

January a month to recognize power of mentors

As the month of January quickly comes to a close, I want to emphasize the importance of recognizing National Mentoring Month and the power in providing time to a child needing a friendship.

Recently speaking to the Rotary Club in Sharon Springs gave me the opportunity to allow a Big Brother and a Big Sister matched here in Sherman County to share their match experiences.

The Big Sister's match started at an elementary school was changed to a community-based match and is going great. The young lady she's matched to has shown tremendous growth and a boost in self-confidence.

The Big Brother's main emphasis was that the time frame required for a match is not a lot of time but



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worth the effort to be a friend for two to three hours a week.

Both volunteers feel that they receive gratification from the mentoring that the child receives. I admire their taking time to share their experiences and to encourage others to check out the program.

Referring back to the Rotary Club in Sharon Springs, I was able to hit base with a friend of mine that I went to school with. Tim Cress lives in Weskan and keeps busy

ed to have had a wonderful mentor who was Tim's dad, Jim Cress. It was good to visit with Tim and to rehash some old memories. Jim died of cancer not so long ago, and seeing Tim brought back the wonderful memories of the impact that Jim had on my life and many others.

During high school, we met for Wednesday night Bible study at the Cress' home in their basement. Jim always provided a positive mes-

sage, and just his desire to share his knowledge with a bunch of crazy youngsters was impressive.

I don't necessarily remember all the things that he taught us, but I do remember how dedicated he was in preparing and caring for each and every student that attended the study.

The fellowship with close friends and others that attended the study will stay with me the rest of my life. There is no amount of money that can replace the time and effort that Jim put into each student's life.

This is an excellent example of how powerful a mentor can be in a young person's life. In my childhood, I was blessed with a wonderful mom and dad, but receiving mentoring from someone outside the main family was like frosting

on the cake.

A recent movie, "Coach Carter," provides a backdrop of a mentor helping kids to believe in their dreams and to not settle for their current circumstances. From a *Denver Post* article on the movie, Cartersaid, "Regardless of your circumstances, you can reach high goals by working hard and always doing the right thing."

Carter also notes that "it was all instinct" in what he passed on to the players. "He remembered what did and didn't work when he was a player," the article said, "and was good at getting the players to think 'I'm a very smart person' and feeling good about themselves."

I applaud Carter's actions, but I don't necessarily agree that he instinctively picked up his character

traits. Someone made an impression on him! Someone gave him an example to follow!

As noted earlier, Jim Cress painted a picture in my mind of a caring person interested in helping others. There is not a better legacy to leave than in helping others. Try and be some frosting in a child's life!

As this National Mentoring Month comes to a close, look at your calendar and make it a point to give some time to a youngster. It is well worth the time you invest in a young person's life.

A reminder: Be planning on putting together a Bowl for Kids Sake team. The event will be the first weekend of April. Please call for event information, to volunteer or enroll your child into our program at 890-3665.

Scholars bowl team finishes 3-3 at Brewster

The Goodland High School scholars bowl team earned a 3-3 record at the Brewster meet Monday.

The team was Abby Murray, Sa-

rah Borneman, Michael Smith, Jena McCall, Robert Borneman, Jonathan McClung and Michael Bryce. They beat Rawlins County

70-45, Wallace County 70-0 and Brewster 30-20. They lost to Weskan 40-60, Golden Plains 0-70 and Cheylin 10-40.

Weskan won the tournament with Golden Plains finishing second. The next meet is the regional at Kingman Thursday.

Junior high scholars bowl teams take first and second

The Grant Junior High eighth graders were first and the seventh graders second in their divisions at the scholars bowl Monday in Brewster.

The eighth graders were Adam Duell, Allen Smith, Bryan Gray, Devin Mangus, Tanner Oharra and

T.J. Freeman.

The seventh graders were Ben Waugh, Brook Redlin, Colton Nelson, Erik Roeder and Ryan Irvin.

Grant Junior High and the Goodland Weather Service will host a junior high scholars bowl at

4 p.m. Monday. The weather service will serve as judges, reader, moderator, etc.

The ten teams invited include Goodland no. 1, Goodland no. 2, Rawlins County, Brewster, Burlington, Cheylin, Colby, Hoxie, Oakley and Oberlin.

Other members of the Grant Junior High team include seventh graders: Heidi Lawson, Zac Prine, Eric Whalen, Taylor Tomsic and Tyler McDonald.

Eighth graders are Brad Geist, Dallas Price, Brennan Clouse and Chelsie Gausman.

Goodland graduates earn honors at Kansas State

Around 1,860 students earned semester honors from Kansas State University for their academic performance during the 2004 fall semester.

Among those earning honors were Jace Dwight Chipperfield, a 2002 Goodland High School gradu-

ate; and Amanda Kathleen Jolly and Amanda Lynn Hoffman, both 2003 Goodland graduates.

Students earning semester honors received commendation from their deans, with the honors recorded on their permanent academic records.

They rank in the top 10 percent of their class within their respective colleges and were enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of graded course work.

Students who complete their undergraduate studies with an academic average of 3.95 or above,

graduate summa cum laude. The remaining students in the upper three percent of their college's graduating class are designated magna cum laude, while the remaining students in the upper 10 percent of each college class graduate cum laude.

Colby college dental hygiene students offer low-priced care

Colby Community College dental hygiene students are offering low-priced dental care in exchange for allowing the students to "borrow" your teeth to learn their craft. Patients are needed for the spring semester to allow students, under the supervision of Director Becky Vollertsen and instructors Sherry

Martin and Karla Colligan, to get more experience. Call 462-3984, ext. 316.

The students will do full mouth X-rays, cleanings, a thorough cancer screening and fluoride treatment for \$15 (\$10 for senior citizens). Dental sealants are available for children for \$7.

Although classes are held on the Colby campus, much of the classroom work for the program is delivered via interactive television from Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, Wis.

The clinical work in Colby is under the supervision of a licensed dentist and registered dental hy-

gienists. The dental clinic is in the Health Sciences Building, room 801.

The students' grades depend on their ability to work with patients. It may require more than one appointment to complete the work, and instructors will interrupt to check the students' progress.

4-H news

December Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunflower 4-H Club was held Sunday, Dec. 5.

The club met at Howard Johnson's for a swimming Christmas party.

Twenty-two members, 10 parents and two leaders attended. After roll call was answered, members enjoyed swimming. Refreshments were served.

January Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunflower 4-H Club was held Monday, Jan. 6. President Kali Rietcheck called the meeting to order.

Roll call, "What is your shoe size?" was answered by 20 members, eight parents, two leaders and a guest. Kali led the group in a song called "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

The business meeting consisted of a couple of dates to remember. March 14th is the Model Meeting, and all members should be there by 6 p.m.

February is the club's month to do radio talks. The club chose Jan. 29 for the talks.

Alicia Studer gave a project talk on junior leaders. Austin Rains also gave a project talk; it was on the "Swine Project." Jessica Johnson

gave a project talk on "The Reading Project."

Nicole Hendrich finished off by giving a demonstration on "Chocolate Obsessions." Ryan Irvin led the group in recreation in a game called "Big Feet."

Refreshments were served by the Rains and Krayca families after the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Club Reporter Chelsie Gausman

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Goodland Police

The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Jan. 23 — Justin R. Frodin was arrested for driving under the influence and no insurance at 700 Main.

Christopher Stegeman was arrested for driving under suspension at 1700 and Texas.

Tony Dickey was arrested for the battery of Michael Hartzell at 815 Eastridge.

Jan. 24 — A juvenile was ar-

rested for driving under suspension at 17th and Syracuse.

Jan. 25 — Francis C. Newman was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence, driving under suspension, transporting an open con-

tainer, no proof of insurance, refusing to submit to breathalyzer and no registration at 204 N. Caldwell.

Lumont B. Medrano was arrested on a warrant from another jurisdiction at 1200 Main.

Leslie L. Barnes-Wiley was arrested on a warrant at 1215 Clark.

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