

Bigs and littles gather for pool party, picnic



Chris Millam (back, left to right), Greg Sederstrom and Gloria Bustillos and (front, left to right) Sheryl Millam, Morgan Hand and her “Big Sister” Inez DePlata filled their plates at the Big Brothers Big Sisters picnic at Steever Park Sunday, Aug. 15. Chris Millam, Corey Millam and Blaine Sapp floated in the pool.

Photos by Dennis Daise

Article says father’s absence often leads to crime

The school year is upon us, and enrollment is taking place at each of the schools. Our second annual pool/picnic party was chilly, but it was a fun activity with a lot of good food at Steever Park.

This is one of the many activities that we offer to families that are involved in our program and those who volunteer in other ways to promote our program.

As the school year begins, give us a call or pick up the information at the school that will share a little bit of what we try to do in helping kids find a Big Brother or Big Sister.

Last month, I shared some information based on an article entitled “Parents or Prison” by Jennifer Roback Morse.

To continue, from an article in the 2000 *Criminology*, Morse said that “father absence is more significant than poverty in predicting the crime rate.

“A more subtle connection between the fractured and criminal behavior is the possibility that the



dennis
daise

- big brothers big sisters

child does not form strong human attachments during infancy. A child obviously cannot attach to an absent parent. If the one remaining parent is overwhelmed or exhausted or preoccupied, the child may not form a proper attachment even to that parent.

“In most families, the parents win the race between the growth of the child’s body and that of his conscience. By the time a child is too large and strong to muscle around, he had better have some self-command.

“If he doesn’t, somebody will have to monitor his behavior all the time. . . . Punishments won’t have much impact. He will become more

sophisticated at calculating what he wants to try to get away with.”

Morse’s article shares what can be a destructive situation in a child’s life. “A single mother, for instance, may try to enlist the help of her parents or other extended family members if she has a truly out-of-control child.

“The family. . . rearranges itself to protect itself from the child who is disruptive, defiant, or violent. The family has to provide extremely tight supervision or else bear the brunt of the child’s behavior.”

Morse states some figures that probably are not close to the costs in Kansas, but the facts bear out what money is used for either good or rehabilitation.

Using figures from the California

Youth Authority juvenile branch, Morse notes the “system works with youngsters in a variety of settings, including camps, schools and residential treatment facilities. . . the state spends approximately \$49,200 per year per person. . .

“If that same young person could function normally in society, he would cost taxpayers about \$8,568 per year in kindergarten through 12th education. . .

“The educational system represents an investment; the state’s expenditures are likely to be repaid over the years by its graduates when they become productive citizens.

“By contrast, the money spent on incarceration has little prospect of turning the individual into a more productive citizen.”

Concluding with this portion of Morse’s article she notes, “To say that a child of a single mother is twice as likely to commit crime as the child of married parents is not to say that each and every child of

every unwed mother will commit crimes or that no child of married parents will ever commit crimes. It is simply to say that growing up with unmarried parents is a significant risk factor.”

To finish, Big Brothers Big Sisters attempt to offer that link to assist the single parent. We can’t offer guarantees but assistance to find a friend for the child. The child will still have to make the right choices, but why not lessen the risk if possible?

Growing up, I enjoyed watching the Wizard of Oz, and my favorite character was the Cowardly Lion.

E.Y. Harburg was quoted on why he thought Bert Lahr was the right

person to play the lion: “I accepted Bert and wanted him for the part because the role was one of the things that the The Wizard of Oz stands for, the search for some basic human necessity.

“At the heart of this seeking after courage is fear. . . . When the Cowardly Lion admits he lacks courage, everybody’s heart is out to him. . . . Bert had that quality. . . It was in his face, it was in his talk, it was in himself.”

Facing fear as a single parent or as a child without a mom or a dad takes courage. Would you face your fear of volunteering or involve your child with our affiliate and have the COURAGE to make a difference?

matters of record

Accidents

The following accidents were reported to the Goodland Police Department:

August 11 — Donice L. Monhollon was backing up in her 1972 GMC pickup in the alley at Walnut and 2nd when she struck a telephone pole owned by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

August 13 — Jerry K. Amthor’s 1998 Ford sports utility vehicle was struck on the passenger side door and sliding door while parked by an unknown vehicle in a hit-and-run accident at Caldwell and 6th.

August 15 — Cody A. Engel backed his 1997 Mazda into Jamie Knox’s 2000 Chevrolet at Cherry and 14th.

Municipal Traffic

The following traffic fines have been paid in Municipal Court:

August 3 — Gage A. Cloyd, 19, of Goodland was fined \$96 for exhibition of speed.

August 9 — Denise J. Dove, 36, of Belleville was fined \$88 for speeding, 53/40.

George M. Lammers, 49, of Goodland was fined \$76 for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

August 11 — Ronald R. Thompson, 43, of Goodland was fined \$236 and sentenced to five days of jail, suspended, for driving while suspended.

Kenney Gonzales, 31, of Goodland was fined \$96 for no driver’s license.

Polly S. Barnhart, 31, of Goodland was fined \$136 for criminal damage to property and \$100 for disorderly conduct.

August 13 — Judy M. Harper of Goodland was fined \$76 for parking without current registration.

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

July 2 — James B. McLaughlin, Tickfaw, La. was fined \$90 for speeding.

Suzanne M. Leytham, 41, Aurora, Colo. was fined \$138 for speeding.

Nick H. Kosini, 76, San Antonio, Texas was fined \$111 for overweight limit on wheels and axles.

Tomas K. Weldemariam, 24, Arlington, Va. was fined \$144 for speeding.

Enrique Quintana-Alvarez, 34, Denver, Colo. was fined \$80 for no child restraint.

Goodland High School Black & Gold Booster Club

Proudly supporting all GHS students
in Academics, Activities and Athletics

Membership Barbeque
Friday, August 27
5:30 p.m.

Cowboy Stadium
\$3.00 per plate (200 Only)
(No carry outs please)

Admission

Bar of soap or blank VHS tape

Thank You to the following donors

Hamburgers: Century Feeders and Bob’s Meat Block
Buns: Eklund’s First Insurance
Chips: WalMart
Condiments: Short & Son, Inc.
Paper Goods: Wilkens Truck & Trailer
Drink: Goodland Coca Cola
Publicity: **Goodland Star-News**
Eagle Communications
S & T Communications

We want parents, grandparents, business people, faculty, staff
and YOU to be members!

Membership

Single \$10
Family \$15
Black \$25
Gold \$50

Football Pictures 4 p.m.
Scrimmage begins at 5 p.m.
Cross County Pictures 5:30 p.m.
Girl’s Run begins at 6 p.m.
Boys Run begins at 7 p.m.
Parents meeting to follow



Crossword Puzzle

1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13
14					15					16				
17										19				
20				21						22				
23					24			25		26		27	28	29
	30			31			32		33			34		
					35		36		37			38		
39	40	41				42		43		44				
45						46		47		48				
49							50				51	52	53	
54				55	56		57		58	59		60		61
					62		63		64		65			
66	67	68						69				70		
71									72			73		
74									75				76	

CLUES ACROSS

- Nichts
- Totals
- Takes
- Compass Pt.
- Hello!
- Long spears
- Munch
- Beige
- Relative
- Fiasco
- African antelope
- Droops
- East
- Cowed
- One of the Cartwrights
- Artful
- Genius
- Stretch to make due
- Cut
- Prayer ending
- Chartering
- A designer drug
- Evils
- Dot
- Able
- Dekameter, abbr.
- In addition, prefix
- Thread
- Abraham’s son
- Strand of hair
- Duck-like bird
- Lick
- TV newsman
- Regard
- Nimbus
- Nurse, abbr.
- Doable
- Extinguished
- Chemical elements
- Antenna
- Bunsen burner
- Fawn’s mom

CLUES DOWN

- Requires
- O.T. prophet
- Drops
- Pros
- Formal statement
- Challenges
- Lemony
- The scum formed by molten metals
- Mock
- Boredom
- Skit
- Garland
- Compass pt.
- Impose a tax
- Away from wind
- Mother
- Frosts
- Refuse to believe
- Participate in winter sport
- Women’s group
- Goals
- Ambush
- Sandbanks
- Cervids
- _____ mater
- Ancient European region
- Mole
- Expensive material with a raised pattern
- Stormy
- Amateur
- Defense
- Waitress on Cheers
- Bottle for salad dressing
- Muslim “bible”
- Tight
- Pare
- Naught
- Gardner, actress
- Perish
- Damage

The crossword puzzle brought to you by:

BOWLADUM LANES

509 Caldwell, Goodland • 890-6246

Fall Leagues now forming

Mixed league Monday - Wednesday - Thursday
Mens league Monday - Wednesday - Thursday
Come try our new menu items

Internet tonight! 899-2338