

# SCOUTING



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**BOYSCOUTS:** Above - (l to r) Matt Whitmore and Jacob Riedel; left - Scoutmaster Jerry Whitmore and Logan Whitmore.



## Boy Scouts



## Pack 120

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. It provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For nearly a century, the Boy Scouts has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The organization leaders believe that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 120 in St. Francis during the past year were Jacob Riedel, Matt Whitmore and Logan Whitmore, along with Scoutmaster Jerry Whitmore. Jacob and Matt both achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. They will be planning their Court of Honor's in the near future to celebrate this accomplishment.

Logan has earned the Life Rank and is currently working toward his Eagle Rank. He attended a week-long camp at Coronado Council's Dane G. Hansen Scout Reservation in June. While at camp he was promoted from Brave to Warrior in the Tribe of the Golden Eagle. This is a special leadership program at Camp Hansen. It's purpose is to reinforce the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, develop leadership skills and encourage continued participation in Scouting by recognizing youth and adult camp leaders.

While at camp, Logan earned his Camping, Citizenship in the Nation, Motor Boating, and Indian Lore merit badges. He was also a counselor in training during a second week at camp. With this training he is now qualified to work as a camp counselor.

Scoutmaster Whitmore and Logan are also members of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. It is recognition of Scouts and leaders selected by their peers as best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives. Approximately one-eighth of all Boy Scouts are members of the Order of the Arrow.

Community service is an important part of being a Boy Scout. On Halloween, Logan organized a "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat" food drive for the local food pantry. He enlisted the help of members of his church youth group and, together, they canvassed the town collecting donations of food and money. Other community service projects include performing flag ceremonies for Memorial Day and other local events and helping at the United Methodist Thrift Store each week.

Upcoming events for Troop 120 include a Klondike Derby in February to be held at the River Walk in St. Francis. Logan plans to work as a counselor at Camp Hansen during the month of June. He will also be busy planning his Eagle Project.

## Cub Scouts



## Pack 120

### Wolf



**CUBSCOUTS:** - Wolf: Cub Master Elmer Keller checks the knots of Chandler Hamilton, Alex Queen and Aaron Blair

The Wolf Cub Scout year began with a cookout held down by the River Walk. All Cub Scouts, their parents and leaders were invited to cook hot dogs over the campfire and make smores. They were introduced to Matt Stuckley, area representative, and given information on popcorn sales.

Popcorn sales were held in October with the boys doing a tremendous job. Aaron Blair sold over \$1,900 worth of popcorn, making him the top seller. He earned a prize for selling over \$1,900 plus Trailblazer sent him a \$50 gift certificate to Walmart for selling over \$1,500. The boys use the money that they raise to fund their camps and other projects throughout the years.

Aaron also attended a day camp at Camp Hansen in October and participated in many events. He did some leather working, rock climbing, hiking, BB guns and bow and arrows. The event was filled with many learning experiences and he is excited about the upcoming event next month.

The Wolf Den, led by Dan and Kris Blair, meets on Monday evenings at the scout hut. Aaron Blair, Chandler Hamilton and Alex Queen have been very busy this year. They have earned their bobcat badge and are now working their way through the wolf trail.

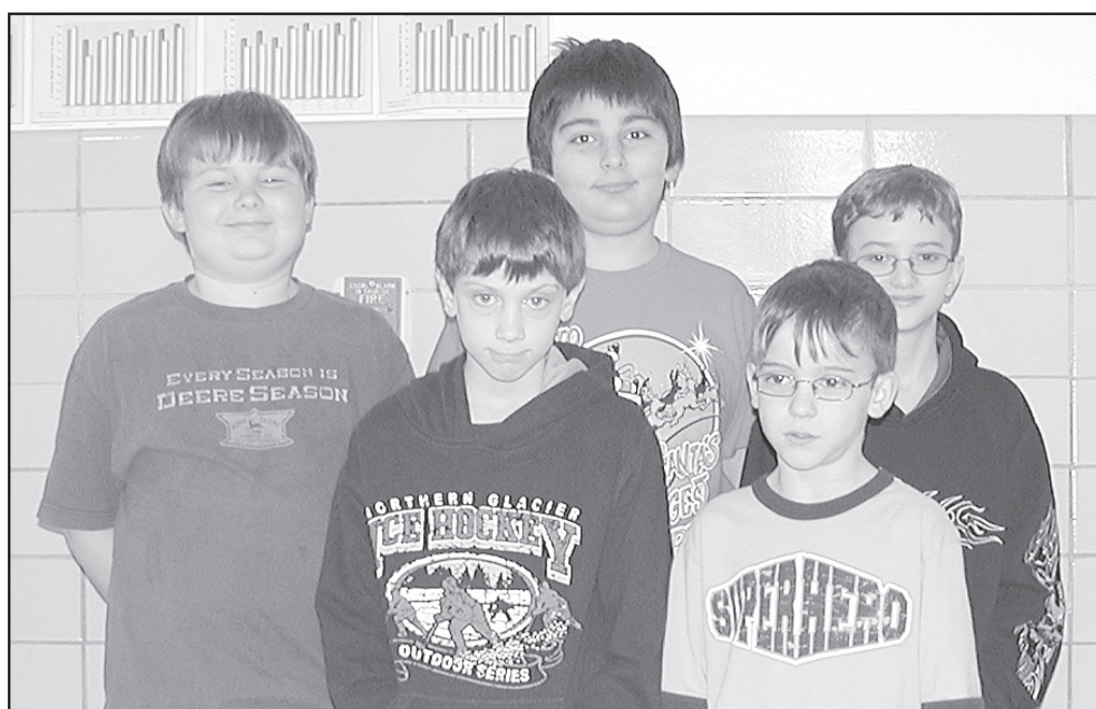
Tina Elliott took time to teach the boys the rules and regulations of bowling. Giving them lessons on how to pick out their ball all the way through to the proper way to bowl. This helped the boys earn their bowling belt loop. Connie Rooney and Wanda Dowdy, with the Ladies Auxiliary, came to the scout hut to teach the boys

about proper flag etiquette and what the flag stands for. Learning about citizenship and collecting has earned the boys two more belt loops.

We recently toured the recycling center and visited with the boys about our living world and what each of us can do to protect and preserve our world. The boy's assignment was to go around their neighborhood and see what needs to be done to help clean up their neighborhood. They came up with some wonderful ideas and used this opportunity to pick up trash.

Pack meetings are held once a month where all the Cub Scouts join together in songs and games and other fun activities. The boys and leaders are then given a chance to talk about what they are doing in their dens and awards are given out. A knot tying contest has been held at the last two meets with Alex Queen winning the first time around and Keagan Taylor winning at the last meet. Matt Stuckley joined the group and told stories to those present. He also talked about some events coming up to celebrate the 100 years of Boy Scouts. The Bring Your Own Banana party was held with everyone enjoying banana splits at the end of the evening. Elmer Kellner, Cub Master, presented Dan and Kris Blair with awards from an assembly in Colby.

The boys will be participating in a Pinewood Derby on March 8 at the grade school and then later in march, there is another day camp being held for the boys to participate in many more fun activities. We are looking forward to more fun and learning throughout the year, Mrs. Blair said.



**WEBELOS/BEARS SCOUTS:** (l to r) Trayton Doyle, Bear; Connor McBride, Jonathan Hoard, Jacob Hamilton and Jason Owens.

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Knodel Funeral Home  
Lampe Hardware  
L&W-Andrist Ins. Agency, LLC  
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NAPA Auto Parts  
Neitzel Insurance Service

Owens True Value  
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