

Servicemen's families honored by Elks Lodge

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Sunday was the 67th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Goodland Elks Lodge held their annual memorial service and Blue Star Banner ceremony.



Barkley

Ron Barkley, Americanism chairman for the lodge and a retired Goodland High School teacher led the Blue Star ceremony to hand out flags to 11 families who have members in the armed forces with some serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Scott Jarrett opened the program by thanking all the families of those who are serving and that this was the seventh year the lodge has handed out the Blue Star banners.

Barkley said it was 50 years ago when he put on his uniform, and that he was called back into service during the Berlin crisis in 1947.

He said he spent all the time in the U.S., and during training he was a designated target out in the woods at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He said he did all the things like use twigs in his helmet and other camouflage techniques to hide.

"I realized they were teaching me how to keep from being killed," Barkley said. "We did have live fire training. It is amazing how fast you can go through the trench with machine gun bullets rattling above your head."

He said he had thought about the significance of holding the service on Sunday, Dec. 7, and the history of

Families receive Blue Star Banners

Blue Star Banners were handed out by the Goodland Elks on Sunday to families of 11 people serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Spec. John M. Bowman, Kansas National Guard serving at Camp Adder, Tallil, Iraq. Parents are Keith and Cindy Bowman of Goodland.

Maj. Gerald Cullens, Air Force service in Washington. Parent is Marvin Cullens of Goodland.

Master Sgt. Pete DeLaRosa, Marines serving in Afghanistan. Parents are Pete and Pauline DeLaRosa of Goodland.

Chief Anthony Iadevia, U.S. Navy serving in Washington. Parent is Jane Driscoll of Goodland.

Spec. Jake Lemon, U.S. Army serving at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Parent is B.J. Lemon of New Mexico and Sue Campbell, an aunt from Burlington, Colo.

Staff Sgt. Lewis W. Langendoerfer, Air Force serving at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Okla. Parents are Bill and Judy Langendoerfer of Idalia, Colo.

Pvt. Jeff Peten, U.S. Army

serving in Afghanistan. Grandparents are Joyce and David Sprecker of Goodland and parents Debbie and James Sprecker of Underwood, Iowa.

Pvt. Drew Tedford, U.S. Army serving in Germany. Grandparents are Elmer and Joyce Purvis and Max and Bernice Tedford all of Goodland.

2nd Lt. Joshua G. Topliff, U.S. Air Force serving at Robben-Warner Air Force Base in Ga. Parents are John and Carol Topliff, grandparents Dean and Myrna Topliff, all of Goodland and grandmother Mary Carper of Jennings.

Pfc. Casey Zimmerman, U.S. Army serving in Iraq. Grandfather is Leonard Zimmerman of Goodland and father Rick Zimmerman of Colorado Springs.

Capt. Lee Kasha and Capt. Jessica Kasha, U.S. Air Force serving at Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Special two-star banners given to parents Ramona and Leonard Kasha, Jr. and grandfather Leonard Kasha, Sr.

those who died at Pearl Harbor.

"We are here to honor the living today as we honor our past Elks in the memorial service," he said. "The purpose of this ceremony is to honor the living servicemen and women."

He said he heard a saying years

ago that being in the service "was a million dollar experience, but he wouldn't take a million to do it again."

"We all know the sacrifice the families make who have a member who is serving our country," he said.



Ramona Kashka (center) and Leonard Kashka (left) traded in a one-star Blue Banner on Sunday and Goodland Elks Exalted Ruler Scott Jarrett (right) handed them a two-star banner to show the family has two people serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The seventh annual Blue Star ceremony was held Sunday afternoon at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

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One unique presentation was an exchange of a single-star banner given previously to the Kashka family for a two-star banner Barkley explained that the family now has two family members in the Air Force. The banners were given to Ramona and Leonard Kasha, Jr. parents of Capt. Lee Kasha and grandfather Leonard Kasha, Sr. Capt. Lee married Capt. Jessica Kasha who is in the Air Force. Both captains are serving at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Elks Secretary Zona Price, who is the Americanism chairman for the Kansas Elks, said the lodge has given out about 120 banners in the past six years and the ones handed out Sunday bring the total to 139. She said the number of banners does not match the number of people serving, because some families will receive a banner for the parents,

one for the spouse and one for the grandparents.

She said some of the families get banners with more than one blue star when they have more than one member in the service. She said in the seven years only the family of Sgt. Derrick Lutters has traded their blue star banner for a gold star banner denoting that the family member died in service to the country.

"I hope we don't have to hand out any more gold stars," she said.

Barkley said it was fitting for the Elks to be part of the Blue Star program because patriotism is an important part of being an Elk. He said Price had been the first in Kansas to start a Blue Star program.

He said the Blue Star Banner program dates back to World War I and was continued through World War II. He said he was disappointed the program was not continued during

the Korean and Vietnam wars. He said it was a program supported by the American Legion.

Price said when she heard about the program she asked the Goodland American Legion if the Elks could help, and she said the Legion people said they could not handle the program and would be pleased if the Elks wanted to take it on.

She said she made contact with the American Legion and it is through them she orders the special banners each year.

Ben Waugh and Devin Mangus presented and retired the flags for the ceremony and Devin and his father Danny Mangus sang God Bless the USA and God Bless America for the ceremony. Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Kansas Walt Linthacum present the Elks salute to the American Flag.

Recipe book has everything from jelly to cinnamon rolls

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Everything from corn cob jelly to steak to chili and "Granny's" cinnamon rolls are among the culinary delights in a cookbook full of Kansas recipes, including many from Goodland.

"America's Main Street Cookbook" has been published by the Kansas I-70 Association and contains recipes contributed by people and businesses in Kansas towns along the interstate, including Goodland.

The cookbook is available for \$15 (\$16.31 with tax) at *The Goodland Star-News*, 1205 Main, with proceeds going to the association.

Recipes contributed from Goodland came from the Howard Johnson Hotel and Harvesters Restaurant; Mel Dolezal, former manager of the Sugar Hills Golf Club; Judy Escudero, retired cook and kitchen manager from the Northwest Kansas Technical College; Crazy R's Bar and Grill; Jessica Vrbka; Ken and Laurie Klemm, owners of the Homestead Ranch and Buffalo

Guys; Duane and Sharon Harper; High Plains Museum; Viva O'Brien; and Butterfly Cafe.

Recipes from Brewster came from Iva Lee Stephens, Doris Mayer and Sherri (Mayer) Armstrong.

Recipes were contributed from Colby, including some from Bourquin's Old Depot Restaurant, and from Topeka, Abilene, Salina, Junction City, Kansas City, Lecompton, Hays, WaKeeney, Oakley, Hope, Lawrence, Chapman, Bonner Springs, Collyer, Leawood and Smolan.

The book includes recipes for Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' Summer Fruit Crisp, Mamie Eisenhower's Million Dollar Fudge recipe, contributed by the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, and 1 Eleven Ultra Lounge in Salina's Chocolate Raspberry Martini.

The book includes cooking hints and tips, cooking and food terms, ingredient substitutions, yields and equivalents, oven chart, seasonings and marinades for meats and a meat doneness chart, a candy making

chart, information on herbs and spices, a counting calories chart, recommended times for cooking vegetables, table settings, an offer for an access code to a data base with a million recipes and space to write in your own favorites. Historic photos from contributing communities mark the division of sections.

A couple of recipes from Goodland follow.

Pheasant or Venison Etouffee

Duane and Sharon Harper
 Etouffee is a spicy cajun dish with meat that is usually served over rice.

- 3 tablespoons bacon fat
- 1 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1 cup minced celery
- 3/4 cup minced green bell pepper

- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon mild paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cayenne salt as needed

- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups broth (beef or chicken)
- 1 1/2 pound venison or pheasant
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup thinly sliced scallions, white and green portions
- 1/4 cup basil, chopped fine
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parsley

Heat fat over medium heat until simmering. Add onion, saute stirring frequently until translucent, about six minutes. Add celery, bell pepper and garlic. Cover and cook over low heat until vegetables are tender.

Add paprika, white pepper, cayenne and 1/2 teaspoon salt, stirring constantly one minute. Sprinkle flour over vegetables and continue to cook, stirring constantly until thick. Add broth and stir well to remove lumps, bring to a simmer.

Add meat. Cover pot and cook over low heat, stirring frequently until meat is cooked through and hot. Add a little more broth as need-

ed if Etouffee is getting too thick. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add butter, scallions, basil and parsley and stir to combine. Serve in heated bowls.

Monte Cristo Sandwich

Mel Dolezal/Sugar Hills Golf Club

- 1 quart oil for frying, or as needed
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 3/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8 slices white bread
- 4 slices Swiss cheese
- 4 slices turkey
- 4 slices ham
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar for dusting

Heat five inches of oil in a deep fryer to 365 degrees Fahrenheit (80 degrees C). While oil is heating, make the batter: In a medium bowl, whisk together the egg and water. Combine the flour, baking powder, salt and pepper; whisk into egg mixture until smooth. Set aside in the refrigerator.

Assemble sandwiches by placing a slice of turkey on one slice of bread, a slice of ham on another, then sandwich them with the Swiss cheese in the middle. Cut sandwiches into quarters and secure with toothpicks.

Dip each sandwich quarter in the batter so that all sides are coated. Deep fry in the hot oil until golden brown on all sides. Remove toothpicks and arrange on a serving tray. Dust with confectioners' sugar just before serving. Serves 8.

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court. All ages are at the time of the fine.

Jan. 2: Stacey D. Rehark, 32, Fountain, Colo., \$135 for speeding, 85/70.

Feb. 28: Caleb U. Jamison, 25, Aurora, Colo., \$219 for speeding, 96/70, \$30 for not wearing a seat belt.

March 28: Michael J. Olivas, 19, Littleton, Colo., \$138 for speeding, 87/70.

July 11: Dana M. Augustine, 32, Lochbuie, Colo., \$135 for speeding, 85/70.

Aug. 3: Vance L. Jaquess, 20, Manassa, Colo., \$201 for speeding.

Aug. 9: Robert S. Threet, 41, Fairview, Tenn., \$175 for violating motor carrier safety rules and regulations, not having current and seven days' log.

Aug. 10: Salvador Quintana, 43, Milliken, Colo., \$135 for operating a motor vehicle without a license and \$72 for speeding, 82/65.

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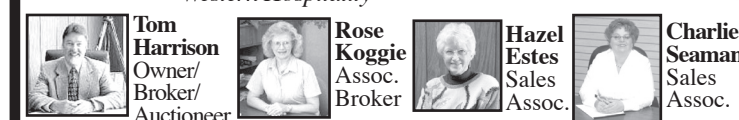
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Sincerely, Tom, Dale, Patsy, Lane, Travis and Sandy

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