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Since Veterans Day falls on Sunday, the 56th annual observance in Grant will be Monday, Nov. 12 at Perkins County High School hosted by American Legion Post 270 of Venango.

Wallace School will hold a program for veterans, guests and the student body hosted by the American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 213.

This national day of observance gives communities across the nation a chance to pay tribute to America's veterans with speakers, recognition and food.

Perkins County

The public is invited to honor veterans during a program set for 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the high school, 740 Sherman.

Members of the Color Guard will post colors and Rev. Wayne Pick of Trinity Lutheran will deliver the invocation.

The high school band under the direction of Mrs. Johnson will play, and Perkins County American Legion Commander Kurt Hatteberg will give the welcoming address.

The 2012 Boys and Girls Staters will be introduced by American Legion Auxiliary President Betsy Marquardt.

John Long will serve as the guest speaker.

Commander Hatteberg will then give the roll of deceased veterans and a student bugler will play Taps.

The public is invited to a free ham and bean feed at the American Legion Hall at 3rd and Washington sponsored by the county legion posts of Venango, Elsie, Madrid and Grant with beans donated by Trinidad Bean.

Speaker John Long

Local Grant resident John Long will speak during the Veterans Day program.

Long has lived in Perkins County the majority of his 62 years, except for his college years at UNL and he spent one year in Dallas at mortuary school and then returned to Grant.

He has served as funeral director of Bullock-Long Funeral Home for the past 39 years. John and his wife Kris meet the needs of grieving families in a large region. In addition to serving in such a personal way, Long has been devoted to hosting a men's Bible study group in his home for the past 18 years.

He also volunteers time toward the betterment of the community. He has served on city council, has been mayor of the City of Grant, and has been vice president of Jaycees. He is currently in his second term as president of Rotary and is a deacon at New Life Fellowship Church.

The Longs have three sons, J.J. and wife Nicole, and son Ben and wife Tiff all live in Grant. Andy and wife Kerrie are in Sterling, Colo. They have five grandchildren and one on the way.

Wallace

At 8:30 a.m., veterans, the public and the student body of Wallace School will gather to honor those who have fought for their country.

The Veterans Day program is hosted by American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 213.

Music will be provided by K-12 students. The Voice of Democracy winner will be the guest speaker and drama students will give readings.

American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain Bonnie Erickson will give flag etiquette booklets to the sixth graders.

Veterans and their wives are invited to enjoy coffee and rolls afterward.

Programs
—Grant—
When: Nov. 12
Program: Perkins County High School
Free bean feed at
Legion Hall in Grant
—Wallace—
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Parade: 8:30 a.m. CST
Program: Wallace School
Coffee and rolls
for veterans and spouses