

# Boy Scouts working to match grant of \$25,000

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Boy Scouts officials say they have a chance to rejuvenate their venerable program in northwest Kansas, thanks to a \$25,000 grant from an area foundation, but there's a catch: They have to raise \$25,000 to match the grant.

The Coronado Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, based in Salina, wants to improve the quality of Scouting programs in six counties in northwest Kansas by hiring an organizer to live and work here, said Scout Executive Stacy Huff.

The council has set up a development fund for Thomas, Cheyenne,

Rawlins, Sherman, Wallace and Logan counties, Huff said, to raise money from organizations, individuals and foundations for the match.

Dr. Lynn Kreider, president of Colby Community College, and chairman of the fund, said "Maintaining high-quality Scout programs in our rural areas requires a higher-than-usual level of service because of the scant population and resources. How we react now will dictate what the legacy of Scouting will be like for future generations here."

Thanks to a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan, the council is optimistic it will be

able to raise the money, Huff said, but that will require donations from many citizens.

Huff said the existing Scouting programs in the six-county area are not raising enough money per scout.

"On average, it costs \$100 per year to support a scout in our programs," Huff said. "We're currently raising \$25 per Scout per year in these six counties, and we believe through higher education and programs we'll see support increase."

Huff said he felt having quality programs in northwest Kansas was important.

"I think it's important for the youth of northwest Kansas to have

the best Scouting program possible," he said, "because Scouting instills a sense of citizenship in their community that will carry on into their adult life."

If the council raises the matching \$25,000, it will be able to create the new position in January, Huff said. The new person will be someone living in the area he said. The person's responsibilities would include recruiting, training and working directly with volunteers to improve the quality of Scouting programs he said.

Today, the person responsible for overseeing programs in the six-county region lives in Hays. Huff said it's better to have a person who

lives in the region running things because he will have knowledge about the needs of the people here that someone from the outside wouldn't have access to.

Huff said with increased funding, they would be able to provide more training sessions for adult leaders, run day camps in all six counties, have two-day camp programs where Scouts from all the counties would come together and compete in activities that involved the use of scouting skills, and start programs to teach youth leadership through hands-on experience.

Huff said he felt Scouting programs in the six-county area would continue to suffer if the council

doesn't reach its goal.

"Kids wouldn't get recruited, volunteers wouldn't get trained, and district-wide programs wouldn't get organized," he said.

But he said he is confident the people here will support the project.

"Scouting values resonate well with this part of the country," he said.

The council hopes to match the grant from the Hansen Foundation by the end of the year and continue to raise up to \$100,000 to support projects through 2011, Huff said. The fund-raising task force will start soliciting donations in the coming weeks, he said.

## Indian dancers from LaJunta to perform at Oberlin Saturday

The Koshare Indian Dancers from LaJunta, Colo., will perform in Oberlin on Saturday, during the Mini Sapa celebration.

They will be dancing in the parade at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) and at the museum in short performances during the day, then perform at 6:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) at The Gateway of Oberlin. They dance in complete costume of the Koshare Indians.

The Koshare Indian Dancers are the members of Boy Scout Troop 232. To become a Koshare, a boy

must first be a Scout, which means he must have completed the 5th Grade, or is 11 years old, or has earned the Arrow of Light Award but is less than 18 years old.

Their director, Jeremy Manyik began his history with the Koshare Indian Museum when he was eleven years old. He and his twin brother joined the Koshares as dancers at that time. He advanced through the Boy Scout program and the Koshare Indian Dancer program until he reached the level of Eagle Scout and was elected as Head Chief for two

consecutive years.

His background and expertise in Native American culture, art, Boy Scout training, knowledge of Native American Dances and regalia have taken the quality of the program to a higher level.

This is an Oberlin Arts & Humanities program. Admission is by season ticket or \$10 per adults, \$5 per students grades 1-12. For information call Ella Betts (785) 475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218.

## Winona girl selected for program

Kysha Nichols, Winona, a biology student at Sterling College, has been selected for the Scholars in Rural Health Program, which assures her admission into the University of Kansas School of Medicine following their graduation.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Rhonda Nichols of Winona. The program selects only 16 undergraduate candidates each year.

To be eligible, Nichols had to be a Kansas resident with experience living in a rural area, high test scores, show intellectual promise, finish two years of college, and intend to practice medicine in rural Kansas. She then had to undergo a rigorous application and interview process.

Nichols, a senior at Sterling, is described by Dr. Hong, associate professor of biology at Sterling, as "passionate about medicine." She spent the summer between her junior and senior years shadowing doctors.

To prepare her and to ensure medicine is a field she is truly interested in, the biology program at Sterling required Nichols to research rural

medicine, spend time with rural doctors and participate in a mock interview.

As a member of this program, she will spend a minimum of 40 hours per semester with an assigned

rural doctor as her mentor. She will complete a manuscript reviewing a topic related to rural health service or clinical care and present it at the annual meeting of the Scholars in Rural Health.

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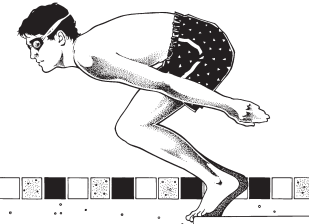
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## brewster lions

Lions District Gov. John Lee of Kismet will conduct his official visitation to the Brewster Lions Club at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hunter Hall.

All club members are encouraged to be present. Lee is district governor for the 2008-09 year, which began July 1. He and his wife, Stephanie, also a Lion, attended the Lions International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, in late June, where he was sworn in as the first governor for the new Lions District 17-L, which covers the entire western half of Kansas.

Gov. Lee is a native of eastern New Mexico and a graduate of New Mexico State University with a degree in agriculture education. He worked for DeKalb Corp. before starting a 6,000-head contract swine finishing unit near Kismet.

The Lees attend the First Baptist Church of Plains. They have three grown children and one grandchild.

Mr. Lee is a member of the Kismet City Council and the Seward County Fire Board.

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## lincoln larks

Lincoln Larks Family and Community Education met Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the assembly room in the Sherman County Courthouse for a short meeting. Nila Been, Coleen Duell and Arbutus Topliff attended.

Several reports were filled out which were due Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Membership forms were filled out and dues for 2009 were filled out and dues for 2009 were paid.

The accomplishment report and the standard of excellence was discussed. Also a book for deceased member Winifred Kirk was discussed.

The fair booth was discussed even if it was after the fair. The club will put a display in the Goodland Public Library for National Homemaker Week in October.

The state meeting is Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 15 to 17.

Melinda Daily will have a program on Breast Cancer Awareness at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the assembly room in the courthouse. The program is open to the public.

Reported by Arbutus Topliff

## matters of record

### Real Estate

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds: Jerice E. Elmore to Amy J. Pancake and Gary D. Pancake an undivided participating interest in 1/2 of the minerals in the SE/4 of Sec. 3, T9S, R40W.

Marlene A. Harper and Larry E. Harper quit claim to Denise Grooms, trustee of the Harper Family Trust, Sec. 25, T10S, R40W.

Dan L. and Nancy J. Golden of Estes Park, Colo., to James L. Wilson 526 W. 14th, First Addition to Goodland, Block 36.

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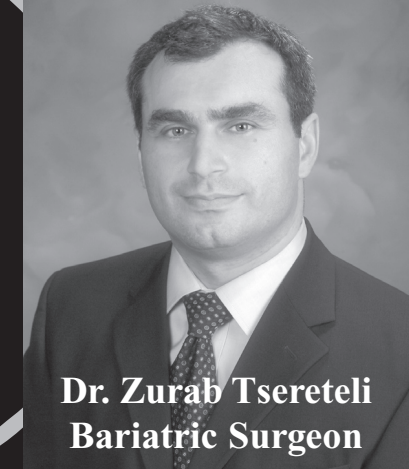
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