

weather report

53°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:59 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 37 degrees
• Humidity 30 percent
• Sky clear and sunny
• Winds northwest 13 m.p.h.
• Barometer 29.99 inches and falling

• Record High 74° (1988)

• Record Low -9° (1963)

Last 24 Hours*

High 46°
Low 18°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low near 28, winds west 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny and mild, high near 66, low near 32, winds west 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: sunny, high near 66, low near 28. Monday: mostly clear, high near 56. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high near 58, low near 28. Wednesday: cloudy with slight chance of rain, high near 38, low near 22. Thursday: partly cloudy, high near 38, low near 22.

(National Weather Service)

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Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.73 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.66
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.46 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.25
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$2.23 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.25 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.18
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$12.00 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$16

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

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

U.S. claims Iraq is lying

WASHINGTON (AP)—Iraq's 12,000-page weapons declaration does not account for a number of missing chemical and biological weapons and fails to explain purchases U.S. intelligence believes are related to a nuclear program, U.S. officials said.

Iraq used the lengthy document to support its contention — disputed by the United States — that Saddam Hussein's regime possesses none of these weapons of mass destruction.

The tentative U.S. conclusion that the report is lacking sets the stage for a critical set of decisions by President Bush, who views the declaration as Saddam's last chance to come clean.

Meanwhile, Iraq was looking worldwide for weapons technology, including uranium in Africa, said a U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity.

On the Ball

Cowboys, Cowgirls move up

Semis on tonight at the Max

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The 14th annual Topside Tipoff opened Thursday with boys and girls teams from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas vying for the championship of the holiday tournament at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The defending champions, the Ottawa girls and McCook, Neb., boys, won their opening-round games and seem to be in position to defend their titles in the championship games on Saturday. Last year, the Lady Cyclones defeated the Cowgirls 56-46 to win the championship, and the Bison defeated the Eagles 83-71 for their fourth straight title.

Action continues today, with games beginning at 2 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse and the final games of the day scheduled at 8 p.m.

Girls bracket

On the girls side, Burlington defeated Garden City, 77-37, and Ottawa defeated Wray, Colo., 58-39. Goodland defeated Holyoke, Colo., 72-33, and McCook defeated Morrill, Neb., 57-19.

Leading scorer for the Burlington Lady Cougars was Amber Nider with 22 and Kelsi Hartley had 15 to help defeat the Lady Buffaloes, 77-37.

Liz Burks had 18 points to lead the Lady Cyclones over the Wray Lady Eagles, 58-39. Lady Cyclone Amanda Guenther had 11 points and Kelsie Studley had 10 to help in the win. Jenna Akey had 11 points as the leading scorer for the Lady Eagles.

Kim Serbousek led the Lady Bison with 13 points as they defeated the Morrill Lady Lions, 57-19.

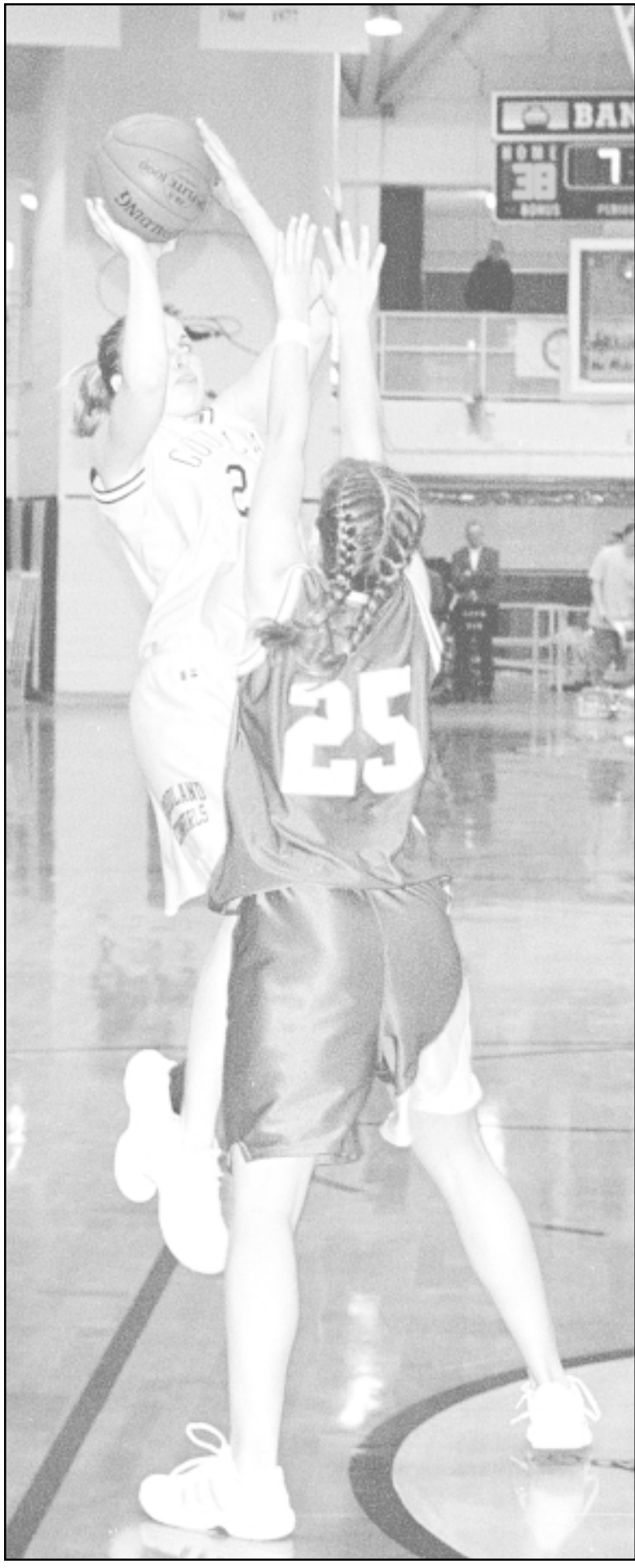
Cowgirl Jayci Stone led the scoring with 26 points and Anny McCoy had 21 as Goodland defeated the Holyoke Lady Dragons, 72-33. Cowgirl Jessica Osborn had 14 in the winning effort. Lady Dragon Jeanette Hoffner had a team leading 15 points.

Today Garden City faces Wray in the junior high gym at 2 p.m. while Burlington faces Ottawa on the Max Jones floor.

Holyoke will face Morrill at 6 p.m. in the junior high gym and Goodland will face McCook on the main floor.

Saturday, the winners of the Garden City vs. Wray and Holyoke vs. Morrill games will meet in the consolation championship at 11 a.m. at Max Jones, and the losers will meet at the same time for the seventh place game in the junior high gym.

The winner of the Burlington vs. Ottawa game and the Goodland vs. McCook game will meet in the girls' championship game at 5 p.m. at Max Jones, and the loser will meet at 1 p.m. in the third place game.



Cowgirl Jayci Stone took a jump shot over the outstretched hands of Holyoke's Haley Moore in the first round of the Topside Tipoff on Thursday which Goodland won handily, 72-33. The Cowgirls face the McCook Lady Bison at 6 p.m. tonight in the semi-finals.

Photo by Skilar Boland / The Goodland Daily News

Boys bracket

In the boys bracket, two of the games nearly reached the century mark, and one pair of teams set a tournament record.

McCook defeated Morrill, 97-50, and the two teams set a Topside Tipoff record for the least number of fouls in a game. The teams had a total of 16 fouls in the game, 10 for McCook and

six for Morrill. The old record of 17 was set in 1989 in a game between Weskan and Morland.

Ottawa defeated Wray, 95-56, Burlington defeated Garden City, 50-47, and Goodland defeated Holyoke, 69-58.

Krea Dutoit had 21 points, Aaron

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Cardinal quits in aftermath of sex coverup

By Victor L. Simpson

Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY — Cardinal Bernard Law, the central figure in the worst scandal to hit the Roman Catholic Church in America, resigned today as archbishop of Boston after months of public fury over his failure to protect children from molesters in the clergy.

Law is the highest-ranking church leader and first U.S. cardinal to fall as a result of the clerical sex abuse crisis that has plagued the church this year.

Pope John Paul II accepted the resignation after the two met today morning, the Vatican said. The pope named Bishop Richard Lennon, an auxiliary bishop in Boston, to run the diocese temporarily.

"I am profoundly grateful to the Holy Father for having accepted my resignation as archbishop of Boston," Law said in a statement released by the Vatican.

"It is my fervent prayer that this action may help the Archdiocese of Boston to experience the healing, reconciliation and unity which are so desperately needed." "To all those who have suffered from my shortcomings and mis-

takes, I both apologize and from them beg forgiveness."

Lennon takes over at an immensely challenging moment. More than 400 alleged victims are suing the archdiocese, and Law has taken steps to allow it to file for bankruptcy. Temporary administrators in the church rarely are empowered to make major decisions.

The crisis in Boston, which was touched off by Law's admission that he reassigned former priest John Geoghan despite accusations of sex abuse, quickly spread to other dioceses, as Catholics demanded greater accountability from their leaders.

At least 325 priests of America's 46,000 priests have been removed from duty or resigned this year because of molestation claims.

The pope was described by a Vatican official as "deeply saddened" by the whole affair. Law was one of the pope's closest American advisers.

In April, Law offered to resign in a meeting with the pope, but the pontiff rejected the idea.

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Monday's city agenda

The Goodland City Commission plans to approve a bid for repairs to the Carnegie Arts Center at its regular meeting at 5 p.m. Monday.

The commission also will:

• Hear a preliminary report on the

sewer study by Evans-Bierly-Hutchinson & Associates.

• Appoint one person each to the city planning commission, electrical board and plumbing/mechanical board.

• Approve beer licenses.

Cities, counties to sue governor

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Cities and counties plan to sue Gov. Bill Graves over his decision to withhold \$48 million in state aid to head off a looming budget deficit.

That money represents half of the revenue cities and counties were to receive from the state during the state's 2003 fiscal year, which began July 1. Cities and counties operate by calendar year and already have set their budgets for 2003.

The League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties announced their plans to sue during a news conference Thursday. They said they will file a petition with the Kansas Supreme Court, asking it to force Graves to turn over the money.

Planning to join the league and association are 169 cities and 77 counties.

Osage City Mayor Pat Lawless said cities and counties should be treated like state agencies that have been told to cut their spending. If they were, he said, the cut to local governments would be \$1.8 million.

"We were ready to take our cuts along with everybody else," he said.

Graves issued a statement saying the money withheld, though half the amount of state aid, is only 0.5 percent of the total expenditures for local governments. He said the reduction is reasonable, given cuts he has imposed on state agencies.

"I'm disappointed these two groups have decided to take this course of action," Graves said in his statement. "I'm confident, as governor, that I did not overstep my authority."

Graves' action frustrates local governments because they've already set their budgets for 2003 and cannot increase property taxes to raise more money. Their only option is to cut spending and services, said Don Moler, the league's executive director.

"The timing of this precludes any amendment to the budgets and any ability to plug the hole," Moler said. "The timing couldn't have been worse."

Local officials also worry the money

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It's been a long run since 1922, but Bob Fenner doesn't feel he's 80

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

How long is 80 years?

Long enough to survive the Great Depression, a world war and open heart surgery.

Long enough to marry, raise children, have nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren too numerous to mention.

Long enough to work at the same job for 42 years, serve on the city and county commissions and the local draft board and to see a city grow and change.

Bob Fenner of Goodland has lived thorough 80 years, as he will mark his 80th birthday Wednesday, but he says he doesn't know how long 80 years. It's gone so fast, he says.

"I guess I'm 80," he said, "but it doesn't feel like it."

Fenner was born Dec. 18, 1922, in northcentral Montana and moved to Goodland with his family in 1927. He went



Bob Fenner

to Grant School, now the junior high. Fenner said, and entered high school the year the current school was being built.

Fenner remembers going to places all over town for classes until about Christmas time, when the new school was ready. He graduated from the new Goodland High School in 1941.

He married Lorraine Felzien, a Kanorado girl, on Nov. 11, 1947. The couple now has four children, daughters in Hill City, Castle Rock, Colo., and Dallas, and a son, Dean Fenner, in Goodland.

Lorraine and the kids are asking for a card shower in Bob's honor. Cards can be mailed to 1016 Kansas, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Bob remembers his first job at a five and dime when he was in high school, working on the highway crew between

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Bob Fenner pointed out the highlights of his life shown in the pictorial history that his wife Lorraine and daughter-in-law Donna Kay Fenner made for his 80th birthday. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News