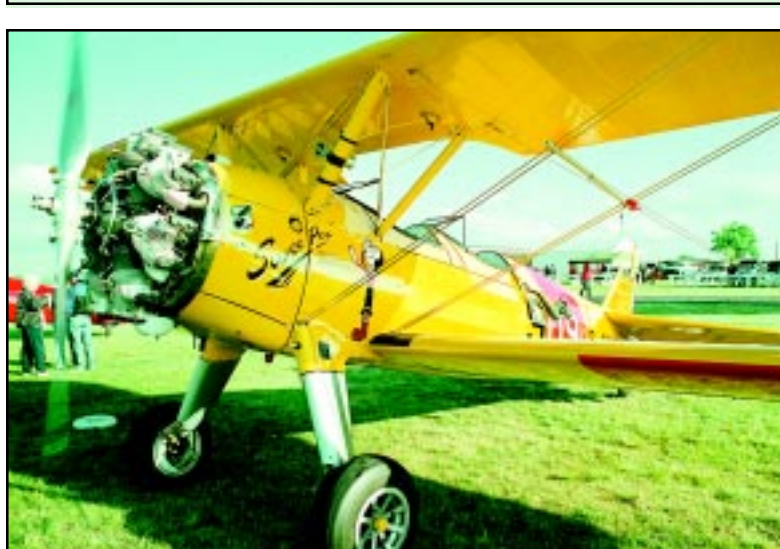
Nolan said she has been planning on the jump for several months. She was in St. Francis for a family reunion, and when she returns to Colorado Springs, she will be leaving for basic training for the Air Force.

There was a breakfast served each day for visitors. Saturday evening, organizers held a barbecue dinner for the pilots and visitors.

Many people took advantage of the \$40 rides given by the Stearman pilots.

"I don't do it to make money," said Liewer. "There is a feeling you get when you are up in one of these planes that is like nothing you have ever felt."

"I am happy to be able to share a



slice of history with people that are interested."

Liewer, like many of the other Stearman pilots, flew his plane in with his gear, then pitched a tent beside the

plane. "I make enough to pay for fuel," he said. "Sometimes, the expressions on people's faces is pay enough."

'Other' Dole priming for presidential run

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP) — Bob Dole has returned to the campaign trail, calling on old political friends to help Elizabeth Dole's bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

Dole, the unsuccessful Republican presidential nominee in 1996, said he and his wife make a powerful team, with each having long ties to Iowa and Mrs. Dole's ability to attract "women and others who have felt a little distant from our party."

"I think what she does is she puts a smile on the face of the Republican party," Dole said Sunday.

This was his initial campaign swing

on his wife's behalf, and he met with longtime backers and worked to raise money in western Iowa and Omaha on Sunday.

He conceded that Texas Gov. George W. Bush is the front-runner but said his wife has the skills and assets needed to make it a race.

"We are not going to have a coronation," Dole said. "We're going to have a process here."

Mrs. Dole has said repeatedly that her husband has stayed away from the campaign trail to allow her to establish her own identity. While she has campaigned for decades on her husband's

behalf, this is her first race on her own. "It's her campaign, it's not my campaign," Dole said. "You know I want to be helpful, just as she was helpful to me."

Campaign aides said Dole brings a particular ability to the race after having twice won Iowa's precinct caucuses when he unsuccessfully sought the presidency.

He won the caucuses in 1988 before fading from the race and won them again in 1996.

Dole had raised some eyebrows when he joked earlier this spring about possibly giving some money to Arizona

Sen. John McCain, who also is pondering a bid for the GOP nomination. But he said Sunday that any controversy over that issue has faded.

"I never was in the doghouse," he said. "You can have friends in this business and still be loyal to your No. 1 candidate, and that is Elizabeth."

Dole said his wife is carefully building a campaign organization but the real effort is months away.

"There are not that many people listening now," Dole said. "I mean all the political junkies are listening. I bet 90 percent of the American people haven't tuned yet on the election."

Yosemite rockslide kills one, injures three more

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — A rockslide sent huge boulders tumbling near a popular Yosemite National Park village, killing one rock climber and slightly injuring three other people.

Frightened campers, who had been enjoying the park's serenity, grabbed their children and ran as the slide began on the western shoulder of the Glacier Point apron Sunday evening.

Those hurt were treated at a clinic for

bruises and other minor injuries, park spokesman Bob Roney said. The body of the person killed had not been recovered as of this morning, because of fears the area was still unstable.

Some 300 cabins — about 1,300 guests and employees — were evacuated from Curry Village, an area of cabins and concession stands. They were allowed to return several hours later, but many tourists chose to leave the park rather than spend the night.

The climbers were beneath Glacier Point in a mostly undeveloped site outside the village at the time of the slide, Yosemite spokeswoman Christine Cowles said.

"All of a sudden we heard this huge, thunderous sound," said Steve Hartman, a CBS reporter who had been eating dinner in Curry Village with his family. "Out from the woods a man wearing a mountaineering harness came out screaming. 'My buddy's

dead, my buddy's dead!'"

Abbie Kealey, a vacationer from Baltimore, was enjoying the sunset from the top of the peak when the face of the mountain gave way in front of her. Moments later, she saw people running for their lives far below.

"It was like a huge rumbling sound, like a jet coming close," Kealey said. "We looked over and we saw a tiny plume of impact that rose up like a nuclear blast."

Caruso project set for July

Sherman County commissioners will open bids Tuesday for the financing of the county's share of the Caruso bridge replacement project, which is to begin in July.

The Kansas Department of Transportation last week announced that the contract for the bridge, west of Goodland on old U.S. 24, had been won by Reece Construction Co. of Scandia for \$378,552.

According to Curt Way, county public works director, the county's portion of the project is about \$83,000, which includes some engineering costs.

Work is expected to begin in July, and Way says once the project is underway there will be a detour north on County Road 14 and east on County Road 65, which is also Eighth Street.

The project is expected to take about 120 days, which means it should be completed by November.

Way said he has additional contract paperwork the commissioners must sign, and will bring it to the meeting so it can be forwarded to the state.

In other business, the commissioners will approve a lease of the fairgrounds to the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce for the annual July 4 Independence Day fireworks display. According to chamber officials, Joe Diaz, who does the fireworks, is hoping to make this year's the biggest display between Salina and Denver. The Sherman County Home-owned Carnival will open some of the rides in the early evening for youngsters and additional entertainment is being planned.

Karen Hooker, county emergency medical director and hospital ambulance chief, will be talking to the commissioners about new emergency medical services regulations.

The next commissioners' meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, in the commissioners room on the first floor of the Sherman County Courthouse.

Road work to continue

While work continues on repaving the westbound lanes of I-70, the Kansas Department of Transportation has announced two more projects to begin in Sherman County, and three which will be let this week.

The two projects awarded last week were the bridge replacement at Caruso on old U.S. 24, and work on the I-70 rest areas near Ruleton.

Roy Draper, of the Kansas Department of Transportation regional office in Norton, said the rest area project is to put in a new water system.

"In the past they have had wells, but they cannot supply the needs, and this project is to bring a water line from Kanorado to both the south and north rest areas," he said.

The project will be handled by Shears Construction of Hutchinson for \$295,203.

The Caruso bridge replacement will begin in July, and the winning bidder was Reece Construction Co. of Scandia, at a price of \$378,552.

The old narrow concrete bridge dates back to December 1941. This project is expected to take about four months.

In addition to these, the Department of Transportation is expected to let bids on three additional projects for Sherman County this week.

Those include the second half of the I-70 project, for the eastbound lanes from the west Goodland exit east to Edson. There is a possibility that if Koss Construction, which is doing the west-bound job, wins this bid they could begin work this summer. They would be able to delay the project until next spring if the timing does not work out, said Donna Binning, construction engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation Colby office.

The second project is the recycling and overlay of the 16.6 miles of K-27 from north of Goodland to the Sherman County line. This is expected to begin in the spring of 2000.

A third project is to be a sealing on I-70 from the Colorado-Kansas state line east to the west Goodland exit for 17.2 miles.