

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

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Goodland and Kanorado between his junior and senior years and working at KT Oil Corp. at 10th and Main, where the car wash is.

He went to work at the gas station, unlocked the doors and turned on the radio Dec. 7, 1941, Bob said, and heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Lorraine said it was the day America was caught "with our mouths open," and both agreed that Sept. 11, 2001, was almost the same. The main difference, Lorraine said, is that Pearl Harbor was heard about on the radio, and the terrorist attacks were on television

where everyone could watch what was going on.

He had a football scholarship to the University of Wyoming, Bob said, and wanted to go to school. But he hated to start and then be drafted and have to quit, so he continued working until he was drafted in 1942. He later served on the county draft board.

He served in the Navy from Oct. 23, 1942, Bob said, until Jan. 2, 1946, and spent most of that time on the second U.S.S. Yorktown. Eleanor Roosevelt commissioned the ship, he said, and they took it on a test run to Liverpool, England. Then the ship and crew of 7,500 went to Pearl Harbor, he said,

and it was all combat from there.

The ship was close enough to Japan when the bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Bob said, that he saw the mushrooms rising over the cities.

"I never want to see another bomb dropped," he said.

After he was discharged, Bob said, he came back to Goodland. He began working at Hardman Lumber in 1945, he said, and worked in Goodland until 1971, when he began traveling through areas of Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado selling building materials. Bob said he worked for the company for 42 years before retiring in 1988.

"I was fortunate to have a job I liked," he said. "I had a good company to work for."

Bob said he served on the city commission in the 1960s and served eight years on the county commission after he retired. Then he retired from everything.

Lorraine and her daughter-in-law, Donna Kay Fenner, made a mural of Bob's life for his birthday, starting the reminiscing over his life.

Bob pulled up a number of memories of the notable events of his life, including memories from the Great Depression and of the changes Goodland has undergone over the years.

As a child in during the Depression, he was on the playground, Bob said, when the superintendent came out waving his coat to get his attention. I looked up in the sky, he said, and saw a dust storm sweeping in, dirt rolling in like waves.

I ran into the school before it hit, he

said, and all the students had to stay at school until their parents came to pick them up.

Lorraine recalls red, yellow, black and brown dirt, depending on which direction it was coming from. The worst, she said, was the sand from Nebraska.

The couple remembers Steiner's Drive-In, when it was about the size of their living room with a counter with bar stools people would wait in line to sit on.

Hamburgers were a nickel, Bob said, and a big bowl of chili was a dime. The restaurant didn't get french fries until later, Lorraine said, and there were no potato chips back then.

The Fenners also reminisced about the days when the building where Antique Warehouse is now was the grocery warehouse for northwest Kansas, and people had home-owned groceries all over town with one room in their houses reserved for the store. People

didn't have cars back then, Lorraine said.

"It's a crying shame people have to drive southwest of town to buy their stuff," Bob said. "Older ladies who don't have cars have to have someone drive them out there."

But many changes have been good. People are better off financially now than in the '30s, Bob said. He also remembers the high school Alumni Association's small beginnings and says he enjoys the large reunions every five years.

The Fenners said they have had good lives and have had many blessings. Bob had open heart surgery in 1977 that was supposed to hold him for 10 years, Lorraine said, and it has lasted all this time.

And they have been plenty busy. "I've been wondering what you did all this time," Lorraine said to Bob.

"Some of it's worth mentioning," he said, "some of it's not."

Cowboys, Cowgirls on the ball

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Purvis, 20, Paul Putz 18 and Derick Lorentz 11, to lead McCook in their 97-50 win over the Morrill Lions. For the Lions, Kaylor Hoffman, Tom Hoffman, Mike Hart and Clint Bowen each had 10 points.

Ross Thompson of the Ottawa Cyclones had 29 points to lead the team in the 95-56 win over the Wray Eagles. Brandon Bard led the Eagles with 15 points.

The closest game of the day was Burlington and Garden City, with the Burlington Cougars winning 50-47. Justin Hemphill led the Cougars with 14 points and Justin Nelson had a team

high 13 for the Buffaloes.

In the final game of the night, the Cowboys, led by the scoring of Donald Raymer, 16, Lance Tedford, 14, and Aaron Gittinger, 11, defeated the Holyoke Dragons, 69-58. The Dragons were led by Dusty Sprague, who had the game high 22 points.

Today, the action continues with Morrill facing Wray at 4 p.m. in the junior high gym and McCook facing Ottawa at the same time on the Max Jones floor.

Goodland will take on Burlington at 8 p.m. on the Max Jones floor in a rematch of their game Tuesday, which the Cowboys won, 68-41. At the same time, Holyoke will face Garden City in the junior high gym.

Saturday, the winners of the McCook vs. Ottawa and Goodland vs. Burlington games will meet at 7 p.m. for the boy's championship. The loser of these games will meet at 3 p.m. in the third place game on the Max Jones floor. Saturday's action will feature a 3-point shooting contest which was won last year by Goodland's Lance Tedford (12) on the boys side, and Kara Ferguson of Morrill (10) on the girls side.

The boys and girls all-tournament teams will be selected, and there will be a Topside Tipoff Spirit Award presented to the best cheerleader squad.

The awards will follow the boys championship, which should be over about 8:45 p.m.

Cities, counties to sue governor over cuts

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won't be restored, so they will have to consider increasing property taxes for 2004.

Wade Dixon, the Greeley County counselor and the president of the counties' group, said local officials are working with legislators, but added, "As far as having legislators lined up, that's kind of like herding cats."

Local officials argue Graves doesn't have the authority to withhold aid without legislative approval. The aid pay-

ments are made as automatic payments directly out of state revenue, the overall amount set by state law as a so-called "demand transfer."

The withholding was part of Graves' solution to a budget deficit projected at \$312 million on June 30. He also imposed \$78 million in cuts for state agencies, proposed withholding a \$94.5 million transfer to highway projects and suggested the state not provide money to cover extra education and social service costs.

The cities and counties plan to name

as defendants Graves, Budget Director Duane Goossen, state Treasurer Tim Shallenburger, Administration Secretary Joyce Glasscock, Transportation Secretary Dean Carlson, and Dale Brunton, director of the Division of Accounts and Reports.

On the Net: League of Kansas Municipalities: <http://www.lkm.org/>
Kansas Association of Counties: <http://www.kansascounties.org/>
Governor's office: <http://www.accesskansan.org/governor/>

Cardinal quits in aftermath of sex abuse coverup

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The 71-year-old Law will remain a cardinal, which means he could move into another church post and retains the right to vote in a papal election, until he turns 80. He also will not be freed from the litigation in Boston, and was subpoenaed last week to appear before a grand jury.

Abuse victims, lay members and even some priests had intensified calls for Law's removal after 18 years at the helm of the Boston Archdiocese, as more cases of sordid conduct by priests were brought to light with the release of church files.

"Thank heaven," said David Clohessy, director of the national group Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. "I hope there will be thousands of Boston Catholics and

hundreds of Boston survivors who will feel better as a result."

While many victims had been strident in their criticism of Law and had called for his resignation months ago, some were more subdued today.

"I don't want to say I'm happy, because I'm not," said Anthony Muzzi Jr., who says Geoghan molested him for several years in the 1960s, starting from when he was 11.

"I truly believe in my heart that Law was not the only person who knew all the bad things that were going on," said Muzzi, who was among 86 alleged Geoghan victims and their relatives who reached a \$10 million settlement with the archdiocese in September.

Archdiocese spokesman the Rev. Chris Coyne said the resignation was "just one more moment of sadness over the whole timeline of great sadness and grief that has touched the archdiocese,

beginning with the monumental tragedy of the abuse of children by priests and the failure and flaws of the administration to deal adequately with those moments of abuse."

Beyond the Geoghan case, Law has been accused of allowing other priests to continue serving even after repeated allegations of sex abuse.

Recent days have been marked by some of the most shocking revelations in the year-old scandal in Boston, with the release of thousands of pages of the archdiocese's personnel files.

Among the worst cases, the papers document a priest beating his housekeeper, another trading cocaine for sex, a third claiming to be the second coming of Christ to lure teen-agers training to be nuns into having sex and a fourth allegedly molesting a boy on 21 consecutive nights during a cross-country trip.

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The members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), National Honor Society (NHS), and Girl's Athletic Association (GAA) will serve as the Hosts and Hostesses. They will host a Christmas dinner with entertainment and door prizes.

Entertainment will begin at 11 a.m., and dinner will be served at noon.

Citizens attending need to enter through the south doors on 13th street.

RSVP before December 16th by calling 899-5656 or 899-2397. Please call if you need transportation. For those unable to make it to the school, meals will be delivered.

The purpose of the Christmas Senior Citizen's Dinner is to build better relationships between teenagers and senior citizens. We also want ot give back to the citizens of Sherman County for their support for our schools.

Valet parking will be available!

