



Dani and her father Danny Mangus (left) provided the music for the Blue Star Banner Program on Sunday at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Susan Riedesel (above) received her banner for her son, Corey Davis, from Exalted Ruler Brian Rippe. Her daughter, Grace, and her husband, Jeff (above far right) were there with her. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Service people remembered with banners at Elks

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Men and women serving in the military were remembered on Sunday afternoon at the Goodland Elks Lodge Blue Star Banner Program. A banner of white with a red border and a blue star on it for the family member serving in the military was given to parents, grandparents and parents-in-laws.

The speaker for the occasion was Goodland High School history teacher Jonathan Whisnant. He said he was honored to be asked to speak. There were around 35 present for the ceremony.

Whisnant said he served in the U.S. Army in Desert Storm. He said his father was a career Air Force serviceman and had served in World

War II and his grandfather had served in World War I. Whisnant said his son was considering joining the military after he graduates from high school.

He said that they were not supposed to fly the U.S. Flag in Saudi Arabia because it would offend the residents. He did it anyway and got two weeks of KP duty.

Whisnant said that he makes a special effort to teach the symbolism behind the flag and its meaning.

This is the 11th year for the Blue Star Banner program at the Elks. The program was opened the Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Brian Rippe. Danny Mangus with the help of his daughter Dani provided music for the occasion.

One star banners were present

to parent Loraine Albers of Goodland, grandparent Joan Albers of Colby and grandparents Larry and MaryLee Oren of Colby for Troy J. Albers, a PCT. 2 in the National Guard stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Grandparent Francis Carer of Burlington for Chad Charter, a specialist in the Army National Guard at a Kuwait Naval Base.

Parent Riedesel of Goodland for Cory Davis in the U.S. Navy at Great Lakes, Ill.

Parents Shane and Bonnie Holm of Colby, parents-in-law Syd and Sherri Keith of Goodland and wife Mindi Holm of Bearfort, S.C. for Spencer Holm, Lance Colonel in the U.S. Marines out of Beaufort, S.C. on the USS Enterprise.

Parents-in-law Kenny and Elaine Flax of Gove for Matthew Marcotte, an E-5 in the U.S. Army at Ft. Carson, Colo.

Grandparents Don and Darlene Miller of Colby and parents Jeff and Diane Miller of Loveland, Colo., of Aaron Miller, a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine at the Air Station at Miramar.

Parents David and Cheri Pedersen of Kanorado for Tatum Pedersen, an AIC/E-3 in the U.S. Air Force, RAF at Lakenheath, England.

Grandmother Shirley James of Burlington for Stacy Wuthier, Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy at Norfolk, Va.

Parents David and Kay Younger of Goodland for David B. Younger, a Specialist in the U.S. Army at Ft.

Riley. The only two-star banner was given to parent and parent-in-law, Charlott Hughes of Oakley for Brandon Knapp, a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force at NSA, Oahu, and Constance Sedon, a Major in the U.S. Army at Tripler Army Hospital at Oahu, Hawaii.

The Blue Star Banner program dates back to World War I and was continued through World War II. It was not continued during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The program was handled by the American Legion. The Goodland American Legion asked the Elks to take on the program.



Jonathan Whisnant

Beware of callers wanting information

A local resident wants to warn others that when someone calls asking for information about new social security and medicare cards do not give them any information.

The call was received on Wednesday. The caller asked if their social security check was sent directly to the bank. They wanted the bank routing numbers and this person did without thinking. Later she called her bank and no suspicious activity had occurred but to be on the safe side the bank changed the account information.

The phone number was tracked back to New York.

If you receive any phone calls asking for personal information do not give it to them and call the authorities.

Enjoy a night at the movies!
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Toys donated will be picked up by the local Kiwanis group and distributed to kids in Sherman County on Saturday, Dec. 15.

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