

Organizations observe crime prevention month

October is crime prevention month, and local law enforcement and Neighborhood Watch are doing everything possible to make citizens aware of how to prevent crime.

There is a crime we tend to forget, bullying, and put it off as “kids being kids;” however, bullying is a crime.

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The Mayo Clinic defines bullying as a specific type of aggression in which:

1. The behavior is intended to harm or disturb.
2. The behavior occurs repeatedly over time.
3. There is an imbalance of power, with a more powerful person



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or group attacking a less powerful one (Mayo Clinic, 2001).

These definitions convey the importance of the underlying motive. Bullying is something that someone does or says to gain power and dominance over another, including any action or implied action, such as threats, intended to cause fear and distress.

Conflict is an inevitable part of childhood, and not all conflict is harmful or bad. Destructive conflict damages relationships, creates bad feelings and leads to future problems.

But constructive conflict helps

see things from other perspectives.

As with most harmful behavior among children, in general, bullying occurs wherever there is the least structure and adult supervision. Most incidents tend to occur on the playground, in bathrooms, locker rooms, cafeterias, hallways, at bus stops and on the school bus.

In confidential surveys, children say the rides to and from school on the bus are often the periods of greatest vulnerability for them. At school, adolescents indicate that locker rooms are a major area of bullying and hazing (Garbarino and deLara, 2002).

Hazing is a specific form of bullying that involves a person or group of people committing harmful acts against an individual or group in order for the person to be initiated into or affiliated with an organization.

A study released by the United States Secret Service and the Department of Education in May 2002 provides a clear reason to take bullying seriously. After interviewing 41 school shooters in 37 incidents, they found that two-thirds had been bullied, and their attacks were motivated by a will to seek revenge.

The shooters also did not limit their attack to students; often teachers and administrators are also targeted (Vossekuil, et al, 2002).

Too many adults still see bullying as a normal part of childhood. After all, they more than likely either witnessed it or experienced it as children. As a result of this attitude, adults sometimes fail to intervene.

But the consensus among researchers is that bullying is not the same as it was even 10 years ago. Researchers say that it is significantly more brutal than it was just 10 to 15 years ago (Olweus, 1993).

The following are just a few resources where you can find information:

- At info@hamfish.org.
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jjbulletin/9804/bullying.html>.
- ERIC Clearinghouse (Easing the Teasing) <http://www.ericfacility.net/ericdigests/ed431555.html>.
- Preventing Bullying: A Manual for Schools and Communities <http://www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/ssp/bullymanual.htm>.
- National Education Association on bullying <http://nea.org/school-safety/bullying.html>.
- Committee for Children tips for parents http://www.cfchildren.org/resources_parent.shtml.

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• Bullying at School, the Scottish Council for Research in Education Center at the University of Glasgow <http://www.scrc.ac.uk/bullying/whatisbul.html>.

• Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) on bullying <http://www.ericfacility.net/ericdigests/ed407154.html>.

• National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center on bullying <http://www.safeyouth.org/scripts/teens/bullying.asp>.

• Department of Defense Education Activity on bullying <http://www.dodsafeschools.org/members/antibullying.html>.

Together, we can prevent “kids being kids” from becoming a crime and offer safer schools and communities for our children.

If you do not have access to the Internet, call me at 785-899-3848 for a printout of the full report. I will be more than glad to mail it to you.

Maidens and bachelors told each other's faults,perfections at banquet

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Sherman County Historical Society

October 16, 1904: The Bachelor's Big Success — One Hundred Sit At Tables of 'Single Blessedness' — Maidens and Bachelors Tell of Each Other's Faults and Perfections During Program of Toasts at Banquet in Opera House — If married life is made of pain and pleasure, the 100 maidens and bachelors that sat together at the banquet tables were more convinced than ever that single blessedness is all of joy.

Behind every shaft of irony from the bachelor chivalry lay concealed, and for praise it was seen that from

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the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. The maiden, in painting the bachelor, dipped her brush in colors best fit to show him true; then marked him over with gobs of black only to restore him with her greater art.

From eight o'clock in the evening until midnight the scene was one of festivity. The invitations sent out invited the bachelors only, and so they came one by one into the banquet hall looking for the other half.

The maids, who had been “cornered” at the Sapp and Seaman residences, were masked in mantles of snowy white. Soon as they were ushered in, the bachelors began to pick for supper.

Pairs never before dreamed of were disclosed at the unmasking just before supper was served — like spring and fall wheat, the hard and soft indiscriminately mixed.

So they ate, drank and were merry. Following came a program of toasts. George Bradley led the list. He managed to brave the faces of the fair and started the toasting safe and easy — not too much for or against — but before the program was done, love had swallowed up most all of hate.

Richard Auer, who finished for the bachelors, taking discretion as the better part of valor, calmed the maidens with words that smacked of praise and admiration for the Goodland girl.

Miss Agnes Haney spoke the closing words for the maids, and after soundly lecturing the bachelors for their importations, when the home grown products are the best in the land, she became moved with a kinder feeling and returned the honors of the previous speaker.

“All the speakers did exceptionally well,” was the common verdict of the spectators.

And complimentary words were heard among the banqueters. The supper, which was luxurious, was served by the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church. The net receipts amounted to \$35 which will go into the treasury of the ladies society.

October 17, 1904: Wilson Bros. have placed an order for 10,000 letter heads with the job department of this paper. This is the largest order of this kind that has ever been

placed at any one time with any Goodland paper.

October 18, 1904: Will Be a Great Improvement to Our Growing and Beautiful City — The Heston-Cullen Brick is fast approaching completion, work now being done on the second story.

It will be a fine building and an ornament to that part of the business street. Within two weeks, the roof will be on and the entire building enclosed. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by the middle of December.

The big brick on the corner of 10th street and Boulevard is being rapidly put up. Eight brick layers and the foreman, Mr. Strott, and two mortar tenders are here from Colorado Springs.

Three brick tenders of Goodland are helping. A force of carpenters are keeping pace with the masons in

putting in the dimension lumber frames.

When completed, it will be the finest brick building ever put up in Goodland. The walls are extra heavy and the material first class.

The building is being put up on contract by Slesinger & Strott, of Colorado Springs. Wallace Filer and son, Glen, are doing the carpenter work.

This building will be a great improvement to the appearance of our town. The Goodland State Bank will occupy the southeast corner of the block, and it is reported that J.W. Bower & Son will occupy the store building.

From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.

Garagesale to benefit Hospice

With fall weather, many people start to think about the upcoming holidays. For many of us, a big part of the holidays is decorating their homes.

And now, buying holiday decorations can help others receive care and comfort during a final illness.

The 'Tis the Season Collectors Club will have its second annual Holiday Garage Sale, with the proceeds benefiting Hospice Services in Sherman County.

The garage sale will be from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at 323 Harrison. Even though the fall and winter holidays are coming up, the garage sale will have items for all holidays, including Valentines Day, Easter and the Fourth of July. There will also be craft items and a bake sale.

To keep their registration with Hallmark, the club must do a community service project, and the members chose to support Hospice Services.

“Hospice Services is one of those organizations that is always in the background,” said Judy McKee, a member of the club. “It is so easy for our community to forget we have a hospice organization.”

“Bringing death out into the open and making sickness and loss a time of sharing and remembrance is difficult,” said Julia Schemper, administrative assistant at Hospice Services. “Most people don’t know about hospice care until they need it.”

Those who choose hospice find the “specialness” of caring for a loved one and the richness of sharing memories of youth, trials and joys a rewarding experience never to be forgotten, Schemper said.

“Hospice Service cared for my father-in-law,” McKee said. “Hospice prepared not only the family, but also my father-in-law, to be in his country home around his natural surroundings during the last days of his life.”

“They provided the emotional support for all of his children to be at his side. The bonding we had for those six weeks was extraordinary.”

Hospice care is provided by physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, pastoral caregivers and volunteers, Schemper said, working as a team. They extend physical, emotional and spiritual support to patients and their families.

Patients and their families use this comprehensive support and care system to meet their own needs. After the patient's death, hospice stays involved with the family through bereavement services.

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