

‘Little Brothers,’ mentors benefit from skills day

A recent “Pass it On Youth Outdoors Skills Day” was held recently at the Bellamy Ranch and some Littles and their mentors were lucky enough to participate.

From those who attended, a good time was had, and hopefully in the years ahead the event can be even bigger. I appreciate the effort of Troy Mannis and those who assisted him in providing a neat fun-filled day for a lot of kids.

Another event that is sure to be a fun activity is the OK Kids Day being held at Lake Scott State Park on Saturday, July 2. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman and Wallace counties will be taking some Littles to this event that will include a fishing clinic, nature hike, “Crazy Olympics” and a hot dog cookout.



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If your child could use a Big Brother or a Big Sister, give us a call by June 29 at 890-3665 to attend. You can also call at any time to check out our program or to help your child connect with a friend.

Recently I read an article in *In Touch* magazine that told of S. Truett Cathy and the success of his Chick-fil-A restaurant chain.

The article says, “As a father of three, grandfather of 12, foster parent of 135, he has plenty of exper-

ience in influencing young lives.”

Cathy feels that the culture is to blame for the lack of strong parenting in our society.

“All of us must share responsibility for building confidence in the young people we know,” he said.

Cathy is honest in relating that his dad was not active in raising him.

He was befriended by his Sunday school teacher who by his example “modeled how to be a loving father and husband.”

Cathy said that through this friendship he “came to understand that I could choose the type of

model I would follow in life.”

Cathy has taught his own Sunday school class for half a century and tells parents not to be alarmed that your kids aren’t listening to you but to “be concerned that they see everything you do.”

That’s why the “Pass It On” event is so powerful for kids who would not have had an opportunity to take part in those activities otherwise. Parents are busy and are dealing with their problems instead of investing time in the lives of their kids.

One volunteer told of a time she took her child fishing even when she had no idea what she was doing. She had a pretty rough day in fighting with the hook and casting, but it wasn’t the fishing trip that counted; it was her effort to spend

time with her child. The volunteer sure hadn’t forgotten the experience, and I don’t believe the child had either.

Cathy continues in the article by saying that for children to develop common sense “requires relationship as well as trust” and that a child’s principal necessity is your time.

“Since that commodity is scant,” he said, “don’t spend precious family days by yourself on the golf course or in front of the television—remember that being in the same room does not automatically constitute time together.”

Personally, I know that I must be careful of time on the golf course and in front of the television. I’m thankful that I grew up in a time that cable television and video games

were not plentiful.

In most interviews with kids enrolled with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the no. 1 activity would be, hands down, video games. That is why I encourage you to look at what your kids are spending their time at.

What are you modeling for them when you’re busy at home or on your leisure time? As Cathy noted, he made a choice to follow the example of his Sunday school teacher.

As a single parent, your children will also have a choice of whose example they are going to follow. Are you paying attention? Give us a call and let us help you paint some good experiences in your child’s life through the power of mentoring!

4-H news

Sunflower 4-H

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunflower 4-H Club was held Monday, June 20. Roll call was “What do you like to do most in the summertime?” It was answered by nine members, four parents, two leaders and no guests.

Chelsie Gausman led the group with a song called “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.”

The business meeting had a few dates to remember. The first one—Sonya Vandiver said the fair would be Monday-Saturday, Aug. 1-6. If you are going to be in the fair, everything has to be preentered by Thursday, July 14.

The fair grounds cleanup will be Friday, July 29. The dog show and parade will be on July 30. The bicycle rodeo will be Tuesday, July 19. Day camp was Thursday, June 23.

The program had a demonstration given by Jessica Johnson on the dog project. Another demonstration was given by Kendra Promise on how to make cherry tarts. Sarah Johnson read a poem called “Hug-O-War.”

Recreation was led by Dusti Chadwick in a game called “Watermelon Eating Contest.”

Refreshments were served by the Gausman and Johnson families.

Submitted by Chelsie Gausman, club reporter.

Glendale Livewires

April meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Glendale Livewires was held Monday, April 18.

Vice President Michael Johnson called the meeting to order, and roll

call was answered by “What is your favorite summer activity?” There were 23 members, three leaders and four guests present.

Jesse Cooper led the club in a song, “Yankee Doodle,” and then the flag salute. Treasurer Cassie Cooper reported a balance of \$490.

Michelle Cooper read a thank you note from Amber Cowan for the balloons and candy that were sent to her for her accident. Awards and ribbons were handed out by leader Michelle Cooper for 4-H days and talent night.

There was no unfinished business. In new business, it was moved and seconded to pay our 4-H postage bill of \$70. Also, the club made final arrangements for May Day baskets to be delivered to residents at Wheat Ridge Acres.

A demonstration was made by Jason Cowan on how to train a dog. Nicole Sederstrom did a demonstration on riding horses. For recreation, Derek Matthews led a game of “Simon Says” and then refreshments were served by Michael Johnson’s family.

May meeting

The regular meeting of the Glendale Livewires was held Monday, May 16, at the 4-H building.

President Courtney Sheldon called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by “What is your favorite 4-H activity?” There were 30 members, one leader and two guests present.

Kaleb Zwick led the group in singing “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star,” followed by the flag salute.

Julica Bonsall read minutes from the previous meeting. There were on corrections. Treasurer Cassie

Cooper reported an ending balance of \$420. Julica read a thank you note from a resident at Wheat Ridge Acres for the May Day baskets.

Leader Michelle Cooper discussed the upcoming events and had a list for everyone. The hay bale

decorating contest was discussed. The theme will be “Wheelin’ Squealin’ Good Time!”

Gage Owens did a project talk called “Seeds to show gardening.”

Connor Simpson did a health and safety talk on the importance of

drinking water.

For recreation, the group divided into two groups and played gossip lines with Silly Sally Sings Silly Songs!

Ryleigh Paxton played “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” on the piano.

Michelle Cooper’s family served refreshments. There will be no regular meeting for June, as the club will have a potluck dinner tour. The date is still to be decided.

Submitted by Megan Siruta, club reporter.

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

June 13—Benedicto Martinez, 30, Somerville, Tenn., \$126 for speeding.

Laurie A. McKeown-Jew, 48, Homewood, Ill., \$159 for speeding.

Michael J. Odonnell, 49, Des Moines, Iowa, \$144 for speeding.

Anton S. Poupeu, 32, Sturtevant, Wis., \$192 for speeding.

Elizandro L. Villarreal, 27,

Goodland, \$10 for no seat belt.

William D. Lightfoot, 24, Edmond, Okla., \$177 for speeding.

Lorna R. Gajewski, 26, Jefferson City, Tenn., \$114 for speeding.

Mark E. Yoder, 48, Denver, \$80 for no child restraint.

June 14—Beth A. Lacy, 35, Tonganoxie, \$20 for no child restraint.

Salvador A. Martinez, 37, Aurora, Colo., \$360 for driving under suspension and \$30 for speeding.

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