

weather
report

62°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 5:46 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:06 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:47 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 45 degrees

• Humidity 32 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds south 7 mph

• Barometer 29.86 inches
and falling

• Record High 83° (1989)

• Record Low -4° (1932)

Last 24 Hours*

High 62°

Low 31°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 35-40, northeast wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy, chance of rain turning to snow with a 100 percent chance of snow later, high 40-45, low 25, northeast wind 20-30 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: snow, high 30s. Monday: chance of snow, high 30s, low 20s. Tuesday: dry, high 50, low 25-30.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.86 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.77

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$1.99 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.91

Loan deficiency pmt. — 8¢

Milo — \$3.21 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.08 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.97

Loan deficiency payment — 93¢

Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.50 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.16

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$14

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

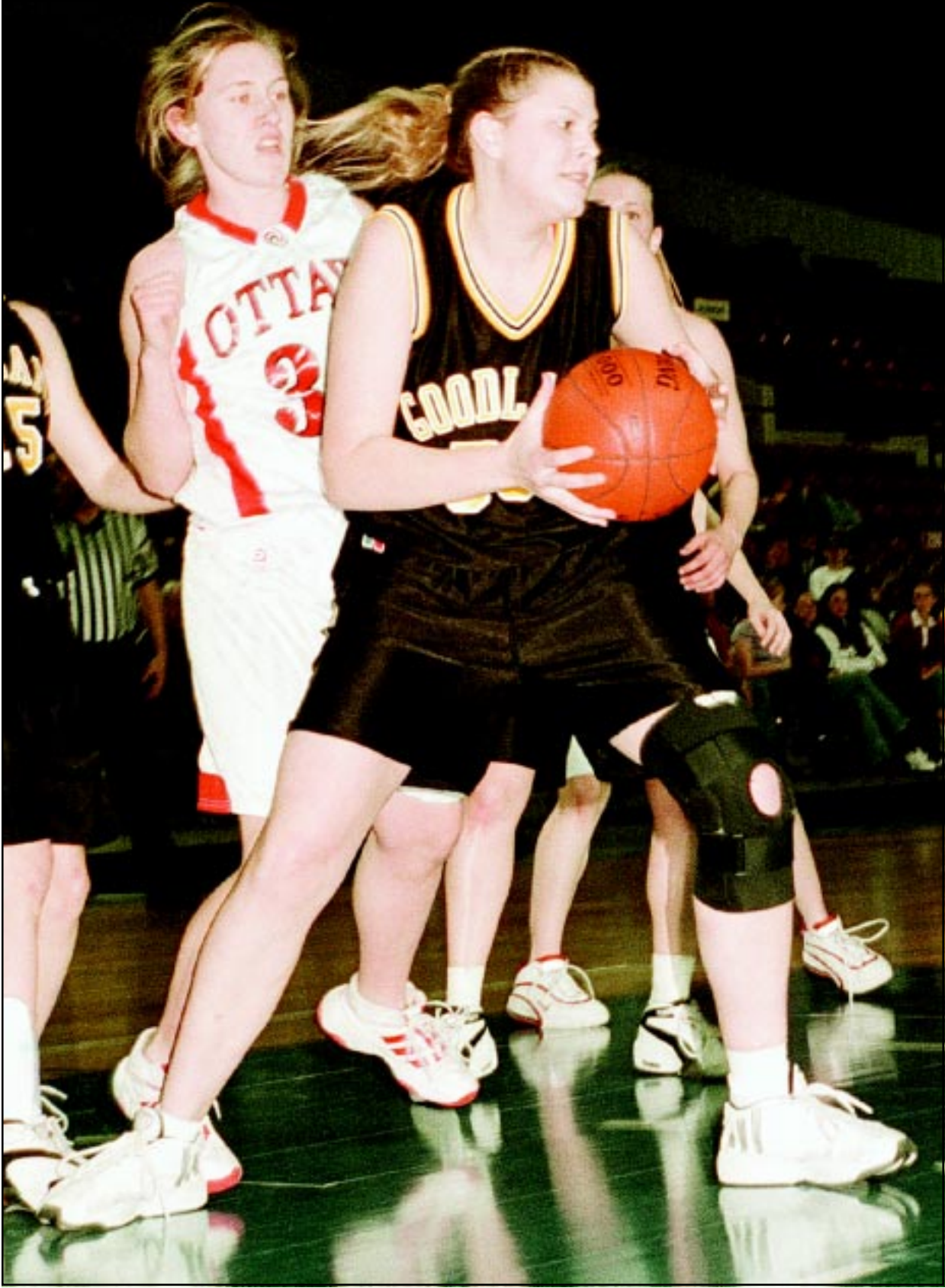
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Senate holds
key to tax cut

WASHINGTON — President Bush's across-the-board income tax cut plan, after hurtling through the House, is about to come to a screeching halt in the Senate, where Democrats and Republicans say it will take time and compromise to produce an agreement. "The size and scope and fate of this bill will be determined in the Senate," said Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, senior Democrat on Senate Finance Committee.

The panel's chairman, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said it will be May before the committee starts working in earnest on its version of Bush's 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut package. By that time, the House likely will have passed several other items in Bush's plan to add to the \$958 billion income tax cut pushed through Thursday.

One down, two to go!



Cowgirl center Erica Mann came off the bench and scored 11 points and had 10 rebounds to help spark another come-from-behind victory Thursday as the Cowgirls defeated Ottawa, 54-49, at the Class 4A State Basketball Tournament in Salina.

Photo by Eric Yonkey / The Goodland Daily News

Cowgirls advance at state tournament

By Roxie Yonkey

The Goodland Daily News

SALINA—The Goodland Cowgirls did a wonderful job of keeping the fans interested Thursday night in the state quarterfinals. They were down 13 points at the start of the fourth quarter and won by five, 54-49.

Of course, it was all part of the team's plan.

"We just want to keep you guys (the fans) interested in the game," Cowgirl Jayci Stone said after Goodland had pulled off the comeback over Ottawa High.

Their win keeps the girl's season alive and guarantees them a state placing. At 5:30 p.m. Mountain Time tonight, the sixth-seeded Cowgirls (17-6) will face undefeated second-seeded Labette County (24-0) in the state semifinals.

Although they came within two in the second quarter, the Cowgirls never lead until late in the fourth.

At the start of the quarter, Ottawa's Lindsey Dieterich hit a free throw to extend the Cyclones' lead to 13, 44-31.

Goodland could not allow Ottawa to run a simple offense and eat the clock, so the team began to run a half-court trap. The Cowgirls like to play that defense, so just running it gave them confidence. They hoped the trap would fluster the Cyclones and result in turnovers. While they didn't get a lot of turnovers, the Cyclones were flustered.

Both Cowgirl coach Connie Livengood and Cyclone coach Cliff McCullough agreed the trap took Ottawa out of their offense.

"They shot from all over the floor instead of working within their offense," Livengood said.

With 5:36 left in the game, Cowgirl Ashley Hallagin hit a layup, then Jara McKee scored on a press-breaker. Hallagin found McKee on an inbounds play and Goodland was within three, 44-41, with 4:56 left.

The Cowgirls were sparked by their utter dominance on the boards, out-rebounding Ottawa 12-5 in the fourth. They had given up 10 fouls by the end of the third, so Ottawa got two shots on every foul. They were none too accurate at the line, though.

After McKee's score on Hallagin's inbound pass, Stone held Ottawa's Liz Burks. Burks made her first shot, but missed the second, and Stone got the board.

Hallagin was fouled, Ottawa's seventh team foul. She made the first free throw, then missed the second one and Erica Mann put it back for two.

After Ottawa missed another free throw, Mann got the defensive board. Stone hit for three on Goodland's ensuing possession.

The teams exchanged free throws, then McKee scored from five feet. Goodland led by three, 50-47, with 2:23 to go.

Ottawa cut Goodland's lead to one on two free throws, one each from Katie Sheffield and Dieterich.

After her free throw, Dieterich took away the ball, but traveled. She then pushed Stone, putting Goodland into the double bonus. Stone made both her free throws. Goodland led by three again, 52-49.

Burks put up an 18-footer which missed everything. On the rebound, Cyclone Katie Sylvester hacked Stone. This time, Stone missed both her free throws.

Sylvester got the defensive board. Dieterich tried for three at 10.3 seconds, again missing everything. Possession went to Goodland.

Burks hacked Stone again. This time, Stone made them both, making it 54-49 with 6.1 seconds left.

Sheffield put up a desperation trey as time expired and missed the backboard. The ball and the game went to Good-

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Three youths get bond in theft of lottery tickets

Three Goodland youths made first appearances in Sherman County this morning, one accused of breaking into a gas station, stealing \$664 in lottery tickets and trying to cash the winners and the others of helping afterward.

Jamie Cullens, 19; Jennifer Rager, 19; and Gordon Parrish, 22, were arrested in Colby on Tuesday after trying

to redeem lottery tickets that were apparently stolen that morning from the Coastal Mart at 17th and Caldwell in Goodland. The tickets were no longer valid after Goodland police reported them stolen.

Court records say Cullens is charged with burglary, felony theft and felony criminal damage to property for alleg-

edly using a brick to break the gas station's front window and stealing lottery tickets and cigarettes.

The gas station closed on Monday for repairs, but manager Ida Salinas said it should reopen in the future. She said the burglary could cost the store up to \$2,000.

Colby police, who made the arrests

Tuesday, said one of the youths had worked for Goodland's other Coastal Mart at Eighth and Caldwell, but they wouldn't say who it was.

Parrish and Rager are both charged with possession of stolen property, conspiracy to commit possession of stolen property and felony theft for allegedly hiding the tickets in the glove box and

under the seat of the 1992 Pontiac Grand Am they were driving, and helping Cullens try to redeem the tickets.

The youths' bonds were set at \$5,000 this morning, and their preliminary hearings for Monday, March 19.

Rager will be represented by Perry Warren, Cullens by Leslie Beims and Parrish by Scott Showalter.

Exchange students have different impressions of America

Italian girl says Americans afraid to get close

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

After living in Goodland for seven months, Cristina Bertelli says America isn't all she thought it would be.

The 17-year-old Italian exchange student said she expected something more exciting, different.

"In Europe," she said, "America is like 'Wow!,' the best thing in the world."

What she's found, she said, is place where people seem overly competitive, afraid of affection, not as friendly and not as knowledgeable about other cultures or countries.

That's not to say the student, who lives with the Mason family in northeast Goodland, doesn't like a lot of things about America and rural Kansas. She says she just prefers her native country and what it offers.

Bertelli, who came here in August through the American Field Service intercultural program, said she misses her home and everything there, but she's also apprehensive about returning in July.

Living in Goodland with people who were strangers eight months ago hasn't always been easy, she said, but the experience has helped her grow up, see herself for who she really is and learn to appreciate friends and family.



Cristina Bertelli, a foreign exchange student from Italy, (top) and her exchange "brothers and sisters," here, Alyssa (left), Kerek (right), and Craig Mason.

Bertelli, a senior in high school, said she's afraid she will no longer fit in with her old friends.

"I'm scared about how it will be when I go back," she said. "I'm not the person I used to be. I hope my friends accept me. They used to like a person that's changed. I hope she's a better per-

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Danish student fond of her Goodland family

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

When Celina Hallas-Junker of Denmark arrived in the United States in August, she said, she was sick because she was run down from her trip, but recuperated while on a trip to Wyoming with her host family.

Hallas-Junker, 17, came to Goodland on Aug. 12 as an exchange student with the American Field Service intercultural program.

Her host parents are Curt and Tina Goodwin. Curt owns the Corner Garage and Tina runs Good Sign. The Goodwins have two children, Chloe, 6, and Alex, 2.

"I love my family over here," Hallas-Junker said.

She calls the Goodwins "Mom" and "Dad," but says it's been weird having siblings, as she grew up as an only child in Grindsted, Denmark, which has a population of about 10,000.

She has younger cousins at home, though, and that's how she got practice in baby-sitting.

She said she and Chloe watch movies together and get along well. She and Alex get along OK most of the time.

Recently, she discovered that she has a half-

brother who she will meet when she returns to Denmark.

Asked about adjusting to the U.S., she said she's always been good at adjusting to new things, so coming here wasn't a problem.

She has been in Goodland for nearly seven months and will fly home to Denmark on July 10, her 18th birthday.

Since she has lived here, she has visited Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado and will go to Wisconsin at the end of March on an exchange program with East Troy High School.

She said the place she liked the best was Wyoming. The Goodwins borrowed a motor home and drove up there to spend a few days around Jackson Hole. While there, the family went whitewater rafting and horseback riding.

They stayed close to Yellowstone National Park, but were unable to go to Yellowstone because of the forest fires. Hallas-Junker said things were green when she went and she enjoyed the hills, mountains and trees.

Denmark has lots of trees, rivers and lakes,

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