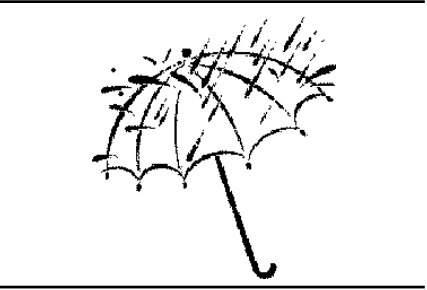
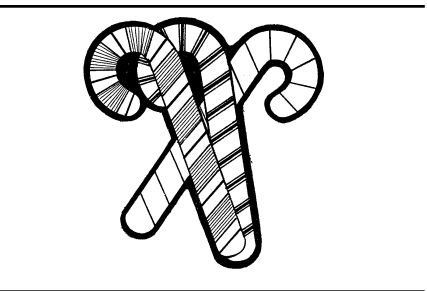


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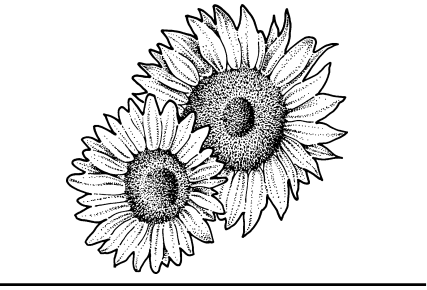


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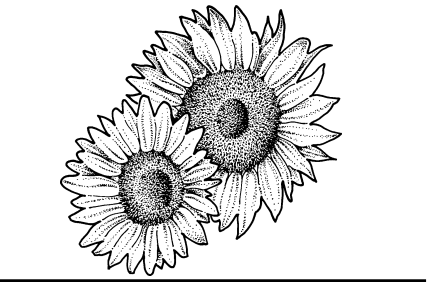
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Veterans Auxliary promotes 'Americanism' by giving flags for classrooms to each school principal



Principals from the Goodland schools received flags from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary in November. Pictured, from left: Mary Harper, Americanism chair for the auxiliary; Don Smith, math teacher and coach at Goodland High School; Jim Mull, principal at North Elementary and Grant Junior High; Shelly Angelos, principal at West Elementary; Steve Raymer, assistant principal at the high school; and Sharon Gregory, principal at Central Elementary.
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Seven dozen flags presented to school principals

By Sharon Corcoran
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Four principals, a math teacher and 84 American flags squeezed into an office at the school district building with the superintendent and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary last month.

Mary Harper, Americanism chair at the auxiliary, represented the auxiliary in giving seven dozen flags to the Goodland schools in November, so each classroom can have a flag and many of the offices as well.

Each school principal received a flag etiquette book, and 800 elementary students received cards with the "Pledge of Allegiance" on one side and the "American Creed" on the back.

Superintendent Marvin Selby; Jim Mull, principal of North Elementary and Grant Junior High; Shelly Angelos, principal of West Elementary; Sharon Gregory, principal of Central Elementary; Steve Raymer, assistant principal of Goodland High School; and Don Smith, a math teacher and coach at the high school, gathered at the district office so Harper could present the flags to them.

The auxiliary gives flags to organizations, said Mary Harper, Americanism chair, and does things for the schools.

"But we have never given out this many," she said.

The flags were \$77 for a dozen, she said,



so it was over \$500 for seven dozen. The auxiliary also bought some flag holders, she said; some of the offices didn't have flags. The auxiliary ordered enough flags to go around, Harper said, so the offices are able to put them up too.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" cards were given for each student in the grade schools, she said.

"I heard through the grapevine," Harper

said, "that some of the elementary classrooms needed new flags."

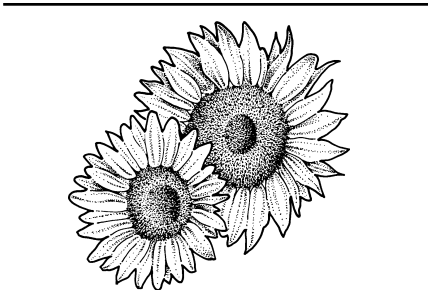
The auxiliary voted to give flags to all the schools, she said. The money for the flags was from the auxiliary's general fund, Harper said; some of it was raised selling flags to the public. The auxiliary doesn't make much selling the flags, she said, only about \$3 per flag, but there's always a little raised.



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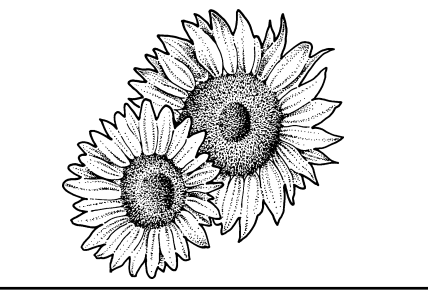
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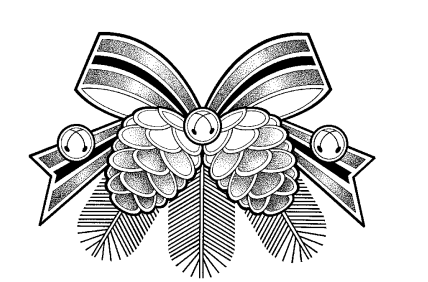
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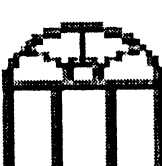


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