

Paramedics get their best reward

Paramedics Bob McClanahan and Jay Burton got a great big reward for a job well done recently.

When McClanahan and Burton responded to an early morning call March 22, they found 6-year-old Brittany Sloan suffering from a gunshot wound in the chest.

Brittany had been wounded by her twin brother Brandon as they played with their father's gun.

The bullet knicked her aorta, damaged her spleen and kidney and lodged near her spine. She lost a kidney and still carries the bullet because doctors fear removing it would damage the spine.

Although she may have to undergo another operation to repair a couple of aneurysms, she is recovering well and wanted to say thanks to the paramedics.

She got her chance on May 2.

"We try not to get emotionally involved in our cases," McClanahan said, "but this one got to us.

"There's nothing you can usually do



Bob McClanahan, left, and Jay Burton with Brandon and Brittany Sloan

with a chest wound. We want to celebrate when a child lives through it."

Sgt. Ronnie Corley and investigators from the Sheriff's Department presented Brandon with a certificate commending his bravery for quickly telling his parents what happened. ■