

Red Ribbon Week proclaimed



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Carroll Mayor Adam Schweers proclaims Oct. 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week in Carroll. Joining Schweers (seated, left) for the signing are Christy Jenkins (seated, right), prevention director at New Opportunities; and (standing, from left) Kris Boeckman, Carroll County SAFE (Substance Abuse Free Environment) Coalition; Carroll Police Chief Jeff Cayler and Capt. Mark Heino. The proclamation notes that alcohol and other drug abuse in the nation has reached epidemic stages and that children face decisions about using such products early in their elementary-school years and that it is the community's responsibility to support education efforts that prevent drug and alcohol abuse. The proclamation continues saying that New Opportunities, SAFE Coalition and the City of Carroll involve families, schools, churches and businesses in Red Ribbon Week to establish an atmosphere that supports awareness and education. The proclamation urges individuals to wear red ribbons and for businesses to display red ribbons during the week. SAFE Coalition will host a movie night Oct. 27 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Swan Lake Conservation Education Center. Cost is \$1, and the event includes pizza, drink and a showing of the movie "Haunted Mansion."