

Teens learn lessons from pre-schoolers

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It was "Bring a Preschooler to Class" day at Goodland High School on Wednesday.

Freshmen and sophomore students in Sarah Short's family and consumer sciences class partnered one-on-one with the little kids to teach the teens parenting and teaching skills.

"It prepares me for the future so I'll know what to do," said sophomore Samantha Galden, who said she hopes to be a mom and a teacher one day.

The high school students spent 90 minutes entertaining and teaching the 3- to 5-year-olds with crafts, storytelling, snack time and a puppet show.

Short, who has been holding a class like this off and on for 31 years, said the students had to create their own lessons plans that incorporate math, English, social studies and science.

The student-created lessons included a puppet show with numbers and a hands-on science experiment involving gloves, petroleum jelly and cold water.

"It shows them how the penguin's oily skin protects them from the cold," said ninth-grader Dalton Lang.

Lang partnered with his little

brother, Nick, 2-1/2. He also brought along his sisters, Hannah, 3, and Angel, 4, to work with the students.

"You get to learn how to make them calm down instead of blowing up your temper at them," said Lang, an older brother to four.

Short said the students had to recruit their own small ones. Many brought family friends and Short even "donated" her own 3-year-old grandson, John Hofer.

Short called the activity an eye opener.

"Often times the students, especially the male students, don't want to have anything to do with the kids," she said, "but this gives them a chance to do some bonding, and they look at the kids differently."

Sophomore Corbin Townsend was one of the "teachers" who led the activity. He said he learned patience and how to deal with different personalities from the toddlers.

"We're trying to teach them things while they teach us things," Townsend added.

And although Heidi Lawson is only in the 10th grade, she said working with the youngsters made her feel nostalgic.

"They teach me to enjoy the simple things in life, like coloring and playing blocks," she said. "I used to do those things."



Goodland High School student Rachel Muhlethaler helped 5-year-old Angel Lang create a puppy face on a dog biscuit Wednesday as part of an assignment for the family and consumer sciences class. Photo by Ramona C. Sanders/The Goodland Star-News

Downtown restaurant serves chicken, sandwiches

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A new downtown Goodland restaurant uses its historical location to enhance its decor and a familiar menu to bring in business.

Main Street Cafe, 1016 Main St., opened its doors Monday, serving Chester Fried Chicken just as the previous operation, Picnic in the Park, did. People seem to like that.

"I was across the street at Mann's Jewelry and saw the sign out, and said 'they're open again,'" said Goodland business owner Chuck Bohme before sitting down to a lunch of fried chicken and mashed potatoes.

The cafe is owned by Harold and Mary Ann Snethen, who also owned Picnic in the Park, and managed by Tammy Randall, a former desk clerk at the Comfort Inn. The restaurant employs six people, including Randall and her husband, Elmer Russell, who serves as the cook.

Goodland resident Joyce Meyer stopped by on the opening day to pick up an order of chicken strips. They were so tasty, she said, she bypassed

her lunch of homemade leftovers on Tuesday, and opted for chicken strips two days in a row.

"I am just delighted to have them here," Meyer said. "So are other people."

Meyer said she likes the fact that the Main Street Cafe has take-out that is quick and "already ready" when she stops by on her lunch break from her job at the Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Randall said the restaurant saw 50-75 customers on its first day of service. A steady stream of people came in on Tuesday as well. The cafe is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and closed on Sundays.

In addition to fried chicken, the restaurant serves soup, sandwiches, salads, pie, soda and coffee. It has a rotating dinner menu that includes chicken coron bleu, Hawaiian steak with pineapple glaze and beef tips and noodles. Randall said the clam chowder and breaded corn on the cob have been big hits.

Another big hit is the restaurant's decor, which highlights area history. The restaurant is in the Ennis

Building, built in 1910 when Main Street was called Boulevard Street, according to Randall. The building has housed a grocery store, meat market, barber shop, beauty shop, shoe repair shop and candy store in its 97 years, according to historical information Randall got from the Sherman County Heritage Preservation Alliance.

With a theme of "Do you remember when?" the decor includes exposed brick walls, an original iron ceiling, curio cabinets full of trinkets, old housewares, a vintage wall telephone and even a lamppost. Each table has a vintage photo of an early 1900s Main Street building.

Randall said she got the photos and some of the historical information that lines the restaurant's walls from the Sherman County Heritage Preservation Alliance. She said she brought many of the vintage items from home, including the first sewing machine her mother gave her when she was 5. Randall said she grew up on a farm near St. Francis.

"I had to bring a touch of home to my second home," she said.



Main Street Cafe manager Tammy Randall gave change to customer Joyce Meyer Monday as employee Brittney Duraso watched. The new downtown restaurant, at the site of the former Picnic in the Park, opened Monday, serving Chester Fried Chicken. Photo by Ramona C. Sanders/The Goodland Star-News

High school clean up day on Wednesday

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Organizers of the Goodland Fall Cleanup hope the autumn leaves continue to fall so that Goodland High School students will have

something to clean up.

The second Fall Cleanup, a community service project for high school students, is scheduled for Wednesday, but the leaves so far aren't co-operating.

"It's supposed to be cool Monday and Tuesday, so hopefully the leaves will start falling," said organizer Connie Livengood, high school teacher.

Livengood said community members still have time to sign up for the free service by calling the high school at 890-5656.

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student of the week



Name: Ashley Christians
Parents: Julie and Tom Roeder, Mitch Christians
Grade: Senior
Age: 17

We've nominated this student because: Ashley brings diligence, effort and a lively curiosity into class. Her problem solving skills are a definite asset and (except for the sneezing) she's always pleasant to work with. Her extensive involvement in sports and activities round out the total package.

Student Comment: My best liked subjects are English and History. I will always remember the teachers who inspired me to push harder and become the person I am today.

Activities involved in at school: Girl's Athletic Association, volleyball and X-Presso's

My choice of movies, books, and games: Favorite books: To Kill a Mockingbird, Stephanie Plum series. Music: classic rock. Movies: to many to name.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to: go to college for Criminal Psychology and get my masters.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be : Settling down with a family and hopefully being successful in Psychology.

Favorite Quote: Carpe Diem

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