State meeting includes discussion, training, speaker

Attending the Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters State meeting the first part of November was informative and interesting for all affiliates.

At times, trying to equate the larger cities with the smaller communities can be trying. One of the sessions involved a round table discussion with the various affiliates and checking what works and doesn't work in serving at-risk families.

This was the second year for the annual state meeting and with the second year, the speakers and resources improved tremendously. Some of the topics included Bowl



toring model, Bigs in School, a ser- program entitled Amachi. Amachi vice delivery model, program op- is a West African word that means tions and mentoring children of in- "Who knows but what God has carcerated parents.

During the convention, it was

son Goode was the keynote speaker and the developer of a faith-based

parents.

brought us through this child."

Goode was committed to helping mentioned that Kansas Big Broth- the kids at risk from losing a parent ers Big Sisters was recently award- or parents to being in jail. He pered a large grant that encourages the sonally enlisted 50 pastors in the would have their own children enfor Kids training, Hispanic men-matching of kids of incarcerated Philadelphia area and obtained terprison also. This is the reason he and hopefully were noticed by a sister. God bless.

The Rev. would enlist volunteers in their con-Dr. W. Wilgregations to be mentors.

Goode shared that he regularly visits prisons and will visit with the incarcerated parents and they will tell him about their children. At one prison, he found that a grandfather, a father and the son from the same family were all detained in the system. He realized that the generation link must be stopped or those who are in prison will be followed by a member of their family.

One statistic that he mentioned was that 70 percent of prisoners

commitments that each pastor has a heart for the kids and why he person willing to make a difference started Amachi. Hopefully Sherman County can assist any kids who have a parent in jail and give them Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shera chance to break the chain and become a responsible citizen.

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, the Goodland Kiwanis Club was gracious enough to invite as many of the matches as possible for the noon meeting. Those that attended enjoyed the excellent Thanksgiving meal and the fellowship with their please give us a holler. We would big brother or big sister who accompanied them.

waiting list were also able to attend have in getting a big brother or a big

in a child's life.

To close, on Thursday, Dec. 2, man County will have its second annual Christmas party for those involved in the program. I want to thank Drew Rohlman for providing the Recreation Dome and pool for the activity.

If you are interested in attending and being involved in our program, like to assist your family in celebrating the holiday season and bringing Several students who are on the the best Christmas a child could

Christmas shopping race begins; woman learned lesson about credit

Thanksgiving is over, and the Christmas race has begun. There were several craft fairs for people to visit and buy gifts.

I remember a couple of years ago, before my leg injuries, I met a couple of ladies who were making the rounds of these groups. There were discussing their purchases and were stunned to find out just how much money they had spent.

The one lady said she was needing a place to hide her purchases, so she could sneak a few into the house at a time. She said her husband was going to go bananas when he figured out how much was charged on their credit card.

I saw her a few days after Christ-



over how much she put them into debt. Later in the year, we met cussed the gift-buying issue. again, and she told me he was still upset and the credit card was off plan on how to do it, as our small limits to her come the Christmas season.

I don't know how it worked out. but she did admit the finance costs for the spending spree were unbelievable. By the way, she saved some of her purchases for the next become the elephants that fill up the mas, and she said he was still upset holiday season and was never going drawers and are never used.

to do it again as long as she lived. What a sad lesson to learn; and how quickly you can get into trouble with those darn credit cards!

While in Fort Collins, we dis-

family is growing since the kids are marrying and having families of their own.

As Martha noted, most have what they want or go and buy it when they want it. So many of the gifts just

the little ones money rather than a toy or clothes. It will be interesting to find out how it works. We may change tactics but will never know how it works without trying the plan.

I had a Thanksgiving meal at the We all agreed that we needed to home of Father and Mary Lycett, the priest at St. Paul's. It was an en- those of Claire Bowker, Joslyn to plague many in our community. joyable meal, and was nice to visit with all who were there.

There were a lot of combined family dinners around town, and I hope each was as nice as the one I

was invited to. With the holiday, I almost forgot to get this column ready. I don't re-

It seems like the smaller kids like ally have much news, but several holiday and tell me that Bob had the boxes better than the gifts that said they would call me for the next caught the fluor whatever it was just were in them. We decided to give issue. I saw several people when a day after I left for home. They Reita and I went to Wal-Mart a few days ago.

> It was so neat to visit with these people. Most told me that they enjoy keeping up with my process of getting back to normal with the writing of this column.

Birthdays on my calendar include Acuff, Gracia Maricle, Harriet Demaree, Marvin Swayne, Ted Swayne and Rosetta Lindsten. Happy birthday wishes to these and any others having that special day. There are no anniversaries that I know of.

Martha called to wish me happy

hoped I didn't get sick even though we all had gotten the flu shot, them in October and mine just a week before going to see the doctor. I can't run away from it or any other cold-related aches. I just hope it leaves me without any problems.

Illness and health issues continue Not wanting to miss anyone, I won't mention anybody, but will just send get well wishes to all who are sick.

This weather, cold and warm, isn't helping to keep these bugs at bay. So take care, and I hope you all stay free from this bug going around. See you next time.

Goodland native pledges in sorority

Jocelyn Blair Lucas, daughter of were extended to women who com- spring. These sororities include Al-

Jack and Linda Lucas of Goodland, pledged in the Gamma Phi Beta sorority at the University of Kansas during fall formal recruitment. Lucas, a freshman, is a

pre-allied health major. She is a 2004 Goodland High School graduate.

Sororities at the university pledged 608 of the more than 807 women who took part fall semester, and their new mem- Beta Phi, Sigma Delta Tau and



Lucas

in the recruitment. Membership bids bers' names are announced in the Sigma Kappa.

The 13 Panhellenic sororities Delta, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi

bringing up that seed

again. More details

were revealed over

time, which allowed

people to identify the seed when he arrived.

He would be from

the line of Isaac,



Studying Bible as a whole can reduce confusion sharon

corcoran

use it or lose it

Some may be confused by scriptures that seem to contradict each other, such as John 3:16 and John 17:14, but knowing the entire word of God clears up a lot.

As most know, John 3:16 says, "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten Son,



pha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Mu Sigma Upsilon, Sigma sity's Panhellenic Asso- Gamma Rho, Sigma Lambda ciation sororities added Gamma and Zeta Phi Beta.

addition to those 13, six with active student chapters at the sororities with student university are Alpha Chi Omega, chapters at KU are mem- Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma bers of the National Pan- Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Delta They hold invitational Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa activities throughout the Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi

in order that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life."

John 17:14 says, "I have given your word to them, but the world has hated them, because they are not part of the world, just as I am no part of the world."

It wouldn't make sense to say the same world God loved hated Jesus' followers and that Jesus and his followers would not be part of that world, especially since Jesus' followers would be among those exercising faith.

Clearly, two different "worlds" are referred to, that is, different meanings of the word. The world God loved is mankind in general; everyone has the opportunity to exercise faith. Some won't. They are the world that hates Jesus's follow-

How can we have confidence in the Bible and not worry about seeming contradictions?

One way is to know the Bible front to back, not to memorize it, of course, but to know what it is about. Like most books, the Bible has a theme. It is more complex than other books, so is divided into "books," chapters and verses, rather than just chapters. But it has one theme from beginning to end.

That theme is God's kingdom. Genesis 1:27, 28 says, "And God proceeded to create the man in his

him; male and female he created them. Further, God blessed them role he would fulfill was revealed, and God said to them: 'Be fruitful and prophecies gave details that and become many and fill the earth made him easy to identify, such as and subdue it, and have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and every living creature that is moving upon the earth."

tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die."

God set up his kingdom in the Garden of Eden. He had created all living creatures, including Adam and Eve, and he gave the human pair work to do and a commandment to keep. They were his subjects on understanding scriptures that seem earth, and their offspring would join them under God's kingdom.

Well, that was the plan. Genesis 3 tells us a serpent interfered; Eve was deceived, and Adam rebelled along with her. The rest of the Bible relates God's methods of fulfilling standing the Bible as a whole, we his purpose to have dominion over a righteous society of mankind.

Genesis 3:15 says, "And I shall put enmity between you and woman and between your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the expect from him and what he exhead and you will bruise him in the pects of us. heel.'

God told Abraham all the nations fused over a couple of scriptures would be blessed due to his seed, that seem to contradict each other.

4-H news

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunflower 4-H Club was held at 7 p.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church.

President Kali Rietcheck called the meeting to order with the flag salute and 4-H pledge. Roll call, "What M&M's Do You Like Best?" was answered by 24 members, eight parents, two leaders and no guests. Kendra Promise led the group with a song called "The Turkey Song."

of leaders Jeanne and Sonya report- Make a Windsock." Chelsie ing that the Spring Show will be held Friday, May 6, and they need members to help.

The Genesis Food Drive will be Corbin Townsendon "Gun Safety." from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 4, and the club needs drivers and dler Pettibone. He did a game called workers. The Christmas party will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at like "Duck, Duck, Goose." Howard Johnson's. The club also had the ceremony of new members. ilies provided refreshments. The The program had Alyssa Brady next meeting will be the club party.

The business meeting consisted doing a project talk on "How to

image, in God's image he created Jacob, Judah, David.

That he was the Messiah and the where he would be born and many details of the life he would lead and then his death.

While revealing such details of how he would fulfill his purpose to Genesis 2:17 says, "But as for the fill the earth with righteous mankind, God also revealed what righteousness means to him. By giving his laws to the nation of Israel, God made it clear what his standards are and at the same time protected the nation, insuring that the Messiah would come from the prophesied family line.

> So what does this have to do with to contradict each other?

1 Corinthians 2:16 says, "For who has come to know the mind of God, that he may instruct him? But we do have the mind of Christ."

By reading, studying and undercan have insight into God's thinking and have the "mind of Christ." We will never know enough to be able to instruct God, but we can understand enough to know what to

That helps us to avoid being con-

Gausman did a demonstration on

how to get your puppy to do tricks.

A health/safety tip was given by

Recreation was done by Chan-

"Turkey Chase" which was played

The Gausman and Vandiver fam-

Submitted by Chelsie Gausman



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