

# Homecoming royalty candidates



Goodland High School homecoming royalty candidates were selected by the students last week, and the winners will be crowned during the halftime of the game Friday against Oberlin at Cowboys Stadium. Those nominated include (front l-r) Taylor McLemore, Heather West, Kirsten Dutton and Courtney Sheldon; (second row) Whitney Schields, Devin Mangus, Shelbi Hall and Kade Sheldon; (back row) Brandon Rome, Keegan Smith, Andrew Taylor and Travis Angelos.

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# Finances improving for Big Brothers Big Sisters

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Finances are improving for Big Brothers Big Sisters in four north-west Kansas counties, and several events are being planned for mentors and youths alike, but the need for more mentors is something the interim director is acutely aware of.



Wellman

Wendy Wellmann, interim director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kansas for Sherman, Cheyenne, Logan and Wallace counties, received an \$8,000 state grant, has received help from area organizations and is trying to get a \$27,000 federal grant through the governor.

An area club is planning a garage sale and bake sale to benefit the organization, and events are planned to help parents, youths and mentors, but more mentors are needed, a minimum of 31 to be exact.

The organization received an \$8,008 Kansas Mentors Grant Oct. 1 that will help with site-based

matches (mentors meet children at school) in Cheyenne County. The Cheylin School in Bird City has had a good program with site-based matches since 2006, Wellmann said, and now there is money to expand into the St. Francis schools.

The Cheyenne County attorney and commissioners have also given \$1,250 to the program, she said, and Sherman County businesses and organizations have also been supportive.

'Tis the Season Collectors Club is planning a Holiday Garage Sale to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters as well. The garage and bake sale will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at 323 Harrison.

The club is asking for donations of slightly used, unwanted Christmas and other seasonal and holiday crafts, collectibles and home decor. Homemade bake sale items are also welcome.

Donations can be dropped off at

323 Harrison any time. Call Judy McKee 890-5188 or Wellmann at 899-9213.

"I'm so excited they agreed to do this again," Wellmann said. "I'll probably be doing a lot of baking at my house that week."

Anyone donating or helping with the sale would be appreciated, she said.

Wellmann has also put in for a \$27,000 governor's grant and expects to know for sure if they will get that in about a month.

"A challenge with a non-profit organization," she said, "is it's always in the back of your mind, 'Am I going to be able to do my best job and make payroll three months from now?'"

Once the money side is taken care of, Wellmann said, it is easier to focus time and attention on the organization's purpose, providing children with mentors.

There are 31 children on the waiting list in Sherman County, she said, and that is hard. There is a desperate need of "Bigs," she said,

for children from age 5 through high school.

One girl lost her Big Sister when the mentor moved out of state, Wellmann said, and keeps asking, "When do I get a Big Sister? I miss her."

"I run into some out buying groceries," Wellmann said, "and they ask 'Will there ever be anyone who wants me?'"

"I always say, 'Not yet.'" Even two hours a week could make a lot of kids really happy, she said, and could certainly change their lives.

The organization plans activities for the "Bigs" and "Littles," Wellmann said, and still does things for kids who are not matched yet.

Bullying 101 is planned for Wednesday, Oct. 15, she said, to help parents and mentors know what to look for and how to help children who are being bullied. Free pizza will be served, she said, adding that anyone wanting to attend needs to R.S.V.P. by calling the office at 890-3665 or her at 821-4298.

Pumpkin Mania will be Wednesday, Oct. 22, and will include decorating pumpkins and fun fall crafts and activities.

The annual Halloween Dance will be from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Knights of Columbus. "Bigs," "Littles" and their families can attend for free, Wellmann said; for everyone else, the cost is \$5. There will be costume contests, she added.

The organization is just getting started in Logan County, she said, and will be holding a Halloween Parade and supper for those who participate in the parade with help from the Extension Office there.

Wellmann has conferences in St. Francis and Bird City to work on matches up there.

"We have a lot of things going on," she said, "which is a good thing. It's a program I really believe in. Even children with two caring parents can benefit — it's another person in their life to care and cheer

them on." Wellmann started as a case manager in 2005 and served in that capacity for a year before taking a full-time position at the Regional Prevention Center. During the two years there, she served on the Big Brothers Big Sisters board.

Wellmann said it was a difficult decision to leave the prevention center because it was a job she loved, but after she and husband John got the surprise of their life when son Will was born, driving back and forth to Colby each day to work in the office there and getting Will to day care became really difficult.

When Big Brothers Big Sisters Director Sarah Thompson resigned in June, the board asked Wellmann to fill in, and she started in July. The office moved in April to the east side the American Family Insurance building next to the Van Gogh painting.

## matters of record

### District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the ticket.

**Aug. 25, 2004:** Justin R. Campbell, 20, Commerce City, Colo., \$282 for speeding.

**Aug. 14, 2006:** Joseph Donohue, 72, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., \$255 for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle.

**Jan. 6:** Vaden J. Chandler, 27, Springfield, Colo., \$75 for not having liability insurance.

**May 23:** Cameron M. Bodner, 38, Aurora, Colo., \$159 for speeding, 89/70.

**May 26:** Traci L. Byers, 24, Kansas City, Kan., \$123 for speeding.

**June 5:** Amy R. Cessna, 25, Wentzville, Mo., \$147 for speeding, 77/60.

**June 10:** Robert C. Castaneda, 33, East Moline, Ill., \$216 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

**June 13:** Megan C. Donovan, 26, St. Charles, Ill., \$159 for speeding, 89/70.

**June 30:** Casey R. Bargar, 28, Titusville, Pa., \$141 for speeding, 86/70.

**July 1:** Glenn F. Bass, 43, Brighton, Colo., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not paying United Carrier fees.

**July 2:** Richard Byrd, 38, Barnsdall, Okla., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not paying United Carrier fees.

**July 3:** Alphonzo L. Berry, 35, Kansas City, Kan., \$135 for speeding, 85/70.

**July 5:** Christopher J. Anderson, 39, Thornton, Colo., \$141 for speeding, 86/70.

Francisco J. Castro, 51, North Miami, Fla., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, no United Carrier permit.

**July 13:** Henry Austin, 64, North Las Vegas, Nev., \$141 for speeding, 86/70.

Laural K. Belshe, 52, Goodland, \$141 for improper parking.

**July 14:** Richard Boone, 67, Thomasville, N.C., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not paying United

### Carrier fees.

**July 15:** Philip W. Allen, 35, Reeds, Mo., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, no having United Carrier permit.

William L. Cope, 41, Lynn Haven, Fla., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not paying United Carrier fees.

**July 16:** Brett L. Beringer, 34, Goodland, \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not paying United Carrier fees, and \$230 for being over weight limits on wheels and axles.

**July 18:** Robert C. Banu, 23, Vancouver, Wash., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, false log.

**July 20:** Raul A. Bustillos-Sa, 26,

Burlington, \$135 for unlawful use of driver's license, \$80 for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license and \$60 for not having a child in a safety restraint.

Wendy R. Dewitt, 37, Colorado Springs, \$135 for speeding, 85/70.

**July 22:** James L. Bailes, 31, Gardner, \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not paying United Carrier fees.

**July 24:** Linda S. Anderson, 41, Eureka Springs, Ark., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not paying United Carrier fees.

Edward N. Armstrong, 49, Agassiz, British Columbia, Canada, \$175 for violating motor carrier safety

rules and regulations, not paying United Carrier fees.

Raul B. Cruz, 25, Oklahoma City, \$135 for speeding, 85/70.

**July 25:** Huler Dixon Jr., 56, Washington, D.C., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not registering with United Carrier and 11-hour rule.

**July 26:** Victoria L. Davis, 38, Morgan Hill, Calif., \$129 for speeding, 84/70.

**July 27:** Brett D. Banks, 38, Palm Bay, Fla., \$147 for speeding, 87/70.

**July 28:** David L. Brown, 42, Hampton, Ga., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not paying United Carrier fees.

- Caleb Fugleberg
- Kaitlin Fugleberg
- Brendan Fulcher
- Michaela Garrett
- Natasha Gaydusek
- Garrett Geist
- Ryan Irvin
- Tylor Jones
- Aryn Khan
- Kaitlyn Lammers
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- Devin Mangus
- John McCool
- BreAnna Nemechek

# Goodland High School Band



- Riley Oharah
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- Danielle Pettibone
- Michael Pettibone

- LeRoy Prine
- Kendra Promise
- Arnaldo Rangel
- Andrew Shores

- Seth Stramel
- Jacob Terry
- Sydnee Thornburg
- Nicolette Wallis

- Sydney Winston
- Erica Fenner
- Reed Bellamy
- Stephen Buller

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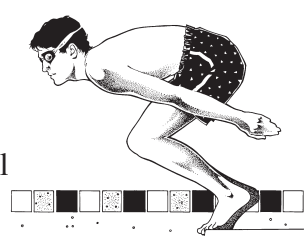
Boy's Basketball Clinic starts October 20 for grades 1st-6th.  
Registrations ends October 10!  
**SIGN UP NOW! COACHES NEEDED!**



Goodland Activities Center is now offering swim passes at America's Best Value Inn. Only 35 passes available so come in now to reserve your swim pass!

### SWIM PASS PRICING

- \$45 for individual member
- \$55 for member family
- \$60 for non-member individual
- \$70 for non-member family



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