

# Goodland wins two games



Landon West pitched against Scott City on Saturday in the Levi Hayden Memorial Tournament.

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Goodland's American Legion team started out slowly this weekend in the Levi Hayden Memorial Tournament, but came back to win both its games on Sunday.

After losing three games and winning two, Goodland came out of the tournament with a 10-10 season record. Their first win of the tournament came Sunday morning against Ulysses, 11-8. Last year, Ulysses was the only team Goodland beat in the tournament, a game which gave Goodland its first win of the season.

Everything came together for Goodland on Sunday night against Kiowa, when the hosting team slaughtered their guests 17-3.

Friday and Saturday weren't so nice to the team. Burlington, which went on to win the tournament, beat Goodland 10-0 on Friday, and the home team lost two on Saturday.

Scott City came out ahead in the first game, 11-5, and Gove County won later that night, 11-4. Scott City finished second in the tournament. Although the teams Goodland played up to that point were talented, team manager Liz West said, that wasn't the only reason Goodland hadn't won yet.

"We had some trouble in the beginning. The kids forgot to be a team," West said, adding that the team got a talking-to from the coaches Saturday, and seemed to be playing much better afterwards.

The tournament helps pay for a \$250 scholarship to a Goodland player who is dedicated to the sport. This year's winner was Keith Vasquez.

Chris Carnahan, Kiowa's left fielder, was given a trophy by the Hayden family for being the most inspirational



Goodland's Kevin Schulte was motioned home in a game against Scott City during the Levi Hayden Memorial Tournament on Saturday at Memorial Field.

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player, in honor of Levi Hayden, who died in 1997.

Ulysses' coach, Benny McNeil, said he enjoys coming to Goodland for the tournament. This is his first year as coach, he said, but he came last year to watch his son play.

"This is a great little tournament," he said. "You get to play quite a few games. It's usually pretty friendly. Liz called and asked if we would be down this year, and I jumped on it."

There are a few things which might change next year. There was some confusion over the designated hitter and

courtesy runner rules, West said, and the teams from Colorado weren't the towns' usual teams.

The Burlington team was made up of all-stars from Northeast Colorado, West said, and to make up for losing players to Burlington, other teams included players from different towns.

"Colorado plays by different rules, which isn't exactly fair," West said. "Still, it gives the kids some competition."

Friday's games

Scott City over Gove County 9-1  
Kiowa over Ulysses 10-3

Burlington over Goodland 10-0  
Saturday's games

Burlington over Kiowa 12-0  
Gove County over Ulysses 15-10

Scott City over Goodland 11-5  
Burlington over Ulysses 16-6

Scott City over Kiowa 10-0  
Gove County over Goodland 11-4

Sunday's games

Goodland over Ulysses 11-8  
Burlington over Gove County 10-0

Scott City over Ulysses 16-2  
Gove County over Kiowa 14-4

Burlington over Scott City 14-3  
Goodland over Kiowa 17-3

## County turns down landfill offer

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Elmer Jacobs, a man in the audience, "as a good deal or not?"

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said, "I am against it." Commissioner Mitch Tiede said, "The proposal is not good enough."

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said, "It is not acceptable."

If we are going to get out, I want to get out totally," Tiede said.

When asked from the audience if they have heard any more from the U.S. Waste representatives, the commissioners said they have not heard a word since the meeting on June 23, when the company officials appeared.

"I am not interested at this time," Rasure said. "I think there are things we can do, and believe it is too early to sell."

City Commissioner Curtis Hurd was in the audience, and said the city wants out of the trash business.

Jacobs asked if the county would sit down and talk to the company about changing the proposal, but Rasure said there had not been any additional contact and did not feel the proposal was fair.

"I understand that, but you could sit down and negotiate a deal," Jacobs said. "Are you going to send a proposal back to them?"

"I can't see it is going to do any good to go further," said Bob Handle of Kanorado, "looks like you would be kicking a dead horse based on what you have said."

"We would look at more than one company if we are really serious," Frankenfeld said.

The county will continue to develop a program to handle household hazardous waste and cardboard recycling.

Rasure said the cost depends on which way the county decides go. A big system could extend the life of the landfill, but the cost up front is high."

Ruth Nichols, who lives south of Kanorado, said she doesn't like the proposal and felt it would not be good to sell the landfill.

Jacobs asked if the county was still looking at a compactor?

Rasure said, "Yes, we would like to look at this, but there are other issues that need to be addressed at this time."

Handle asked the commissioners if they would put the sale of the landfill up for a vote of the citizens?

"Not at this time," Tiede said.

Hurd asked what the county owed on the landfill and how much money was in the fund.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said there were a few bonds outstanding, and that there was about \$600,000 in the fund. About half of the money has been set aside for future closing costs.

Hurd said, "It seems to me you are making money, and you would be getting more money over the next 10 years."

"Once it is sold you lose control over it," Frankenfeld said.

## Trash company has mixed reviews

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tative, said the bureau is not allowed to say how many complaints there have been, because that is confidential information, "but there is a definite pattern here."

The report says the company is not a member of the Better Business Bureau, but it has claimed to be and used the organization's logo in a 2000-2001 yellow pages advertisement. The company had no authorization to use the logo, the bureau said.

Sander said his company is affiliated with the Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado, through a subsidiary company, Pueblo Disposal, and even though the company sees nothing wrong with using the logo, they have stopped putting it in advertisements.

U.S. Waste Industries has one recorded safety violation with the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. On Nov. 20, an employee was killed when he stepped off of a moving garbage truck and was run over by a tire, said the Colorado Springs Police Department. The driver was cited at the scene with careless driving involving death and driving on a sus-

pending license, but both charges were later dropped.

The federal agency inspected U.S. Waste Industries, and levied a fine of \$5,000, which was later dropped to \$3,500. According to the administration's records, the company has been inspected four times since the accident, and no other citations have been made.

Sander said the fatality was an unfortunate accident, but the company follows safety regulations, and there have been no other incidents.

"It was sad, but we have tried to move on and keep things safe," he said.

The company is owned by Victor DiVello, president, and his brother Dominick, Sander said. Victor lives in Colorado Springs and manages the office there, and Dominick runs Pueblo Disposal. The company owns landfills in Pueblo and Colorado Springs, and hauls trash in Cañon City, Denver, and Trinidad, Colo.

The company has operated as U.S. Disposal in Trinidad for the past seven years, said Terry Haugen, public works director, ever since they bought out Tony's Disposal. He says he has no complaints about its service.

"They have had their ups and downs, just like anybody," Haugen said. "Overall, I'd say they are a good hauler."

Officials in other cities where the company operates said they were not allowed to give information, and refer callers to the Better Business Bureau.

Goodland's City Manager Ron Pickman said he has checked into the company and so far they don't seem to have any major problems.

The company picks up a few commercial accounts in Raton, N.M., Sander said, which is just over the Colorado-New Mexico border and about 20 miles from Trinidad.

Otherwise, it operates completely in Colorado, and wants to expand into Kansas.

"Our initial interest was we heard the county was interested in getting rid of the landfill," Sander said. "The more we got into it, we found most of the trash comes from the city, so it seemed a good idea to get into that."

Victor DiVello told the county commissioners that U.S. Waste Industries is the 24th largest hauling and disposal company in the country.

## City meeting

At their meeting today, the Goodland City Commission plans to:

- Review bids to buy a police car.
- Look over plans to reduce utility costs for new businesses.

- Hear a request for a donation to a July 4 fireworks display.

- Make two appointments to a construction and demolition debris committee.

- Review a permit for Pamela Galindo to run a home-based daycare.

- Hear plans for a municipal leadership academy in Scott City.
- Be reminded of budget workshops which will start July 8.

## School board meeting

At a Goodland School Board meeting on Tuesday, members will make first-of-the-year decisions including:

- Electing board officers.
- Selecting the days and time they will meet, a board attorney, an official newspaper and district representatives to fill seats on other boards and committees.
- Appointing a bid committee, policy review committee and

board insurance committee.

- Approving textbooks selected by the curriculum council committee.

- Establishing school lunch prices and choosing depositories for school money.

The board will hold its reorganizational meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the administration building on Main Avenue.

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