

Nine kids get mentors; coach chooses family over job

The Sherman and Wallace County Big Brothers Big Sisters are happy to report that we were able to make nine site-based matches for the month of November.

Wallace County added to the success by also adding a community-based match. It is an exciting way to end our year by matching and helping so many kids.

Myrt Kuhlman and Wendy Wellmann have done a great job of promoting the program and being a good friend with the families and volunteers that they work with.

In a recent *Denver Post* article, the importance of family was brought out. I hope that what the article states are the real reasons for the coach's sudden resignation.

Stan Van Gundy resigned his position as head coach of the NBA's Miami Heat. "I love coaching," he said, "but I love my family more.

"I made this decision for one reason and one reason only: I love my family. I have a wonderful wife and four young kids, and they're doing fine without me, but I need them. I need some time to be with them."

Van Gundy had figured that out of a regular season time frame, which covers almost nine months, that he would see his family only 49 times.

"Priorities changed over time," Van Gundy continued in the article. "It grew to the point of being absolutely painful (to get on a plane). I felt I was running out of time. My daughter is 14, so I've got only four more years with her before she goes off to college. I'm not willing to sacrifice any more of those four years. My son was in the stands with two friends and their dads, and before the game I waved at them and thought, 'I want to be up there more than I want to be down here.'"

I appreciate the sacrifice Van Gundy is making. I also appreciate

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the fact that he seems to understand how quickly time goes when raising children. Our little boy Micah is already 4 years old, and it has

gone very quickly.

As with the Virgin Mary, who pondered all of the incredible events in the life of Jesus, I too ponder all of the events in Micah's life. The time goes so quickly that we shouldn't take some of the great moments for granted that Van Gundy mentions. He missed a lot of important experiences during his daughter's past 13 years, when he was heavily involved in coaching.

Recently a mother stopped in at

the Big Brothers Big Sisters office and talked about how her children made her proud by showing a giving attitude in shopping for gifts for children that may not receive a whole lot for Christmas.

She thought that not only buying the gifts for the less fortunate made her Christmas, but also pondering how her kids understood what the whole concept of Christmas is about. We appreciated her sharing that experience.

And to finish with a concept of the importance of time, please ponder what you store up during this Christmas season:

"The True Spirit of Christmas," by Marajo Tenderass:

Lots of people, Crowds everywhere

Rushing and pushing and shoving, Going nowhere.

It's Christmas time again. Have to get all those things done.

Hustle, bustle, quickly. We must

beat the sun.

Must get this and must get that. Maybe this nic, maybe that nak.

When did it happen? When did we lose track?

It's a race, yes it is. We are running, yes we are.

But let's not forget. Before we get too far.

What is really important. Doesn't take much to figure out.

Take time to love and love from the heart.

There's a time
and place for
everything.

Thank goodness, things
change with the times.
If everything stayed the same
– where would we be?
The rules of competition
in the telecom business are
like that too – or should be.



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Goodland Police

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

Nov. 20 — 11:38 a.m., arrested Johanna M. Scott at 1627 Syracuse on a warrant. Case referred to county attorney.

Nov. 22 — 6:10 a.m., Presto Convenience Store, 2510 Commerce reported the theft of \$28 of gas.

4:20 p.m., arrested Charlotte T. Morris on a warrant at the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway. Case referred to county attorney.

9:15 p.m., report of criminal damage to a window at 513 West 9th. The victim was Ronda Thompson, and the window was valued at \$300.

Nov. 25 — 12 a.m., report of criminal damage to a window at 513 Walnut. The victim was Danny Archer and the window was valued at \$180.

10:41 p.m., arrested Mark Alan Wear at 1600 Main on a warrant. Case referred to county attorney.

Nov. 27 — 2 a.m., report of criminal damage to an automobile rear window at 222 Sycamore. The victim was Michael Foust and the window was valued as \$500.

9:45 p.m., report of criminal damage to a windshield at 400 W. 14th. The victim was Bryant Nemechek and the window was valued at \$300.

10:15 p.m., report of criminal damage to a windshield at 1530 Texas. The victim was Landon Williams and the value of the window was \$300.

Real Estate

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

Roger D. Lippelmann and Linda K. Lippelmann quitclaim to Roger D. Lippelmann and Linda K. Lippelmann, co-trustees of the Roger D. Lippelmann Trust an undivided one-half interest and Linda K. Lippelmann and Roger D. Lippelmann, co-trustees of the Linda K. Lippelmann Trust an undivided one-half interest NE/4 of Section 12, T10S R37W.

Roger D. Lippelmann and Linda K. Lippelmann quitclaim to Roger D. Lippelmann and Linda K. Lippelmann, co-trustees of the Roger D. Lippelmann trust, the mineral and royalty estate of W/2 of Section 26, T9S R37.

Ronald Lee Weiss and Terri J. Weiss to Andrea D. Nelson, Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 9, Second Addition to the City of Goodland.

But here in Kansas, the rules are as outdated as hand-cranked gramophones. We communicate in different ways today – cell phones, the Internet, cable telephony – the rules should be updated to reflect that fact, so consumers have more choices, get better service, and pay lower prices.

So, Kansas, let's allow the rules to be modernized – that'd be music to our ears.

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