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Two Kanorado men honored at Elks law and order dinner Co-op men named Citizens of the Year for efforts to save kidnapped woman

Rod Boyce and Donald Daub of Kanorado received the Citizen of the Year award from the Goodland Elks as well as a Certificate from Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts at the Ninth annual Law and Order Appreciation Dinner held in December at the Elks Lodge.

The two Kanorado men were honored for their actions in helping to save a woman's life in September.

The Kanorado men work at the Co-op station, and a woman from Colorado Springs came into use the bathroom while the man she was with got gas. She told Daub, an employee, she had been kidnapped. He told Boyce, the manager, what she said, and the two men tried to rescue her. The man drove off with her in the pickup, and Boyce followed to see which way they went on the interstate while Daub called 911.

Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts found the pickup near the east Goodland exit and followed it for about three miles before he pulled it over with the assistance of Deputy Bob Pope. Butts had Pope talk to the driver while he went around the pickup and got the woman out and took her back



Donald Daub and Rod Boyce of the Kanorado Co-op were honored as Elks Citizens of the Year for their efforts to help rescue a kidnapped woman in September.

woman would have been killed if she had not been rescued when she was.

Butts said it was the actions of Boyce and Daub that made the woman's rescue possible.

Undersheriff Roger Studer and Mike Hopper natural resource officer for the wildlife department received special commendations from the Sheriff's department.

About 70 people attended the appreciation dinner, which Elks Secretary Zona Price said is held to show appreciation for the law enforcement officers and emergency dispatchers in Goodland and surrounding area and "their efforts to keep our communities safe."

U.S. Flag pins with the Statue of Liberty over the flag were give to all who attended.

to his pickup.

Butts said the woman had been taken from her apartment in Colorado Springs in front of her 15-year-old daughter who had called the Colorado Springs police.

Two detectives from the Colorado Springs Police Department came out to take the man, who was the woman's estranged husband, back to stand trial for kidnapping.

Butts said a special agent from the FBI office in Garden City said he was sure the

Undersheriff Roger Studer and Mike Hopper, (right photo) natural conservation officer for Cheyenne, Sherman and Wallace Counties, were presented outstanding service awards from Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts for their actions in assisting a woman and her infant in June by doing CPR on the baby and taking the baby to the hospital. The woman had seen the lights of Hopper's car and Studer arrived on the scene moments later. Hopper began CPR and hopped in Studer's car and they headed to the hospital. The immediate actions were credited by hospital staff with saving the baby's life.



Area law enforcement representatives at the Law and Order Appreciation Dinner in December included (standing, l-r) Kevin Butts, Sherman County Sheriff, Minh C. Huynh, Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper, William Fulcher, Goodland Police, Mike Hopper, resource conservation officer and Larry Townsend, Wallace County Sheriff; (seated, l-r) JoLynn Voth, Wallace County Dispatcher and Barb Disney, Sherman County Dispatcher.

"We appreciate the efforts of our area law enforcement people who help keep our communities safe," said Zona Price, Elks secretary.



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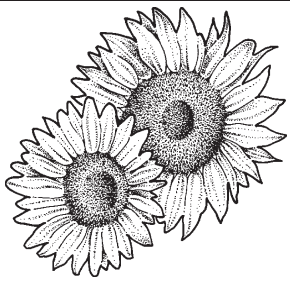
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