

Veterans Day services Saturday

Veterans will be honored for their service and sacrifice at 11 a.m. on Veteran's Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main in downtown Goodland. Veterans Affairs representative Jody Tubbs from Colby will speak. JoAnn Wahrman will introduce the winners of the VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests. The Voice of Democracy, open to students in ninth to 12th grades, requires a three-to-five-minute speech. This year's theme is "Freedom's Challenge."

The winner is Michael Smith, son of Celia Smith. His entry will go on to district competition. The winner of the district contest goes on to the state and the state winner gets a trip

to Washington and a guaranteed \$1,000 scholarship with a chance for a \$30,000 scholarship.

Brennan Clouse, son of Kenneth and JoAnn Clouse, came in second. He is a sophomore at Goodland High School.

Patriot's Pen is an essay contest for sixth to ninth graders. The theme was "Citizenship in America."

Abby Jolly, daughter of Jay and Carol Jolly, came in first. Brendan Fulcher, son of Bill and Dana Fulcher, was second and Ryan Hillmer, son of Marin and DeAnn Hillmer, was third. Jolly's essay also will go on to district competition. The national prize is a \$10,000 savings bond.

Elks give flags to wave on holidays

If you see flags waving at every house on a street on a patriotic holiday, it may be a part of the Goodland Elks Americanism project.

Lodge members delivered 244 12-by-18-inch American flags to all houses the full length of Arcade Avenue and of Eighth Street before the Fourth of July.

"What a sight it was July 4th morning," said secretary Zona Price.

The goal, she said, is to have flags flying on every street in Goodland for holidays. She said the Elks hope to add streets every year.

The Americanism project promotes patriotism, she said. The Goodland lodge has a Blue Star Banner program which recognizes families with members in the military.

The lodge also sponsors an Amer-

icanism essay contest is for area students. Members give Pledge of Allegiance kits to teachers and hold "Honor the Flag" programs at schools.

They support the Fourth of July fireworks through donations, Price said, and have an annual Law and Order diner for officers and dispatchers. (The 2006 dinner will be Thursday, Dec. 7.)

The Elks hope people who have gotten the flags will fly them Saturday for Veteran's Day, Price said, and people on the streets seem to like the idea.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," said Betty Sutton, who lives on Arcade.

"We need to remember the veterans. I am very proud of my husband, who served in World War II as bombardier."

Scammers sending out real-looking checks

Sherman County citizens are receiving letters telling them that they are big winners in an international lottery, with what looks like a real check attached.

The "lottery" wants the money sent to a distant city, though, and if you send it, well, it's gone.

Sheriff's Deputy Jason Showalter said the checks look real, the banks the come from are real and the bank routing numbers are real, but they are not drawn on a real account.

Showalter said he has seen three of the checks in the past two days and checked them out with the banks.

"The letter says the person is a winner, and \$4,000 is supposed to cover the taxes on the winnings," Showalter said. "The person is supposed to cash the check and wire the money to an address in Canada or New York and they will send you the rest of your winnings."

"I called the local banks and a First National Banks representative, Anita Henderson, told me ... it is not an uncommon scheme, but they have seen more of them lately."

"The local banks won't cash the checks now that they have been notified, but if a person got one cashed, they would be responsible when the check bounces back."

"It is not a lot of money, but it is enough to be a lot to some people. Hopefully, we can minimize our losses."

Showalter said the request to wire the money is a way to shortcut the time between when the local bank accepts the check and the other bank

would bounce the check back. With an electronic transfer, the money would be gone he said.

He said people can call the sheriff's office at 890-4835 if they receive a check they are not sure is real.

"We are going to try to track down where they are coming from and want to know how many people have received these," Showalter said.

corrections

The age of Robert Vantleven was reported incorrectly in a story on the Moonlight Madness costume contest on the front page of the Friday, Nov. 3 edition of *The Goodland Star-News*. He is 3. The winner in the 10-14 age group was Seth Stramel, not Seth Thomas. These mistakes were due to reporter error.

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An editorial about the Goodland Cowboys on Page 4 of the Friday, Nov. 3, *Star-News* omitted the

Work begins



Workers from Bryant and Bryant of Halstead set up barricades on all sides of the intersection at Eighth and Caldwell on Tuesday. Workers began cutting the pavement on Wednesday, and Darin Neufeld, city engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, said that Bryant and Bryant is hoping to have Eight

Street done in a few weeks, and will do the intersection at Caldwell and Armory Road next. The project is the first to begin construction as part of the joint city-county road program being paid for by the one-cent sales tax that went into effect in July.

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High school principal wants weekend activities

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

What do you do to keep a bunch of restless teenagers out of trouble? Goodland High School Principal Harvey Swager says he plans to ask them.

Swager wants to start a leadership group and plan weekend activities for high school students where alcohol and drugs are not allowed.

The principal told the Community Partners for Prevention and Education at the group's Oct. 19 meeting that he is trying enlist youth leaders to find out what activities students would be interested in and get support from adults to provide fun for the students on weekends.

Teens go out in the country to drink, he said, but that is more dangerous than in-town parties because they have to drive home.

Main Street is dead on Saturday

nights, he said, and drug use at the high school has gone up.

"If we don't offer alternatives," he said, "it will only get worse."

One thing that has contributed to the problem, Swager said, is that their parents don't seem to want to be involved.

"Where did we start losing the parents?" he asked. "We have had two good drug awareness programs for parents, and there were poor turnouts at both."

He said it's harder and harder all the time to find things to do that will interest high schoolers.

Since they start having dances in junior high, he said, those are no big deal by high school. It used to be a big deal to start driving at 16, he said, but now kids are driving younger.

There used to be a teen hangout in Goodland, he said, but several have shut down. Kids need some-

thing for Saturday nights, he said, so they can have fun without drinking, but it needs to be a setting where teens will be comfortable.

"I want it to be kid-driven," the principal said. "They don't want parents looking over their shoulders."

Maybe "cool grownups" who are not parents of high school students could help, said Cris Riebel, owner of Joyful Noise Preschool and treasurer of the partnership. Maybe the partnership could be involved.

Kids tend to do the wrong thing because so many others do, she said, and they want to fit in.

"Kids not doing the wrong thing are seen as nerdy," she said. "How do we change that perspective?"

First, they have to understand they are not alone, Swager said, adding that he hopes the leadership group will help with that.

Swager said he is trying to iden-

tify about 24 student leaders and then get help from them to determine what teens would enjoy doing on weekends.

"I'm looking for things they would be interested in doing on Friday and Saturday nights besides drinking," the principal said. "I'm going to ask the youth leaders what they think."

Maybe they will have ideas, he said, or they may want to do a survey at the school and get ideas from all the students. Once he has identified activities the students would enjoy, Swager said, he would like to talk to the prevention group about how to put a plan into action.

"I think our community would help facilitate this," he said.

"It takes a whole village to raise a kid," said Judy McKee, Neighborhood Watch coordinator. "It really does in every way."

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

Oct. 17 — Carlos I Presa-de Santiago, \$126 for no driver's li-

cense and \$72 for speeding.

Oct. 18 — Roger G. Berry, \$166

for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Diane C. Schmidt, \$126 for speeding.



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