


weather report

75°
noon
Thursday



Today

- Sunset, 7:21 p.m.

Saturday

- Sunrise, 6:14 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:20 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 69 degrees
- Humidity 46 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds north 25-35 mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and rising
- Record High today 99° (1954)
- Record Low today 41° (1917)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 80°
- Low Wednesday 59°
- Precipitation none
- This month 6.01
- Year to date 13.17
- Below normal 2.96 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 87m, winds out of the south at 10-15 mph and a low around 60. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 90, winds out of the south at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 60.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 89 and a low around 60. Labor Day: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, a high near 88 and a low around 58.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.39 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.57
- Corn — \$5.15 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.44
- Milo — \$4.65 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.17 bushel
- Posted county price — \$12.91
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$22.70 cwt.
- 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

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Volleyball starts up

Goodland High School Freshman Jaycee Herl serves at volleyball practice last week in preparation for competition to start. Volleyball soap scrimmage will be on Tuesday night. See photo and story on Page 10a.



Suspect being held in jail in Burlington

By Pat Schiefen

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Shawn Adolf, 33, Burlington, is in the Kit Carson County jail and is waiting to see a judge.

Kit Carson County Deputy John Gramm said Adolf was being held on three failure to appear warrants.

Adolf had been arrested in Denver after he had been implicated in a plan to try to assassinate Democratic Presidential Candidate Barack Obama at his acceptance speech on Thursday at the Democratic National Convention being held in Denver.

Adolf is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail on numerous warrants from across Colorado, Aurora police Lt. Bob Stef said.

According to Colorado Bureau of Investigation one of the warrants is out of Texas on a felony charge of tampering with government records. In Weld County Colorado there are warrants for burglary, vehicular theft, theft. In Adams County there is a warrant for larceny and in Jefferson county for a drug case and in Kit Carson County for three theft counts as well as a failure to appear warrants.

According to court records Adolf has an extensive criminal record. He has served sentences for assault, forgery and numerous theft charges. In 1997 he was sentenced to eight years in prison for drug and illegal-weapons charges.

Monday holiday for country

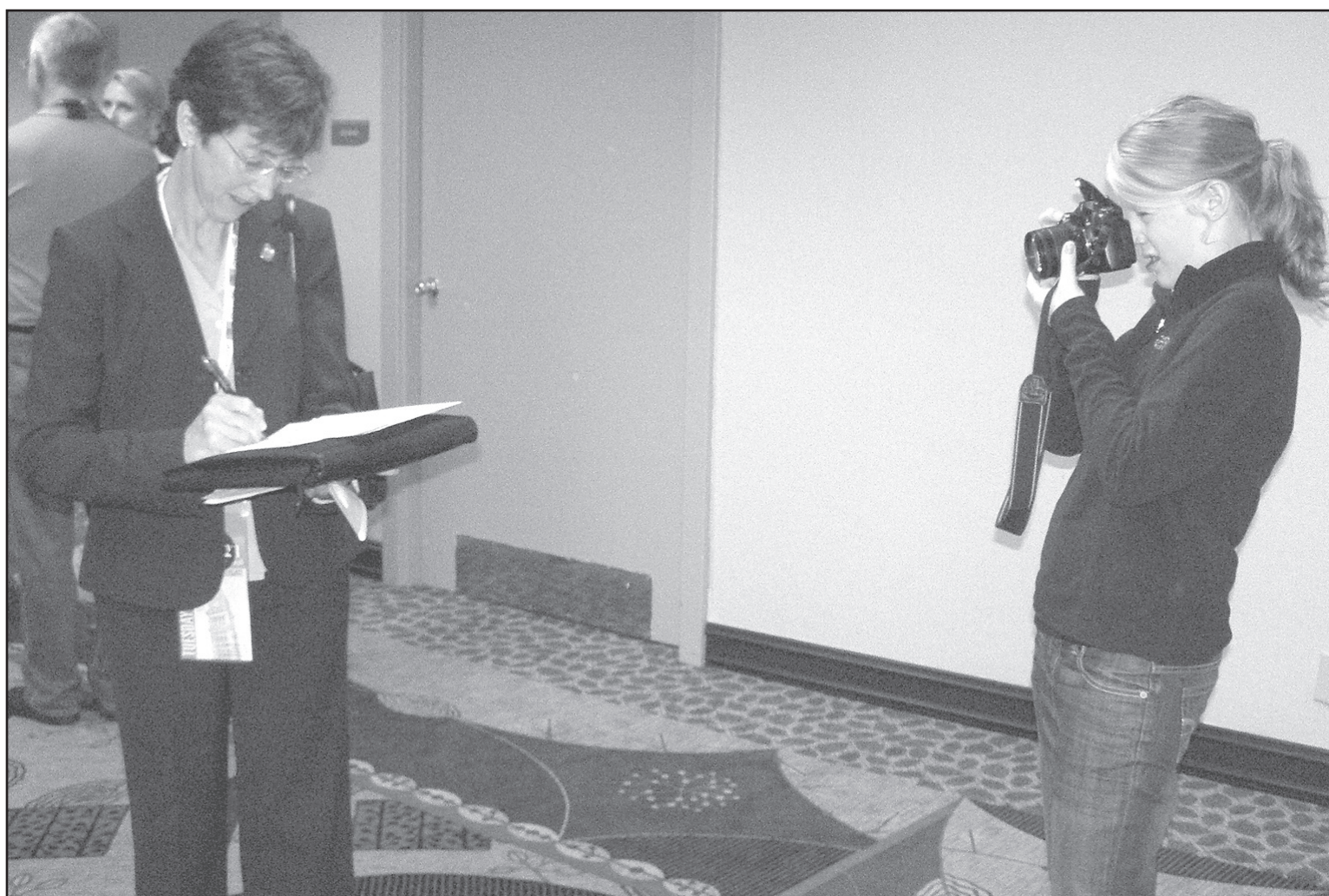
Monday is Labor Day, the last holiday of summer. Government offices, banks and financial institutions, all schools, lawyer's offices and many stores will be closed.

There will be no mail on Monday and the post office will be closed. The city library and museum will also be closed.

The Goodland City Commission will meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesday instead of Monday. The Sherman County commissioners were to meet this morning, the last business day of the month, and will not meet on Tuesday morning.

The Goodland Star-News office will be closed on Monday, and the Midweek issue will be printed on Tuesday and delivered in the mail on Wednesday, one day later than usual.

Many retail stores, including Wal-Mart, Dollar General and Orscheln, will be open for business.



Catherine Walker, 13, (right) takes a picture of Etta Walker, a Sharon Springs lawyer, as her mother votes for Hillary Clinton on Wednesday morning at the Kansas delegation meeting at the Doubletree Inn in Denver.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Nomination done deal

By Tom Betz

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Democratic delegates spoke Wednesday, in a historic moment in American, politics confirming by acclamation the nomination of Barack Obama as the party nominee for president.

In traditional roll call of the states Wednesday afternoon at the Democratic National Convention at the Pepsi Center in Denver, the votes mounted for Obama. Tension built, waiting for the moment he had the votes to clinch the nomination. As the roll call reached New Mexico, a delegate yielded to Obama's home state of Illinois, which had passed, waiting for the moment.

The speaker from Illinois said that he would pass to New York, and when the secretary recognized New York, Sen. Hillary Clinton took the microphone and made a motion to count the delegate votes, but to have the convention approve the nomination of her rival by acclamation.

Delegates shouted "Yes," when asked to vote on the motion and then

began cheering the historic moment — for the first time in American history, an African-American had been nominated for president by a major political party.

Early in the convention, some questioned whether the traditional roll call would be held, and it was not until Tuesday that delegates knew for sure they would have the opportunity to record their votes Wednesday afternoon.

Reports circulating around the press rooms were that people in the Obama camp were concerned that if a roll call vote was held that somehow the nomination would not go to their man, even though he clearly had a majority.

Earlier in the afternoon, Clinton met with her delegates at the Colorado Convention Center and had told them they were free to vote for Obama and encouraged them to do so.

At the Kansas delegation breakfast Wednesday morning, it was announced that those who wanted to vote needed to cast their votes that

morning so it could be turned in by 4 p.m. that afternoon.

Etta Walker, a Sharon Springs lawyer who was a Clinton delegate, cast her vote as her daughter, Catherine, 13, took a photo. Walker voted for Clinton, saying she felt it was important to follow through with her promise.

When Kansas was called in the roll call, state Party Chairman Larry Gates said Kansas voted 34 votes for Obama and seven for Clinton. In his lead up, Gates noted that "the great state Kansas" was the birthplace of Obama's grandparents and his mother.

Former President Bill Clinton spoke to the convention at 7 p.m., saying he was proud to be speaking for Obama.

The delegates cheered when Clinton arrived at the podium, and continued as he repeatedly asked them to sit down.

Saying it was important to the country to elect a Democrat, Clinton urged all of those present to go back and work for Obama's election.

He said when he ran for office 16 years ago, the Republicans said he was too young and inexperienced to be commander-in-chief.

Clinton said Obama inspires people and that he can be the force for change the country needs today.

After Clinton's speech, the convention moved forward with the nomination of Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) for vice-president by acclamation.

Biden closed the show with his acceptance speech, talking about what he could see as the vision for the future that Obama represents.

"It is time for Barack Obama," he said. "It is our time."

At the end of Biden's speech the audience got a surprise as Obama came onstage to join his running mate.

Obama said the people could see why he had picked Biden, then said he would see everyone at the big finale at Mile High Stadium on Thursday, where he would deliver his acceptance speech to close the convention.

Board member asked to resign

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board meeting on Monday night saw about 20 people there to show their concern about School Board member John Hendrich sending his four kids to Heartland Christian School in Colby.

Cattleman Ron Schilling acted as spokesman for the group. Schilling said that Hendrich's decision showed a lack of respect and responsibility for the tax payers he was elected to represent, confidence

in the abilities of the teachers of the district and to the students' best interests at heart when he is not sending his own children to the district he represents.

Schilling estimated it cost the district \$17,000 to \$20,000 in lost revenue to the district. Schilling said he felt that Hendrich needs to resign from the school board. He said that if Hendrich did not resign the group was considering starting a petition for a recall vote. The petition would entail getting 197 signatures from registered voters. Schilling said

he was sorry that Hendrich wasn't present to hear their concerns.

According to the state statute the grounds for recall are conviction of a felony, misconduct in office or failure to perform duties prescribed by law. Misconduct in office by statute means a violation of law that impacts the person's ability to perform the official duties of the office.

School board member John Hendrich was late to the meeting and was not present to hear the complaints.

Superintendent Shelly Angelos

said the board and she had no comments.

Schilling said that he had a copy of the old statute and that under the new statute Hendrich could not be recalled.

"I am really, really disappointed in John. The best solution would be for John to bring his kids back into the school district," said Schilling.

"If he doesn't I think he needs to resign and let someone else sit on the board."

Hendrich was not available for comment.

Economic development considers building

By Pat Schiefen

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Sherman County Economic Development needs county approval to take ownership of a commercial building to be used for an office for the council and possibly an "incubator" for new businesses.

The only catch is that the deal has to be done by next week, when the owner Walt Adams is heading off to Mexico. Also, Adams would like to use the north side of the building for two years for storage.

A quorum of council members held a special meeting Tuesday morning early to talk about the

offer, President Chuck Wilkens, Vice President Steve West, Jerry Fairbanks, Danny Archer, Don Newell and Chance Schilling. Office Manager Helen Dobbs also was present.

The board voted 6-0 to accept the building with the provisos that it would not take more than \$10,000 to repair the roof, that utilities would not be more than \$400 per month and that the appraised value of the property would not change, raising the taxes from the current \$2,173 per year.

Dobbs said Economic Development would have to pay property

taxes because it is commercial property with tenants. Tenants of the building, at 200 E. 17th, include Marilyn Bohl of Sew What, the Red Cross office, Cynthia Bohl of 17th Street Barbershop and Jim Carver of Computer Solutions.

Dobbs said that they should have a copy of each of the leases to look at, a profit-and-loss statement and tax returns.

Wilkens said he would check with contractor Terry Baker on the condition of the roof and get an idea of how it would cost to fix. West said he would talk to County Appraiser Terry Ballard on the tax appraisal of

the property. Dobbs said she would check on the utilities.

Dobbs asked about a title search and whether they were going to have a contract with Adams concerning his storage.

Wilkens said the property would have to be deeded to the county and would be marked for economic development. He said the board would have an option to sell the building, but the agreement for Adams to have storage and the leases for the renters would have to be dealt with.

Wilkens said rent would have to go into the county general fund, but could be used to pay for any

repairs.

Dobbs said she was starting her interviews for office help on Tuesday morning and the last interview would be Wednesday.

She said she would bring her recommendations to the board.

"I would like to get someone started on Sept. 2," she said.

The group plans another special meeting this morning at 7 a.m. at Western State Bank for an update on the building and for the results of the interviews.

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