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# Girls little league underway



Tatum Elder reached first safely Tuesday. She plays for the Dinkel Law Office team, which was playing against a team from St. Francis. The summer little league continues play tonight with several boys and girls games scheduled. Photos by Liz West / The Goodland Star-News

### **Eight-man All Star football game** features northwest Kansas players

will play in the annual All Star games to be played Saturday at Beloit.

There will be two games, with Division I playing at 10 a.m. and Division II at 2 p.m.

Heath Brown of Tribune will play

Several football players from team. Others from the nearby area Triplains of Winona are to be on the eight-man teams in northwest Kansas are Kohl Marconett of Dighton and Scott Wolf and Trent Stephens of Grinnell.

Cox of Weskan will be on the West there have been two games played. squad for Division II.

on the West squad of the Division I Bird City and Preston Mackley of allow people to attend both games.

West squad.

The event is sponsored by the Kansas Eight-Man Football Asso-In the afternoon game, Clayton ciation. This will be the third year J.W. Slaton of Hanston High

Michael Sager from Cheylin of School said that one admission will



# 36 basketball teams to play in weekend tournament

#### **By Sharon Corcoran**

The Goodland Star-News Thirty-six basketball teams, 350 kids and parents, will descend on Goodland Friday for the Mid America Youth Basketball Tournament this weekend.

There will be so many teams, Max Jones Fieldhouse, the Goodland High School gym and the Edson gym to get all the games in.

A team of seventh and eighth grade girls from Goodland will compete. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Project Graduation 2005. Spectators can buy tickets for one day or for the whole tournament.

The Goodland team, the Elite 8, will play five games Saturday, the Northwest Kansas Sparks from Colby at 11 a.m. in the high school gym, the Dundy County, Neb., team at 1 p.m. in the Edson gym, Burlington I at 4 p.m. in the Max Jones junior high gym, Burlington II at 6 p.m. in the Max Jones main gym and St. Francis at 8 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

The Elite 8 includes Emily Murray, Whitney Archer, Lindsey Schields, Kaylee Billinger, Dani Bedore, Stephanie Sheldon, Alicia Studer, Bracey Fischer and Natalie Elder. Andy Scheopner coaches the team with help from Dana Murray.

The first games of the tournament will be at 5 p.m. Friday, and Sunday's games will be scheduled in tournament brackets. Other teams are coming from Oberlin, Tribune, Sharon Springs, Weskan, Liberal, Garden City, Winona, Menlo, Syracuse, Grinnell, Leoti, and Quinter and Bethune and Calhan, Colo.

Murray, who coordinated the event, said she had been involved with Mid America tournaments for about six years, with her daughters playing on the Goodland team. One of her daughters was a sophomore last year, she said, and was looking for a fund-raiser for her class's Project Graduation.

 $Looking \,at\,what\,Goodland\,could$ provide, Murray thought there could be a tournament in town.

"We have such good facilities here," Murray said. "Why don't we

have a tournament here?"

She said she called the tournament office and asked what it would take to put one, and they set it up right away. Parents of the class of 2005 have helped organize the tournament, Murray said.

Committees were set up, she said, they'll have to use both gyms in the for concessions, ticket takers, Tshirt sales and Mid America Youth Basketball merchandise. The challenge, she said, was to find high school certified officials. Since the local officials were busy with a golf

tournament, officials were brought in from Colby and Garden City.

Since each team is guaranteed five games per tournament, Murray said, scheduling can be difficult.

The obstacles overcome, Murray said, she has set up a three-day tournament that includes every level of ball from beginning to very competitive junior high and high school teams.

The Goodland team will play in seven tournaments around the area, she said.



K-18 defeats Imperial

Brandon Hatfield scored for the K-18 team as they played against Imperial, Neb., on Tuesday. Goodland won the game, 10-4. The team will play St. Francis at home at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.



Jake Alander slid safely into first for the Goodland American Legion team when they played against Scott City last week, but the game was rained out. The squad will be in action at 5 pm. on Wednesday in Colby. Photo by Liz West / The Goodland Star-News



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