

weather report



67°
 noon
 Monday

Today

• Sunset, 7:26 p.m.
Wednesday
 • Sunrise, 6:06 a.m.
 • Sunset, 7:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 41 degrees
 • Humidity 22 percent
 • Sky clear and sunny
 • Winds south 20 mph
 • Barometer 30.15 inches and falling
 • Record High today 92° (2002)
 • Record Low today 20° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 56°
 Low Sunday 28°
 Precipitation none
 This month 0.67
 Year to date 1.60
 Below normal 0.99 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 84, breezy with winds out of the south 10 to 30 mph and a low around 39. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers after noon, a high near 57, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 37.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain, a high near 52 and a low around 36.
 (National Weather Service)
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 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

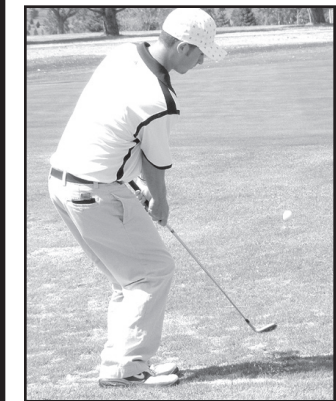


Noon

Wheat — \$8.85 bushel
 Posted county price — \$8.74
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Corn — \$5.56 bushel
 Posted county price — \$5.46
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Milo — \$5.16 bushel
 Soybeans — \$12.22 bushel
 Posted county price — \$12.29
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
 Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
 (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News



Junior leads golf team

Cowboys junior Joel Weis topped the ninth green during the Goodland Invitational golf tournament last Tuesday at Sugar Hills Golf Club. Weis was eighth, and finished second at the Norton tournament on April 7. See photo on Page 12.

Woman wins trip to Denver

By Tom Betz

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About 100 Democrats from the 1st Congressional District met at Fort Hays State University on Saturday to elect four national convention delegates, and one of those going to Denver in August is a Sharon Springs woman committed to Sen. Hillary Clinton.

Etta Walker, a Sharon Springs lawyer, was the only one chosen to go to Denver as a Clinton delegate under state Democratic Party rules.

Walker was one of nine women running for the

Clinton position. Her daughter, Catherine Jenkinson, 13, was excited when her mom won the trip to Denver.

Walker, the last of the six candidates to speak, said she was a fan of Clinton because of her health-care plan. Walker said coming from one of the smallest counties in the state, she felt she would do a good job of representing the district.



Catherine Jenkinson and her mother, Etta Walker of Sharon Springs at the 1st Congressional District Convention in Hays on Saturday.

She said she was thrilled to be going and would find a way for Catherine to go with her and get a chance to enjoy the convention, which will be Aug. 25-28.

The candidates for presi-

dent got delegates to the district convention based on the proportion of people attending Democratic caucuses on Super Tuesday, Feb. 5, supporting each one.

The 1st District elected four delegates to the national convention, and based on the rules, Clinton got one delegate and that delegate had to be a woman. Sen. Barack Obama was to get one woman delegate, two male delegates and one male alternate.

Tim Peterson, 40th Senate District chairman, was the credentials chair for the convention. He said he was pleased that two of the four national delegates were from his district.

Before the convention, State Sen. Janis Lee (D-Kensington) told a luncheon crowd of about 60 about how important it is to be involved in the political process.

Registration of the convention delegates

began at 1 p.m., and Peterson and the leaders for Clinton and Obama went and made sure all the delegates were seated. If someone was absent, they could seat an alternate. The registration went quickly, but seating the alternates took a bit longer.

Peterson said he had to resort to rolling dice in a few cases to decide between two Obama alternates. On the Clinton side, it was easier as he had five open slots and four alternates.

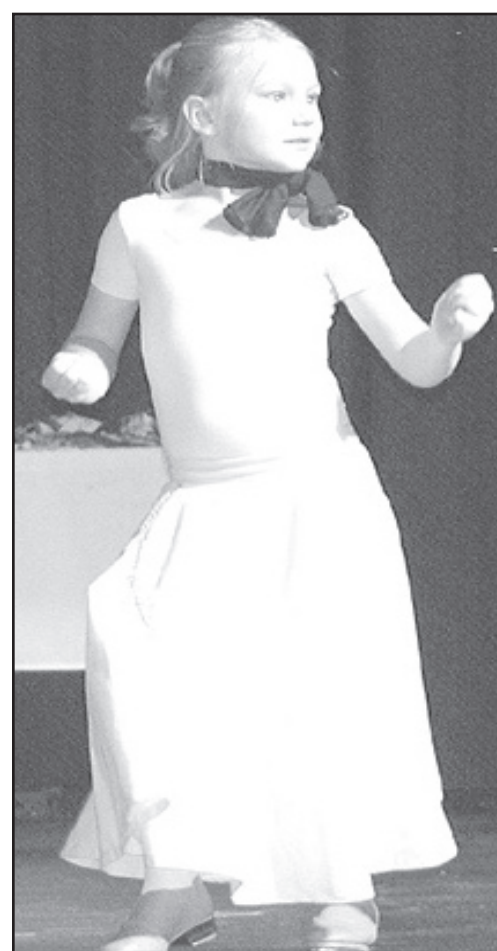
Once the delegates were all seated, Peterson reported 49 delegates were present for Obama and 22 for Clinton.

Vic Moser, district chairman from Abbyville, explained the rules. Someone asked what would happen if there was a tie. That seemed like a possibility, as the Obama

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Five of seven members (above) of "The Giggling Girls" Memorial Scholarship. Kaitlenn Witzel (right) danced to danced at a talent show on Saturday night at the Goodland High School auditorium to raise money for the Brianna Linin "Ladies Choice" in a pink poodle skirt. Both were in the tiny category. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



Piano man wins Goodland talent show

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The first "Goodland's Got Talent" show drew more than 300 people to the Goodland High School Auditorium on Saturday night to see a budding piano man win the grand championship.

Big winner was Tanner Oharah, a Goodland High School junior and son of Dean and Daylene Oharah, who sang and played the piano in the song of "Music of the Night" from "Phantom of the Opera." He won \$100.

The crowd, filled with parents, grandparents and friends, was especially taken with the bass voice of Oharah.

In the tiny group, Demi Mitchek, wearing silver boots with tassels, sang "These Boots are Made for Walking." She was followed by

the Giggling Girls, in bright red tutus, who seemed very professional for their age.

The show raised about \$1,700 for the Brianna Linin Memorial Scholarship fund. Brianna, 6, died from a brain tumor in 2005, and the first scholarship will be given in 2017, the year she would have graduated from high school.

Her parents, Brian and Janda Linin, helped organize the fund raiser, and Brian Linin, controller at Frontier Ag, was the master of ceremonies. Judges were Curtis Duncan of KLOE Radio; Mary Ellen Coumerilh, wife of the pastor at the Word of Life Church; and Karen McKinley, a dance teacher in Burlington.

Contestants were divided into four groups: tiny, junior, teen and adult, with a first and second prize given in each group, plus an overall grand champion. The audience got

25 percent of the vote on the grand champion, with each of the judges also getting 25 percent.

• **In the tiny group**, Mitchek took first and the Giggling Girls were second. Members of the dance team were Taitem Ketter, Dylan Weaver, Rachel Witman, Hannah Dechant, Bethany McGuire, Grace Greene and Brooke Drennan.

• **In the junior group**, Braelyn Hoelting took first with her vocal of "American Girl." Second was the dance team the Fabulous E's, Erin Floyd and Elizabeth Fulcher.

• **In the teen group**, the Stratton (Colo.) High School Pom Team took first with a dance number Sydney Winston was second, also with a dance number.

• **In the adult group**, Andrew Meli placed first with a drum number, and Bobby Martin

was second with an Elvis impersonation.

Others in the show were Katie Purvis with a vocal solo, Kaitlenn Witzel with a dance number and Devinee Borgman with gymnastics routine in the tiny group. In the junior group, Jordan Knitig sang, Hagan Hoss did a dance routine, Cienna Brannick and Grace Cole sang and danced, Sophia Williams sang and "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" danced. In the adult group, Kristi Mann sang.

The "Blues Brothers" — Josh Dechant, Ben Brandvik, Garton Slovacek and Dan Duell — gave the finale. The group did a selection of three numbers and thrilled the audience.

The committee for the talent show also included Travis Blake, Koren Dechant, Jessica Kannady, Kim Linin and Emilee McGuire.

Ordinance could make mini-pickups legal on streets

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Imported work-site utility vehicles, a small two-seat mini-pickup, are not legal on state highways, but the Goodland City Commission heard Monday they could be legal on city streets if the city passes an ordinance setting equipment and insurance requirements.

Commissioner John Garcia said a man approached him about the vehicles and gave him a copy of some sample ordinances, including one passed in Colby to allow them.

Garcia said he felt it was something the city should look at with the cost of fuel. He said he gone for a demonstration ride.

Police Chief Ray Smee said he told Jerry Oharah, a retired telephone employee, the vehicles are not legal, and had a state trooper look up the laws to show him.

"The trooper found that a judge in eastern Kansas had ruled the vehicle in question was not legal on state highways, but said he would leave it up to the state Department of Transportation and to cities, if they wanted to pass an ordinance to make them legal in their location.

"There are a lot of hoops to make them legal on the city streets. They would be legal on the city streets

Hearings planned on dangerous houses

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Hearings on two allegedly dangerous and unsafe houses were set for Monday, May 19, by the Goodland City Commission on Monday as part of an ongoing effort to renovate or remove vacant and dilapidated houses.

Steve Criswell, city building inspector, told the commissioners the two houses are at 1310 College Ave., and 1606 Texas Ave. He said both were damaged by fires and have serious structural problems.

Criswell said the owners of the

house on College got a permit to demolish it after the fire. He said the owners of record, Erika Perez Soto, Janeth Soto and Alonzo Soto, have not done anything to the property in months and the house is a blight to the neighborhood.

The house on Texas burned a couple of years ago, he said, and has not been repaired. He said the carport roof collapsed, there are broken windows and missing glass that is a could attract children, vagrants and criminals. He said the house has inadequate plumbing and electrical system.

The commissioners approved motions to set a hearing at 5 p.m. for both.

Mayor Rick Billinger said he probably should not vote on the property on Texas because the owners, Marilyn I and Larry D. Bohl, have been buying parts from his Nationwide Homes business.

Criswell said the owners would be notified of hearings and the date would be published. At the hearing, he said, the owners can say what they intend to do, and the

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only, and cannot cross a state highway, so technically they could not go to Wal-Mart."

He said the vehicle would have to have a title inspection by a state trooper, and the Division of Motor Vehicles would issue a special non-highway title.

"Under state law, these are not considered motorized vehicles," he said.

He said the minimum safety requirements would include tires,

windshield wipers, turn signals, headlights and height required by state law.

He said an operator would need a driver's license, but it would be up to the city to decide if insurance is required.

"Who is going to enforce the equipment part?" Smee asked. "When they come in from China or Japan, they are not legal.

"If you want to do this, we should work closely with (City Attorney) Jeff

Mason to draft something that does not come back to bite us. The Colby ordinance does not require insurance."

Garcia asked if motorcycles and things like that have to have insurance. Smee said that motorcycles are required to have insurance because they have a license tag.

"These are not plated because they are not considered a motor vehicle," he said.

City Commissioner Josh Dechant asked Garcia how many calls he had

had on this.

"I saw one down at Shores and Greg Shores took me for a ride," Garcia replied.

Dechant asked how much the vehicle was being sold for. Garcia said he was told the one he took a ride in was about \$6,100.

Smee said Shores had been at the meeting earlier, but left.

"He is not driving it legally," Smee added. "He has a slow-moving-vehicle sign and says he's using it for farming, but he is not a farmer."

"If the state inspects it, they are saying it is OK?" Commissioner Dave Daniels asked.

"No, all they are doing is checking the import papers and bill of sale," Smee replied. "It will be up to the owner to make sure they are legal and meet the height and equipment requirements."

"I think we ought to let the people use these because of the cost of gas," Daniels said.

"Do they make them with automatic drive?" Garcia asked.

"No, they are all right-hand drive and standard transmissions," Smee said.

"I agree. If we get insurance on them and some way to identify them

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