

# Big Brothers had busy year, made several matches

With the holiday time and the Christmas season quickly coming and going, our affiliate is happy to look forward to 2005. December has been good, with a total of three matches made this month and several close to being realized.

The nice thing about the recent matches was that two of the three were Big Brother matches. With boys, it can be difficult at times to find a Big Brother, so it is a plus when we are able to place a boy.

But, please don't forget that we still have several on the waiting list. What a great resolution to make in the new year to become a Big!

At its November meeting, the board said it was hoping to reach the goal of 24 total matches by the end of the year. We may not reach that



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number, but I'm positive we will sometime in January.

I'm excited that we can continue to make strides slowly but surely in helping kids in our community find a friend.

With that being said, looking back at 2004, it was interesting in noticing the various activities that took place this past 12 months. In January, we celebrated National Mentoring Month by talking about

our affiliate on the KLOE Evening Show and picked up S&T Communications as a Corporate Sponsor, hosted a Volunteer Enrichment meeting at Gambino's Pizzeria in February and spoke to the Knights of Columbus in the same month.

Earlier in February, our affiliate had a booth at the Health Fair at the Goodland Activity Center. We worked with the public library on our annual Big For A Day in March and started the month of April with the annual Bowl For Kids Sake. Each year we have grown with the

number of participating teams and bowlers.

Another Big For A Day was held at the Goodland Activity Center in May. That was not only a great activity, but the sloppy joes were delicious! In June, our Pizza Hut fundraiser was held on the second Tuesday of the month, and July was the time for one of our most successful Big For A Day events with the Sherman County Rural Fire Department as our host.

The turnout for fire department was great and in the end soaked most everyone. Several matches were made as the result of that activity. July was also a time that the volunteers were enriched with a talk that Paul Chaffin gave to help our volunteers communicate with their Littles.

In August, our annual Picnic/Pool activity was held, and even though it was chilly, everyone enjoyed the pool and food afterwards. September brought our Flatlanders booth that the college's carpentry department and Goodland Kiwanis assisted in making some putts possible to win Culligan and Coke products.

October presented a Big For A Day at Wheat Ridge, another Volunteer Enrichment program concerning child abuse and neglect and our first Dance for Kids Sake held at the Knights of Columbus hall.

For November, through grants that encourage kids to stay away from drugs and alcohol, our part in the After School program started. That has been a wonderful way to

make a difference in some kids' lives.

November also included a parents meeting that provided information to encourage them to spend time with their family. For Thanksgiving, our Bigs and Littles had a meal with the Kiwanis Club of Goodland.

To finish, our annual Christmas Party at Howard Johnson's was a wonderful success, and on the 12th of December was the last Pizza Hut fund-raiser.

So, as you can see, the year was eventful and challenging. I'm sure I missed some that contributed this past year. The important thing is that each piece is important in helping put a friend in a child's life. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# 4-H leaders, members received achievement pins for year's efforts

About 20 4-H leaders and members received Sherman County Achievement Awards in November.

Camp recognition went to Michelle Cooper, Amber Cowan, Jonathan McClung, Brett Meissinger, Abby Murray, Kali Rietcheck, Melissa Schritter, Alicia Studer, Adrienne West and Emily Burkett.

State Fair life skills judging team was Brennen Clouse, Jonathan McClung, Michael Pettibone and Sydney Winston.

Ambassador recognition went to Emily Burkett, Ashley Cook, Aaron Duell, Michael Hall, Ana McClung, Sami Philbrick and Kali Rietcheck.

The I Dare You Award and the Key Award went to Ana McClung, and the Farm Credit Association Trophy for the best set of 4-H records went to Aaron Duell and Sydney Winston.

Those who had 100 percent attendance were Felicia Arnold, Tania Arnold, Shelby Arnold, Paige Phillips, Andrea Roeder and Kyle Stefan of the Beaver Valley Club; Milan Brannick, Emily Burkett, Hannah Burkett, Hope Cochran, Rory Kling, Ryder Kling, Jarod Lake, Candy Meissinger, Garrett Nemechek, Sami Philbrick, Megan Sheldon and Parker Sieck of the Country Clovers.

Carlee Cooper, Cassie Cooper, Colton Cooper, Jason Cowan, Lacie Cowan, Elizabeth House, Michael Johnson, Courtney Sheldon, Kade Sheldon and Cooper Slough of the Glendale Livewires; Jacee Herl and Shelbi Herl of Prairie Dale; Aaron Duell, Adam Duell, Cody Hooker, Devin Mangus and Sydney Winston of the Ruleton Eager Beavers; and Dusti Chadwick, Nicole Hendrich, Ryan Irvin, Michael Pettibone, Kali Rietcheck and Kayler Rietcheck of the Sunflower Club.

County Achievement Pins were awarded. Among them were 4-H Membership Pins, awarded at the conclusion of the 4-H year in which the member joined to new members who attended a majority of the scheduled meetings of the club from when they joined.

Those who received membership pins are from Beaver Valley, Shelby and Tania Arnold; from Country Clovers, Milan Brannick, Garrett Nemechek and Parker Sieck; from the Glendale Livewires, Carlee and Colton Cooper, Mikail and T.J. Freeman, Elizabeth House, Michael Johnson and Cooper Slough; from Sunflower, John Hendrich and Jessica Johnson; and from Prairie Dale, Jonah McClung and Gerell

and Shayley Miller.

Bronze pins are awarded to members who exhibit one or more of their projects at a club tour, club exhibit day, the county fair or a similar event, attend a majority of club meetings, attend one club or county/district even and complete their permanent records and personal pages and turn them in to their 4-H leaders.

Those receiving bronze pins are from Country Clovers, Hope Cochran and Jarod Lake; from the Glendale Livewires, Colton Cooper, Mikail Freeman, T.J. Freeman, Elizabeth House, Michael Johnson, Cy Paxton and Parker Sieck; from the Ruleton Eager Beavers, Cody Hooker; from the Sunflowers, Austin Rains; and from Beaver Valley, Cappi Thomas.

Clover pins are awarded to those who meet the above requirements and three of the optional requirements:

- Serve on a committee in the member's 4-H club.
- Attend a 4-H day camp, the county/district 4-H camp and/or other state or area 4-H camps.
- Attend a county/district or club achievement program.
- Take part in a club or county/district quiz bowl or judging school or contest.
- Take part in the county/district 4-H Day as a contestant.
- Take part in a county/district-wide event that is not already listed as a requirement.
- Attend Regional 4-H Day or a similar event to encourage club members and/or as a contestant.

Those receiving clover pins include from the Glendale Livewires, Lacie Cowan and Gage Owens; from Prairie Dale, Jed Gray, Jacee Herl, Laine Herl, Shelbi Herl, Brooke Lockhart and Garrett Taylor; from Beaver Valley, Paige Phillips; and from the Ruleton Eager Beavers, Sydney Winston.

Emerald Pins go to those who meet the above requirements and five of the optional requirements, including those listed above plus participating in a club community service project and participating in 4-H Week.

Those receiving Emerald Pins are from Beaver Valley, Felicia Arnold; from the Ruleton Eager Beavers, Katelyn Coon and Devin Mangus; from the Glendale Livewires, Cassie Cooper and Jason Cowan; from Sunflower, Nicole Hendrich, Michael Pettibone, Kendra Promise and Kayler Rietcheck; from Prairie Dale, Shelbi Herl; and from the Country Clovers, Jessica Lake.

Silver pins are awarded to those who meet the above requirements and six of the optional requirements, including those listed above and participating in a noncompetitive event at the county or state fair, such as Photo Fun Day, Showcase, Mini Style Show or Flower Show. Silver pins were awarded to from Sunflower, Dusti Chadwick, Ryan Irvin and Christy Studer; from the Ruleton Eager Beavers, Devin Mangus; from the Glendale Livewires, Lindsey Owens; and from Beaver Valley, Andrea Roeder.

Silver Guard pins are awarded to those who meet the above requirements and eight of the following optional requirements:

- Take part in the county/district 4-H Day as a contestant.
- Take part in designated county/district quiz bowl or judging schools or contests which are required to be eligible for county/district teams.
- Take part in a county/district-wide event that is not already listed as a requirement.
- Serve as a junior leader at county/district 4-H event that is not already listed as a requirement.
- Serve as a junior leader at a county/district 4-H event, for example, as room monitor at 4-H Day, county fair or 4-H Day Camp.
- Serve as an assistant to a project leader.
- Serve as an officer in their 4-H club.
- Serve as chair of a committee in their 4-H club.
- Serve as a member of the county/district 4-H committee.
- Serve as a member of the county/district 4-H council.
- Take part in Regional 4-H Day as a contestant.
- Submit an article, artwork or photograph to the 4-H Foundation.
- Provide help to a new 4-H member throughout the year with projects, record, activities, etc.
- Receive county/district recognition at the county/district achievement banquet or achievement night.
- Make one or more public presentations of 4-H work to non-4-H groups, such as schools, Family Community Educators, service clubs or make a radio or television presentation.
- Take part in a state judging contest or quiz bowl as a member of a county/district team.
- Exhibit in a competitive class at a state or regional show, such as the Kansas State Fair, Kansas All Breeds Dairy Show, National Western Livestock Show, American

Royal Livestock Show, Kansas Junior Livestock Show or similar shows.

- Participate in a state fair 4-H event, such as a demonstration contest, Fashion Revue, Showcase or dog or horse show.
  - Participate as a host or delegate in a recognized 4-H exchange trip or program with another county/district, state or country.
  - Participate in a club community service project.
- Those receiving Silver Guard Pins were Brennen Clouse of Prairie Dale and Chelsie Gausman and Chris Irvin, both of Sunflower.
- Leadership Pins are awarded to those who meet the above requirements and enroll and participate in a Leadership project and meet 11 of the optional requirement, including those above and:
- Serve as a project leader.
  - Participate in a state 4-H event, such as Discovery Days, Teen

Leader College or Ambassador Training.

- Serve as an officer in a county/district-wide 4-H organization.
- Receive county/district recognition at the county/district achievement banquet or achievement night.
- Assist in organizing a new 4-H club, a county/district-wide project or a special interest group.
- Teach at a state event, such as Discovery Days or Photo Fun Day.
- Serve on an area or state 4-H committee.

Those receiving Leadership Pins are Adam Duell of the Ruleton Eager Beavers; Clay Schilling of Prairie Dale; Courtney Sheldon and Kade Sheldon, both of the Glendale Livewires; and Alicia Studer and Jason Krayca, both of Sunflower.

Jonathan McClung of Prairie Dale received a Gold Pin. He had to meet the above requirements plus 15 of the optional requirements, including the above and:

- Serve as a counselor at a 4-H camp.
- Act as a delegate to Citizen Washington Focus in Washington D.C.
- Be named a state winner in a 4-H project or awards program.
- Act as a delegate to the Kansas City 4-H Conference or the National 4-H Roundup in Denver.
- Participate in a national 4-H event, such as National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress or national 4-H judging contests.
- Gold Guard Pins went to Aaron Duell of the Ruleton Eager Beavers and Kali Rietcheck of Sunflower. They had to meet the above requirements and be 15 years old or over by Jan. 1 and meet 16 of the optional requirements, including those above and:
- Help set up or clean at a county/district event.
- Participate in a county/district fund-raiser.



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