

Kids lend a hand to hurricane victims

By Kathryn Burke
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A crazy dress day, a contest and a few shoeboxes were all it took for students in the Goodland School District to pour out support for hurricane victims.

Kids got involved with a crazy dress day at Grant Junior High while others gathered and decorated shoeboxes at the grade school and still others collected items to fill the boxes like toiletries, toys and personal items at the high school.

These three projects were just small ways kids here made a big difference for hurricane victims.

At the junior high, the teacher advisor team had a great idea — hold a crazy dress day to raise money for the Red Cross.

Students got to wear their clothes backwards, sport pajamas and mix and match to make up crazy outfits for a \$1 contribution. The advisor team said some students donated more than a dollar while some didn't participate at all.

Friday, the school handed over a check for \$276 to Martha Gunderson, who accepted it on behalf of the American Red Cross disaster relief fund. Brenda Linin, literature teacher and counselor at the junior high, said the students donated the money to a general fund so it could help victims of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

Linin said Gunderson told the students the donation was enough to feed a family for a whole week.

Some of the best outfits the students said they saw included a boy who wore a fur coat, a tu-tu and a hat that looked like a hamburger. One kid dressed up as a biker and another put paint in her hair.

At the high school, Chelsea Gray



Heidi Yonkey (above), a sophomore at Goodland High School, sifted through boxes of donated items for hurricane victims. The items were given to a drive organized by Robin Rains through the Love Box Co. Rains (left) sorted the donations and then put them into shoe boxes destined for Hurricane victims in Mississippi.

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thought she could help out by getting students to contribute items for care packages through a contest.

The kids in each seminar class, a study hall before lunch, competed to win a chance to head to lunch early by contributing the most to hurricane victims.

The donated items included toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, games, puzzles, flip flops, socks, sunglasses, magazines

and small mirrors.

Gray said she wanted high schoolers to donate items for teens.

"We just thought it would be nice for the high school to get involved," she said.

She will use the drive as an individual project for her Family, Career and Community Leaders of America class. That means that while helping out the less fortunate, she also got a grade.

Sarah Short, family and consumer science teacher at the high school, said Gray organized the drive, publicized it and came up with the contest. She will put together a report complete with photos and hand it in to Short for a grade.

Gray donated all of the items to a drive organized by Robin Rains through the Love Box Co. in Wichita. Rains spent most of Friday gath-

ering up shoeboxes decorated and filled by Central Elementary students and taking them to the fellowship hall in the First United Methodist Church.

She said they collected nearly 300 boxes from the school and boxes full of various toiletries and other items turned in to Wal-Mart, Mr. Jim's His and Her Shop, First National Bank, Western State Bank and Bankwest.

The elementary kids helped out by filling and decorating all of the boxes.

Rains and a group of volunteers spent all day Sunday filling the remaining shoeboxes. Monday she planned to take the load to Wichita, where it was to be loaded into a semi-trailer truck and sent to Mississippi.

Rains thanked everyone for supporting the care-package drive.

Homecoming parade, pep rally and bonfire Thursday

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"Plains, Gains and Riders of the Range" is the battle theme for Goodland High's Homecoming 2005 parade, pep rally and bonfire. The Cowboys football team will be primed for the game against the Oakley Plainsmen at 6 p.m. on Friday, with festivities Thursday sponsored by the Sherman County High School Alumni Association.

Dale Schields, association president, said the parade was in danger of being scrapped about 20 years ago when the alumni association stepped in to take over.

This year's parade will start at 6:30 p.m. at Eighth and Main, proceed down Main and turn east at 13th to the Cowboy Stadium for the pep rally and bonfire.

Schields said the parade will feature classic cars, motorcycles, flatbed trailer trucks carrying members of fall sports teams, floats, cars, the Jumpin' Juniors, senior parents, cheerleaders and the Black and Gold Booster Club.

Schields said the homecoming king and queen candidates and former kings and queens will ride in



Tatum Schultz (from left to right), Derek Fenner, Melissa Swager, Brandon Tatman, Jordan Frazier, Mark Starr, Justeen Koehler, Heath Chatfield, Megan Stefan, Christopher Baumflak, Chelsea Gray and Wyatt Dautel were all candidates to be this year's Homecoming queen or king.

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convertibles. He said they are looking for more people with convertibles to haul them.

Queen candidates were Jordan Frazier, Chelsea Gray, Justeen Koehler, Tatum Schultz, Megan Stefan and Melissa Swager. Candidates for King were Christopher Baumflak, Heath Chatfield, Wyatt Dautel, Derek Fenner, Mark Starr and Brandon Tatman.

The field was narrowed last week to Frazier, Gray and Swager for

queen and Dautel, Starr and Tatman for king. Both will be crowned at the game Friday night.

The parade will feature members of the class of 1955 from the Goodland, Edson, Kanorado and Ruleton schools. The class will be honored at the pep rally and at the football game Friday night.

The high school band, Goodland Police Department and the Veterans of Foreign Wars color guard will lead the parade. Schields said the American Legion color guard will follow the guard.

The association will give a \$50 prize to each high school organization or class that provides a parade entry. Schields said floats from other schools and organizations are welcome to join the procession.

Participants are asked to assemble at 6 p.m. in front of the

Goodland Public Library, 812 Broadway, for convertibles, classic cars and motorcycles, and on

Eighth Street alongside the courthouse for floats, flatbed trailers and individual entries.

The police and public works departments will block off Eighth from Main to Caldwell and Broadway from Eighth to Ninth from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Schields said the pep rally will feature performances and talks from the cheerleaders, band, Jumpin' Juniors, senior football players, senior parents and others.

The bonfire after the rally will conclude the night of fun.

"We encourage everyone to come out," Schields said, adding that he wants the town to get excited about the team.

"Support our kids," he said. For information, call Schields at 890-3493.

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student of the week



Activities involved in at school: American Field Service, Cross Country.

My choice of movies, books, and games : "To Kill a Mockingbird" & "The Witches of Eileanan". My favorite movies are "Waterworld", "The Fifth Element" and "Blade". I like loud music.

Name: Chelsea Ontiveroz
Parents: Abel & Ruth Ontiveroz
Grade: 12
Age: 18

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: go to college and major in Veterinary Science

We've nominated this student because: Even with all of her activities she is on top of her academics and is a great participant and leader in the classroom.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: opening my own vet clinic

Student Comment: All the cross country trips we took were great.

Favorite Quote: "To gather roses you must first brave the thorns."

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