

Town salutes those who served, died

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He linked memorable people from Kansas to the veterans of history, including Harry W. Comer, who drafted the idea for the original GI Bill of Rights, and the general who was first selected to lead the American Expeditionary Force to France in World War I, but died shortly before the troops left for Europe. If he had lived, it would mean there were two great Kansas generals, with the second being Dwight Eisenhower.

Bennett said the best person in Washington trying to help veterans is Congressman Jerry Moran. He said it is troubling, though, that as we produce more veterans in Iraq and Afghanistan, the government is cutting benefits.

Later, winners in the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen contests were introduced.

In the Patriot Pen contest, Kaitlyn Lammers was the top winner, and received a \$50 savings bond. Alexandra Borders was second and received a \$20 bond. Dane Frazier, third, got a \$10 bond. The topic for this year was "Who are today's patriots."

Winners in the Voice of Democracy oratory contest from Goodland High School were Michael Smith, first, who received \$75, and will go onto the district contest. Second was Aaron Duell who received \$50. The topic for this year was "How I

demonstrate my freedom."

Smith gave his speech and talked about his rich heritage of color and music. He said his grandmother came to America in 1919, and his grandfather had served in World War I.

Smith said his heritage was as an "AfrAmMexTex," an African American, Mexican and Texan.

He said he goal in life is to help to improve the world, and be able to echo the words of an old song his grandmother sang, "Free at last, free at last."

The crowd gave Smith a standing ovation for his speech and Dick Liess, stand in for Voice of Democracy committee chairman Jo Ann Wahrman, said he expects Smith to do well at the district competition. Wahrman said Monday she will be handling the district and state judging this year. The district judging is to be Nov. 20-22, and the state judging will be in the first week of December. She said the state winner will be announced in January.

Brenda Frankenfeld, VFW Auxiliary president, talked about what the women do to assist and help honor those who serve. She said the auxiliary here has 209 members.

High school students Jillian Parker and Jena McCall each sang a solo and then a duet of songs from the days of World War II. The duet was "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," originally performed by the Andrew Sisters as a trio.

Hungry pheasant hunters



Pheasant hunters took advantage of the Goodland Music Boosters' pancake breakfast Saturday morning at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Ready to head out to the fields about 5:30 a.m. were (front to back, on left) Brian Daniels of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Gary Smith, Denver; Erv Elfman and Charlie Baker of Goodland; and

Greg Howell, of Denver, and (on the right) James Luchinger of Cheyenne; Jim Alcorn, Goodland; and Larry and Gary Burke and Nick Newrauter of Denver. Alcorn said the group has been hunting together for years.

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Commissioners question airport leases, trucks' use of main entrance

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A lot of trucks are using the airport entrance, tearing up the pavement, and the Goodland City Commission wants to see if they could be using a different entrance.

The entrance is not in great shape, said Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who works with the city on airport improvements, and it may be a few years before there is enough money available from federal grants to repave it.

Commissioner Josh Dechant asked about the airport leases at last Monday's meeting, especially the two hangars that have been built for crop sprayers.

He said Barker Spraying is using one of the hangars, but he does not have an airplane.

City Manager Wayne Hill said he had been looking at the airport lease agreements, and said there is no clause requiring airport or related use only. He felt it might be appropriate to rewrite the agreements to allow airport-affiliated businesses.

Neufeld agreed that Barker no longer has a plane, but trucks are delivering to the hangar.

Neufeld said Barker has a lease on the property, and that includes more than the hangar.

"It is a fine line," Commissioner Dave Daniels said. "We don't want to run off a taxpaying business."

"It is sort of a grey area," Neufeld said. "Some airports are in an industrial park, and do not have airplanes on some of the property. It has been brought to the airport board."

Dechant said he was concerned about the 10 transports with liquid fertilizer and how close they are to the airport. The trucks are a combination of Barker's trucks and trucks delivering fertilizer to him.

Commissioner Dave Daniels asked about the pavement, saying the transports are giving the entrance road a beating.

Someone asked if they could lock the north gate and opening the one on the south.

Neufeld said there are some security issues with that. He said the entrance is on the project list for the Federal Aviation Administration. He said money may be available if Congress passes an airport bill as presented.

Mayor Rick Billinger said it might be worth looking at having an alternative entrance to keep truck traffic off the main entrance.

Neufeld said the only problem with an alternative entrance is that the trucks would have to cross a taxiway between the entrance and Barker's hanger.

Hill said he would look at the options since he did not know where the alternative gate was.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved a payment to Miller Construction of \$25,228 for work on Pioneer Park. Neufeld said it was nearly the close out, but there are some earthwork quantities to be figured for smaller bill.

- Approved a payment to Evans, Bierly, Hutchison of \$2,182 for construction engineering on Pioneer Park. Neufeld said there will be one more small bill for the final pa-

perwork.

- Approved a request for reimbursement of \$15,650 from the state Department of Transportation for work completed on the water mitigation project at Pioneer Park. Neufeld said that is about the end of that, but the state is saying the city can go back and claim a bit more to bring the state's share up to a total of 70 percent.

- Approved payment of \$1,011, to Evans, Bierly, Hutchison for work on the airport safety area. Neufeld said dirt work has begun on both sides of north Caldwell. The project will make it more of a smooth area at the end of the runway in case a plane overshoots.

- Approved payment to Evans, Bierly, Hutchison of \$7,068 for the survey of Cherry and Business U.S. 24 for the turning lane project. Neufeld said this is the project the state

was down to look at in October, and it is a 70-30 match program and comes out of the state maintenance fund. To get a project like this, Neufeld said, you have to apply for it. Billinger said he thought the state should be doing the project instead of spending city money on a state road.

"You can't wait on the state for this to happen," Neufeld said. "The state does not have appropriated money to fix the road. This project is for 2008. It would be nice if the state could fix all the roads. You need to decide where you want to spend the city money. If you don't do the grant and pay the 30 percent, the state will keep putting band-aids on the highways."

- Approved a reimbursement request from the state of \$5,301, for the design engineering on the Cherry project.

Consolidation considered

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the questions on the vehicles and the insurance."

"I think this is a good deal if we can work out the details," Hill said.

"It does not include the water park," Jimenez said. "Rich gets to keep that."

Hill said he will talk to the county about the recreation board, which is

part of a joint agreement between the city and county.

The consensus of the commission was to have Hill and Simon move ahead.

"I want to thank Jason for his work as the recreation director," Fairbanks said.

Billinger agreed: "I want to thank Jason for all he has done for us."

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Calendar for Nov. 16 - Nov. 22

Thursday - Western Kansas Liberty League AD meeting, 1 p.m.; Western Kansas Liberty League vocal clinic in Weskan, 10 a.m., concert at 6 p.m.

Friday - Junior High preseason tournament at Brewster, 3 p.m.

Saturday - Junior High preseason tournament at Brewster, 9 a.m.

Monday - Scholar's Bowl at Grinnell, 3:45 p.m.; Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.

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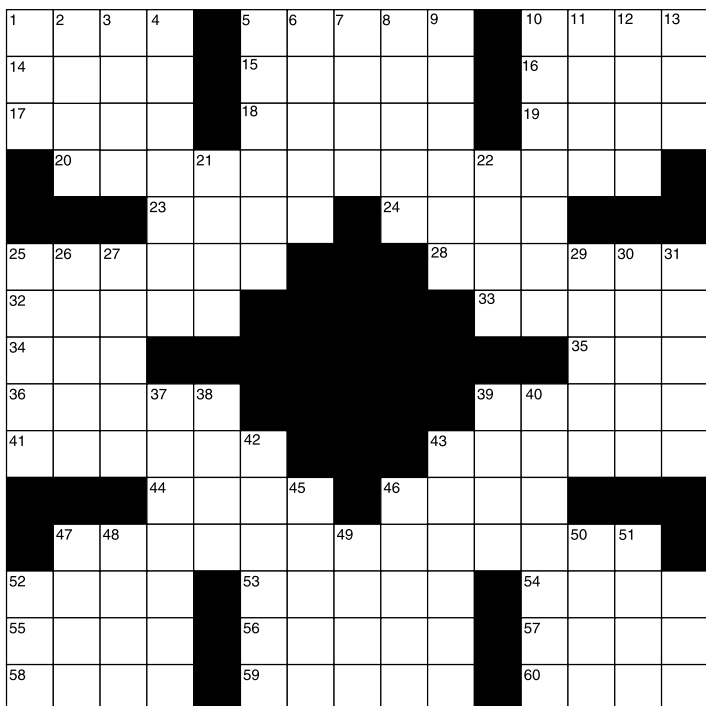


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5. Choose
10. What kids do
14. A stout rounded pole
15. Chest wood
16. Cycle
17. Novice
18. Dutch city
19. Augury
20. Rescue from disaster
23. Minerals
24. Fashion magazine
25. Emergency
28. Turn up
32. Swiftless
33. Decorate
34. Potato state, abbr.
35. Nocturnal mammal
36. Civil Rights group
39. Any heating apparatus
41. Showy flower
43. Header's opposite
44. Detail
46. ___ Alda, actor
47. Joe Montana and John Huarte
52. Loony ___
53. Fruit of the oak tree
54. Cement
56. River in Florence
57. Salad dressing bottle
58. Creator of Jean Valjean
59. Nasty
60. A beloved person
61. 13-19

CLUES DOWN

1. Fall back
2. Honeybee genus
3. Harelike rodent of Argentina
4. Academic administrator
5. Resounds
6. Is inclined
7. Brink
8. Create
9. Threefold
10. Move ahead
11. Motorcar
12. Arabian Gulf
13. Japanese money
21. Lake ___, one of the Great
22. ___ Mater, one's school
25. Khaki cotton twill
26. Measuring instrument
27. Sir ___ Newton
29. Android
30. Serious
31. Become a participant
37. Hair bun
38. Marrow
39. Glide
40. This evening
42. A way to separate
43. Cold-hearted
45. On a small scale
46. Gibe
47. Front part
48. Private school in New York
49. Word type
50. Veer
51. Unusually large
52. A woolen cap
55. The longest division of geological time

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