

# Big Brothers, Sisters relate experiences as mentors

At times during the year, I will showcase a particular match in *The Goodland Star-News*. It will celebrate the accomplishments and plusses of what a mentoring relationship can do.

During a recent quarterly Volunteer Enrichment Session, I had an opportunity to listen to several volunteers speak from their heart and talk about their match relationships. Following are some examples of what the Sherman County Big Brothers Big Sisters tries to do through the gift of being a friend.

The first volunteer to share was a Big Brother. He has had two Little Brothers. His first match was a good one, but things just didn't work out. For some reason, however, the timing was perfect for the next match.

He shared that he enjoys helping not only his Little Brother to be a better person but also other kids in the program.



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The next volunteer that spoke is someone that always has a good word to say. This 70-year-old Big Sister has the energy of a 30-year old and the good intentions to match it.

This Big Sister's timing to be a friend could not have been better. Her Little Sister had suffered a stressful situation that this Big Sister was able to lessen to a degree. The parent appreciated the time and good words spoken.

I believe fate played a part in this match, and only the future will show how big a part it was.

Next to share was a volunteer who is someone with a heart as big as the outdoors. She is an example of a person who is very happy to help a Little have a good day.

She is hoping to share her love of our community and to encourage the Little to be all she can be. There is no doubt that she will accomplish this very thing. She is a good role model of what volunteering is all about.

Following in line was a Big Brother who made an effort to support his Little at a music event in another town. At the start of this match, it was a struggle, but with some encouragement, all the parties have grown together in a positive

manner and will continue to do so. Next to share was a Big Sister who has helped a Little Sister make a much better transition into her school experience than she probably would have if not for the volunteer's effort.

This Big Sister also received encouragement from her own daughter when the Big Sister worried that just one hour a week could not make a difference. One hour a week can't make a difference, but "52 weeks a year can" was how her daughter changed the whole perspective of sharing valuable time.

The Big Sister to follow was very happy to share that her Little Sister made her weekend. The consistency of the Big's involvement in meeting her Little every week the first year was extraordinary.

Going over and above a commitment to interact with her Little was starting to pay dividends in the Big/

Little relationship. Many times, just a phone call from the child can be enough fuel to take you another six months.

Not only did matched volunteers relay specific moments, a married couple that had recently made an inquiry and commitment to be volunteers was present. The couple had had a difficult day at work but followed through to make it in time to hear some real life examples of quality friendships that can't be valued.

To finish the evening, the last Big to share had recently made a match with a Little Brother at a school. "It just felt right in making this match" is how the Big put it, and hopefully with time the Little will be able to set some goals and to realize some dreams.

The above examples of shared experiences provided an opportunity for fellowship, and everyone

had a chance to eat some pizza and open up about the possibility to shape a life in a positive sense.

It is a glimpse of a better future for a Little person in a BIG world. The steps at times can be backwards for both the volunteer and the child, and things can be difficult. But, the effort is important and the opportunities to change not only a life but also a generation is what makes it an exciting and rewarding concept.

As executive director, it is a pleasure to hear what we can accomplish as a team. If you want to experience this, give me a call and open your heart to a child who needs a boost.

Concerning our annual Bowl For Kids Sake, at times, we have had matches evolve from this event along with just having a great time. So, get that bowling ball out and come join us for a great event. You won't regret it.

## Storm spotter class March 19

The National Weather Service is offering free storm spotter training classes in the Tri-State area, including one at 7 p.m. Mountain Time Tuesday, March 29, at the Goodland Armory.

The 2 1/2-hour classes are open anyone with an interest in weather. This year's class has been updated quite a bit.

The service plans advanced

spotter classes in May. Anyone participating must have attended a basic class within the past two years.

Other classes include:  
**March classes**  
**Cheyenne County:** 7 p.m. Central Time Monday at St. Francis High School.  
**Rawlins County:** 7 p.m. Central Time Monday, March 28, at

the Prairie Development Center.

**April classes**  
**Kit Carson County, Colo.:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Stratton Fire House.  
**Wallace County:** 7 p.m. Friday, April 8, at the Sharon Springs CAB Building.  
**Cheyenne County, Colo.:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Cheyenne Wells City Building.

## Dean of social sciences to start off Colby lecture series

Dr. Mark Hansen, dean of social sciences at the University of Chicago, will be the first speaker of the year for the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Frahm Theater at Colby Community College.

The 2000 and 2004 elections were the most competitive pair of presidential elections in over a century — the second and fourth closest

electoral vote margins in American history.

In his lecture, "The 2004 Presidential Election: Where We Are, How We Got There, and What It Means," Hansen will explore the influences that made these contests so close, identifying the factors that helped the Republicans and the Democrats, and those that did not benefit either party.

He will focus on key social forces that have made turn-of-the-century politics so competitive and so polarized, trace the historical source of these social changes, and assess the impact they will have on our political future.

Hansen is a native of Colby, graduating from Colby High School in 1977. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1981 from

the University of Kansas, a masters in 1983 and a doctorate in 1987 from Yale University. He is the son of John and Joyce Hansen of Colby.

There is no admission charge. A reception, hosted by the college, will follow.

For details, call Cathy Gordon at (785) 462-3984, extension 310.

## matters of record

**Real Estate**  
The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Thomas and Rosemary Blair and Brian and Shannon Naughton quitclaim to Blair-Naughton a tract in the NE/4, Sec. 25, T8S, R40W.

Alex O'Neal and Kathy R. Miller to Michael C. McGlone, Lots 1 and 2, Block 11, Sharp's Addition to the City of Goodland.

Robert W. and Leora L. Jones, trustees of the RWJ trust and Robert W. Jones and Leora L. Jones 22 feet of the north side of Lot 21 and all of Lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 51, Original Town of Goodland.

Shelly Thompson, executor of the Estate of Berneice I. Thompson, to Phillip Mathew and Diane Elaine Witzel Thompson the south 28 feet and north 22 feet, Lot 14, Block 5, Kohler First Addition in the City of Goodland.

Michael B. and Glenda K. Cochran and Michael B. and Glenda K. Cochran all of Lots 16 and 17, Block 20, Third Addition in the City of Goodland.

Michael J. and Dianna K. Briney, to Donald E. and Anne L. Cross, the NE/4, Sec. 35, T8S, R42W.

Margaret Christiansen to Ralph and Wava Duell an undivided one-fourth interest in the west 90 feet of Lot 10, all of Lot 11, Block 78, Subdivision of Blocks in the City of Goodland.

Raymond and Ethel Duell to Ralph and Wava Duell an undivided one-fourth interest in the west 90 feet of Lot 10, all of Lot 11, Block 78, Subdivision of Blocks in the City of Goodland.

Gordon A. and Marita M. Birkholtz to Leon R. Nielsen a tract in the N/2 of the NW/4, Sec. 24, T8S, R40W.

Brent J. Flanders, Diana L. Flanders and Sandra Trachsel, trustees of the Jim Flanders trust, quitclaim to Brent J. and Diana L. Flanders a tract in the S/2, Sec. 21, T6S, R38W.

Mikki Dillon Ricker, trustee of the Dillon Family trust, to Mikki Dillon Ricker, Lots 13 and 14, Block 13, Second Addition in the City of Goodland.

Mikki Dillon Ricker to Mikki D. Ricker, trustee of the Mikki D. Ricker Intervivos Revocable Trust, Lots 13 and 14, Block 13, Second Addition in the City of Goodland.

Leo and Beverly K. Orlovski to Leo and Beverly K. Orlovski a tract in the north 50 feet, Lots 38, 39, 40,

41 and 42, Block 13, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Beachner Bros. quitclaim to Beachner Bros. the NW/4, Sec. 27, T6S, R37W, and the NE/4, Sec. 28, T6S, R37W.

Glenn L. Phillips to Ida M. Gottschalk or Brian D. Gottschalk the S/2, Lot 3, all of Lots 4 and 5, and the north one-half of Lot 6, Block 17, CK&N Addition to the City of Goodland.

Dennis J. and Dorothy L. Bentzinger to Arthur and Mary L. Cabral a tract in the SE/4, Sec. 19, R39W.

Thomas M. White, O.D., to Morrison Optometric Associates the west 47 feet, Lot 12, Block 52, Original Town of Goodland.

Daniel and Terry Puentes quitclaim to Daniel and Terry Puentes a tract in the northwest corner of the NW/4, Sec. 29, T8S, R42W, or Blots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 6, Original Town of Kanorado.

Virginia L. Wheeler, trustee of the Virginia L. Wheeler trust, and

Michael L. and Marla K. Harrison to Michael J. and Teresa K. Sieck a tract in the NW/4, Sec. 29, T8S, R39W.

Connie Beth and Pat Walters, Ellis County, to Henry Nagel Jr. the W/2 of the E/2, Sec. 21, and the W/2 of the SW/4, Sec. 22, T10S, R42W.

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## Area students listed on KU honor roll

Four area students were among the more than 4,300 University of Kansas undergraduates named to the honor roll for the fall semester.

They are:  
From **Goodland:** Lacey Brooke Brenner, daughter of Dan Brenner, a senior biology major; Matthew Dylan Mentzer, son of

Scott and Debbie Mentzer, a senior accounting and business administration major; and Jill Susanne Sowers, daughter of Rue and Marilyn Sowers, a senior pharmacy major.

From **St. Francis:** Nicole Dawnelle Howard, daughter of Tony and Tammy Howard, a senior nursing major.

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