

Panel recalls memories of military, home

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Memories of combat in the Pacific, military duty stateside, life on the home front and reflections of the “girl he left behind” took center stage at the Patriotic Celebration on Saturday.

About 40 people attended the event, sponsored by the Goodland Carnegie Arts Center at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

In a panel discussion, four guests talked about their experiences during the war. Tina Goodwin, director of the arts center, introduced Ron Barkley of KLOE, KKCI and KWGB Radio, who moderated the discussion.

Maxine Rauscher opened the discussion, relating the culture shock she experienced following her husband Dale when he was stationed in the south for the first stages of training as an Army Air Corps navigator. She described the “superior” attitudes some white people towards blacks, and in one case, towards Jews.

Rauscher said Dale was troubled because of the year he spend as a German prisoner of war. She said her husband was finally able to face that experience and wrote about it for his daughter and grandsons a few years before he died in 1994.

Vernice Leslie, who served as an Army nurse from February 1945 until December 1946, described her experiences going from Goodland to Wichita in February 1942 for nursing school and joining the cadet nursing corps in July 1943.

On graduation in February 1945, she was commissioned as a second lieutenant and was ordered to Camp Carson, Colo., for six weeks’ training.



Members of Jessica Kannady’s juniors dance class put on a jitterbug demonstration for about 40 guests at the Patriotic Celebration on Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

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From there, she went to an Army surgical center in Springfield, Mo., for 16 months. Transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, near Washington, in August 1946, Leslie said she was a backup nurse, working for different sections as needed. That included helping to care for Gen. John J. Pershing for a time. She was discharged in December 1946 as a first lieutenant

and went to work at St. Luke’s Hospital in Kansas City before returning to Goodland a few months later.

John Boyington said he joined the Navy in 1940. After training, he was assigned to the battleship U.S.S. Maryland and was with the ship at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He said that less than a month after the attack, the damaged ship made to Bremerton, Wash., for re-

pairs and less than a month later, she was back on duty.

Boyington was an aviation machinist mate and served as a gunner on one of the Maryland’s scout planes. He was at the battles of Guam, Tarawa, Espirito Santos and Surigao Strait with the ship. He was discharged in 1946 as a petty officer first class.

Clarence Scheopner talked about

how, as the oldest son, he stayed on the family farm to help his father, who was in poor health, to “produce for victory.”

He recalled that sugar, coffee, eggs, tires, and other commodities were rationed.

Scheopner said the war years were good ones for crops, and the price of wheat went up from \$1 a bushel to \$3. Although he stayed on

the farm throughout the war, he never knew how long he would be there. He said his draft deferment was re-evaluated every three to six months.

Barkley asked if anyone else had something to share. Bill Hartzler said he joined the Army Air Corps in June 1940. When he was stationed near Wichita Falls, Texas, he had to get permission to marry, which regulations required for enlisted men below the rank of staff sergeant.

He described how he went through all the trouble involved doing the paperwork required to prove that he could support his wife and gain his commander’s permission, then with a short laugh, said a month after getting married he was promoted to staff sergeant which would have eliminated all the red tape.

The event, one of the activities surrounding the “Produce for Victory” exhibit at the center, started at 11 a.m. as people brought in World War II memorabilia from military and home-front experiences.

A soup-and-sandwich lunch was served by the veterans’ Auxiliary as guests got together to visit and reminisce, and to look at the memorabilia.

A jitterbug demonstration was put on by Jessica Kannady’s juniors dance class for fifth- through eighth-grade students: Amanda Amthor, Alexis Bateman, Brennen Clouse, Lexi David, Shelbi Herl, Halli Stone and Dayelle Waugh.

Although the “Rosie the Riveter” look-a-like did not take place because there were no entrants, Sharon Jensen won the apple pie bake off.

Sixth grade music program highlights ‘Presidents on Parade’

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drano, Theodore Roosevelt, Corbin Townsend; William Howard Taft, Kaleb Keith; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Erik Roeder; Harry S. Truman, Taylor Tomsic, and first lady, Alyssa Brady; John F. Kennedy, Chance Davis, and first

lady, Carissa Wentz; Gerald R. Ford, Benjamin Waugh; Jimmy Carter, Paul Starr; Ronald Reagan, Quinten Ragels, and first lady, Alexis Bateman; cameraman, J.P. McCool; Bill Clinton, Harrison Ford, and first lady, Lexi David; George H.W. Bush, Austin Hunter, first lady, Katie Clancy; and George W. Bush, Eric Whalen.

Bodyguards for the presidents were Eduardo Martinez, Tyler MacDonald, Kevin Amthor, Loren Strait, Eric Ross and Ryan Irvin.

The vocal program was directed by Char Avila and the band program by DeAndrea Schields and Tremon Kizer.

Band students included: Flutes, Alexis Albers, Tanicia

Arnold, Brady, Amber Douglas, Natasha Hillman, Nonamaker and Sandoval.

Clarinets: Bateman, Jennifer Pennington and Elaine Reiter.

Alto saxophones: Brenner, Lawson, Prine, Redlin and Waugh. Tenor saxophone: Davis.

Trumpets: Barber, Irvin, Isaac, MacDonald, E. Roeder and Starr.

French horn: Ragels and T. Roeder.

Trombones: Amthor, Cotter, McCool and Strait.

Percussion: Alanis.

Antique quilts on block to end mortgage

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mother also supported the organization.

Pictures of and information on the quilt, coverlet and other items, including a sewing machine, can be found by going to the eBay, then to

“search” and by seller, entering shchohistoricalsociety.

Gennifer House and Marcia Golden took pictures and listed the items on the site.

The Parkers were known as primary historians of Sherman County, Baum said, and the society

is naming its research center at 620 Caldwell the Marion and Betty Parker Research Center in their honor.

Among the photos in the Parkers’ library is one of Marion’s mother, aunt and grandparents in front of their sod house in 1885.

correction


A story about Goodland students being honored by the Univeristy of Kansas on Page 8 of the April 13 edition of *The Goodland Star-News* had the wrong picture for Brittney Redlin. A photo of her cousin, Laurie, was substituted by mistake. This was a layout error.

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Chuck Bauer Duo
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Saturday, May 1
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Eagles Lodge
W. Hwy 24
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And Kansas has more than 500,000 other good reasons that enter our classrooms and walk on our campuses each day.

It is time for the Legislature to send to the Governor a real school finance plan. The Legislature must make a serious attempt to:

- Stop the financial bleeding in our public schools after three years of flat funding.
- Provide our schools with stable, long-term funding.
- Get us on the road to adequate and equitable funding for all Kansas students.

As the Legislators return they must:

- Listen to the majority of Kansans who want stable funding for the excellent public schools in Kansas.
- Finish their work in a quick and efficient manner as districts are making cuts NOW!
- Craft a Senate plan that provides at least as much new money as the plan sent out by the Kansas House of Representatives (The Kassebaum Plan).

Kansas needs to support one of the finest public education systems in the United States by funding our public schools at an appropriate level.

Our kids need good decisions by our elected decision makers. The future of Kansas and its economy depend upon it!

Contact your legislators. Tell them to support Kansas public schools.

Christy Levings, an elementary classroom teacher in Olathe, is the elected President of the 25,000 teaching, support, student and retired members of the Kansas National Education Association. kneanews@knea.org.

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