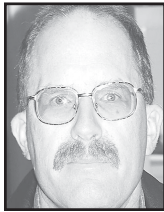


Summer a time for activities for mentors, children

School is quickly coming to an end, and summer activities will be beginning soon. It will be interesting to see what our first summer will be concerning interest in both volunteers and parents wanting to find mentors for their children.

There are different options concerning matches for those wanting to become involved. Our waiting list is growing with many boys needing someone to have a friend for the summer.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman County plans on trying to have some "Bigs For a Day" events based on camping, fishing and other outlets. These events are designed to allow the kids on the waiting list a chance to do an activity that otherwise they may not get an opportunity to participate in.



dennis daise

- big brothers big sisters

Recent activities that the various matches have completed include attending a music concert, fossil hunting, golfing, shopping, school work, birthday party and just doing come everyday activities.

After those listed activities that some Littles have done in Goodland, I will share with you an article from the national web site written by a Big named David Pearson that explains in an excellent way how a volunteer can make

people are afraid to stop at red lights.

He stopped at a red light and witnessed four or five boys trap two girls against a wall. It turned out the girls weren't really in danger, he said, but the incident got him to thinking about kids needing positive role models:

"When I was growing up, any boy who acted so aggressively toward a girl or anyone so much smaller and weaker would have

a difference. Pearson said he took a couple of wrong turns one evening and ended up in a neighborhood where

quickly found himself on the receiving end of a stern reprimand.

"This would have been issued by an older, wiser, concerned male — if not the boy's own father, then a teacher, coach or neighbor. It occurred to me that, in all likelihood, no such men existed in those boys' lives. . . .

"To me, that meant they weren't only lacking in compassion, personal discipline and the basic sense that some things you don't do, just because they're wrong, but also in many other positive qualities I picked up from my dad but had always taken for granted. . . .

"I replayed images of my dad marching me off to apologize and make reparation for some damage I once did to a neighbor's property and many other instances when he

taught me life-lessons in suitable ways. . . . I began to consider how much of the violence in today's headlines has its origin in the moral-leadership vacuum that's created when a father isn't around. . . . These days, of course, a far more likely scenario is that the father is alive but absent. In any case, lots of kids are growing up without fathers today. . . .

"I'm not exaggerating when I say that it (volunteering) has proven to be one of the best things I've ever done with my free time. Week after week, spending a few hours with my Little Brother gives me the opportunity to make a real difference in the fatherless boy's life, while enjoying the simple pleasures of seeing a child having fun. And speaking of fun, where else would

I have found a good excuse to fly kites, drive go-carts and play wiffle ball. . . .

"The only caveat I attached to my application was that my Little Brother have a positive streak. I didn't care if he was into baseball or books or basket weaving, as long as there was something that put a smile on his face.

"Maybe I'm helping a good kid stay good. Maybe it's something even more important. Who knows what might have been if a Big Brother hadn't come into this boy's life?"

The author explained it very well and I love what he said: "helping a good kid stay good." The slant is toward boys, but we have young ladies needing mentors also, so I encourage you to contact me and begin to make a difference!

It's in the bag



George Knox of the Red Cross from Wichita bagged and labeled pints of blood collected at the Goodland blood drive last Tuesday at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. The three nurses kept busy as they had 138 people show up to give blood. There were seven new donors, officials said, and only five were turned away. Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

Foundation gives scholarships

Several area students have been awarded \$500 scholarships from the Pete Henry Foundation.

Tiffany Schwasinger, Alyssa Mason, Amanda Hoffman and Matthew Hall of Goodland won scholarships, as did Kristy Jamison of Brewster.

JoAnna Klinge, Maranda Busen, Jonathan Rasmussen and Renee Rains of Wallace County High School received scholarships, along with Stephanie Snyder of Cheylin.

Pete Henry was a farmer for many years in the Brewster area. He had an inquiring mind and knew the value of hard work, thrift and good management.

His dream was to assist students

in furthering their education. He established a foundation to award academic and technical training scholarships to students from Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas and Wallace counties.

Henry grew up in Nebraska and managed the household for his four younger brothers and sisters after his mother died when he was 13.

In 1949, he rented land south of Brewster from former neighbors in Nebraska and learned to farm by watching his neighbors.

He provided nearly all the labor on the farm until he was 88, and until his death in 2002, made all the management decisions.



Mason



Hoffman



Schwasinger



Hall

Junior high student wins national award



Bellamy

A Grant Junior High School student was named a national award winner by the United States Achievement Academy.

Kerri Bellamy was nominated by Lindsey Emig, a teacher at the junior high, for the award in English.

She is the daughter of Randy and Susan Bellamy of Goodland.

The late Paul and Juanita Kling of Goodland and Joe and Lloydelle Bellamy of Elwood, Neb., are her grandparents.

The academy selects winners on the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and its own standards.

Those include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

The group recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Goodland and Edson boys win with cattle, showmanship

Two Goodland boys and two Edson boys won awards for their cattle, and one also was honored for his showmanship, at the Kansas Classic on Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4, in Hutchinson.

Chance Schilling of Edson had the champion Limousin, and Clay Schilling had the reserve Limousin. A crossbred exhibited by Jace Mosbarger of Goodland

earned the grand champion steer title from a group of 92 entries, and Jace won the reserve in intermediate beef showmanship.

John Mosbarger of Goodland had the champion Chianina. More than 200 youths from across the state competed in the event, which attracted 443 head of cattle and sheep from nearly 60 Kansas counties.

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in district court:

Feb. 24 — Jennifer F. Aguirre, 20, of Kanorado was fined \$10 for no seat belt as a passenger.

Jeannie L. James, 82, was fined \$143 for speeding, 74/55.

Catherine D. Penny, 77, of Burlington was fined \$254 for speeding, 86/55.

Tahnee P. Campbell, 27, of Lakewood, Colo., was fined \$254 for speeding, 101/70.

Feb. 25 — Nicholas E. Rubio, 21, of Goodland was fined \$119 for speeding, 85/70.

Jeffrey W. Gray, 40, of Brewster was fined \$95 for speeding, 66/55.

Feb. 26 — Gary D. Lucas, 59, of Goodland was fined \$131 for speeding, 72/55.

Store owner named to advisory council

John Garcia, owner of Garcia's Home Furnishing and Appliance, has been appointed to serve on the Business Advisory Council in recognition of his contributions to the Republican Party.

Garcia will serve the state of Kansas in the party's efforts to involve business people in government reform. He has supported Republican ideals, particularly tax reform.

The council, part of the Republican Congressional Committee, is dedicated to making sure small business has a voice in Washington.



Garcia

Internet tonight!
899-2338

Graduation '03

Yvette Acosta



Parents: George and Yvonne Acosta
Favorite high school memory: Prom night with Tyrell, Jenny, Bryce and Laura.
Plans after graduation: Attend DeVry University in Denver.

In ten years: Have a successful career and be happily married.

Kevin Kibel



Parents: Stan and Dawn Kibel
Favorite high school memory: Being in Mrs. Harder's class with Blake and Wendy.

Plans after graduation: Working with Hitchcock's for three years and then go to lineman school, unless I change my mind and stay with Hitchcocks.

In ten years: Raising a family, party, having a fun job and hunting.

Kayla Williams



Parents: Rodney and Kimberly Roeder
Favorite high school memory: Going with Mr. Walker on the Biology II bird trip.

Plans after graduation: Go to Colby College and transfer to McPherson College.

In ten years: To have my masters degree and be working on my Ph.D. in psychology.

Jenna Roane



Parents: Jerry and Julie Roane
Favorite high school memory: All the good times with my friends.

Plans after graduation: I am attending Garden City Community College and planning to transfer to Johnson County Community College to finish my degree.

In ten years: Hopefully married and have a good job doing something I love!

Correction

These four graduates were left out of the special section printed Friday in *The Goodland Star-News* because three of them graduated after the first semester, and the fourth was one the school said was not officially graduating.

We are sorry they were not included in the special graduation section but congratulate them for completing their high school education at Goodland High School.

The editors