

# Scouts promote members at awards ceremony

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Cub Scouts making the transition into Boy Scouts chanted in unison at the Blue and Gold Banquet held Sunday in the fellowship hall of the Goodland United Methodist Church:

“On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law.”

The banquet, emceed by Richard Stramel and Bill Fulcher, started out with a flag ceremony, followed by a prayer by Pastor Janet Hernandez.

The opening ceremony featured lighting red, white and blue candles, the white for purity and perfection, the red for sacrifices and courage, and the blue for faith.

Dinner was served and all of the Scouts pitched in to clean up afterwards.

Eric Rathke handed out special awards before the Scouts were lined up for the awards ceremony.

With a beating drum in the background, Fulcher started the ceremony by calling the group of Tiger Cubs and their parents forward. The cubs, he said, have taken heart in the Tiger motto, “search, discover, share.” Stramel painted the



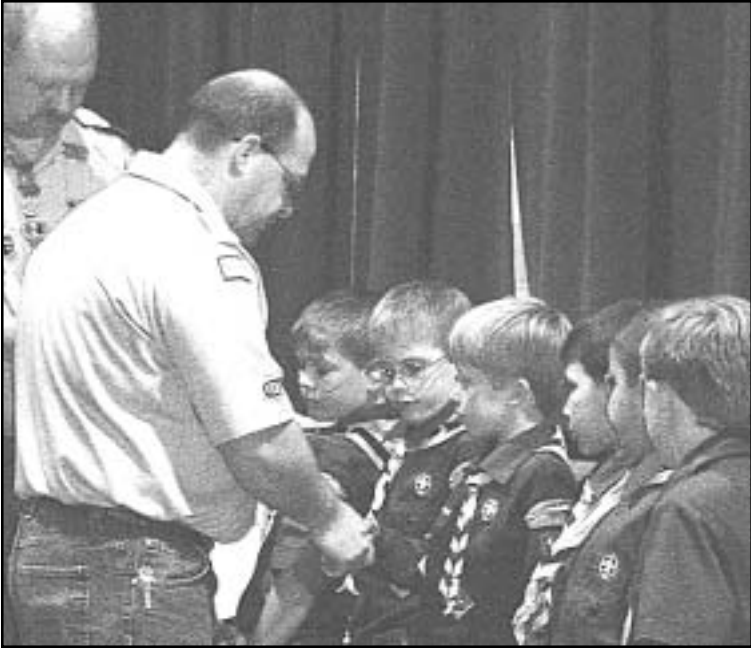
The Tiger cubs were awarded a patch from Rick Stramel (left) and Cynthia Butts welcoming them to the next step of scouting. The Bobcat cubs were awarded their badges by Stramel and the group's

Cubs faces with orange paint before the group was welcomed into the next step of Scouting. The crowd was asked to reward the boys with a “tiger roar” cheer.

Next the Bobcat cubs were called forward, marked with face paint

and awarded Bobcat badges.

The Wolf Cub Scouts were given red face marks to symbolize strength and valor. The boys were awarded Wolf badges and some boys earned gold and silver arrow points. The crowd awarded the Wolf



leader Frankie Hayes. At the end of their ceremonies, Tiger cubs were given a “tiger roar” and bobcats were given a round of applause.

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cubs with a “Grand Wolf Howl.”

The Bear cubs were brought forward and given a blue mark symbolizing bravery. They each got Bear badges and some earned gold and silver bear arrow point awards. The Bears were rewarded by the audi-

ence with a “Grizzly Bear Growl.”

Scouts receiving Webelos honors were present for a ceremonial candle lighting. The parents lit the candles to teach the Scouts about the history of Scouting and the stages they went through to become

Webelos. The ceremony taught Scouts that the Webelos group stands for “We’ll be loyal scouts.”

The final ceremony, the Arrow of Light, honored Cubs who were graduating.

A bridge symbolizing the transition from Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts was set up on the stage for the boys to walk across. After removing their Cub Scout neckerchiefs, the boys crossed the bridge and were awarded a new neckerchief and an arrow.

Boys passing from Cub to Boy Scouts were Reed Bellamy, Mikail Freeman, Brendan Fulcher, Blaine Luther, Parker Sieck, Keaton Sloan and Seth Stramel.

Webelos members are Jessie Cooper, Conner Gray, Stetson Johnson, Jordon McCombs, Cooper Slough and Josh Whisnant; Bears are Colton Cooper, Nicholas Koel, Zack Miller and Garrett Williams; Wolves are Kyler Amthor, Xavier Colby, Causim Entwistle, D.J. Glassman, Gabriel Ledesma, Jonah McClung, Cameron Mouchette and Tanner Schmidt; Tigers are Brock Butts, Tristan Cooper, Tyler Hageman, Drew House, Chandler Pettibone and John Snyder.

# Archaeology group to discuss Kanorado dig at meeting Sunday

President Nancy Arendt will discuss the upcoming Kansas Archaeology Training Program, near Kanorado in June, at a meeting of the High Plains Archaeology Group at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, at the Pioneer Memorial Library in Colby.

No experience is necessary to participate in the field school, which will focus on a site that has prehistoric mammoth and camel bones along with evidence of human habitation.

“This could be the excavation of a lifetime,” Arendt said. “It is possibly the oldest evidence of humans in North America.”

Cost to attend the 16-day dig is \$20 for Kansas Anthropological Association members who register by May 6. Cost for an individual membership is \$20 a year, and family and student memberships are available.

For those who are not association members, cost to attend the dig is \$80 if registered by May 6. After May 6, the cost goes to \$30 for members and

\$90 for nonmembers.

“Participation can be as little as one day or all 16 days for the one-time fee of \$20,” Arendt said. “You choose your schedule.”

Along with the actual digging at the field school, classes will be that can be used for credit towards the association’s amateur certification program, or college credit. The classes are at no additional cost unless participants want college credit.

Classes being offered this year are Archaeological Fieldwork, Archaeological Site Survey, Field and Laboratory Photography, Historical Archaeology and Historic Rural Architecture.

Arendt will discuss a scouting trip she and several other members took to the Dancing Leaf Earth Lodge near Wellfleet, Neb. Group members plan a trip for later this summer that the public is welcome to join.

For information on the High Plains Archaeology Group or the Field School, call (785) 460-6653, e-mail arendts@st-tel.net.

## Dig registration packets available

Registration packets for the Kansas Archaeology Training Program field school June 4-19 in Sherman County can be obtained from the state public archaeologist by e-mail at [vwulfkuhle@ksks.org](mailto:vwulfkuhle@ksks.org) or by phone at (785) 272-8681, Ext. 255.

The packet will be available on the Kansas State Historical Society web site at [ksks.org/resource/katpcurrent](http://ksks.org/resource/katpcurrent) by Thursday. It contains forms for Kansas Anthropological Association or Kansas State Historical Society membership, registration, sched-

uling and medical information. It includes options for lodging, camping and food, a map of project locations, a list of recommended equipment, instructions for enrolling in formal classes, details about the association certification program and a schedule of events.

Registration forms submitted by May 6 qualify for a fee of \$20 for association or society members and \$80 for nonmembers. After May 6, the fee is \$30 for members and \$90 for nonmembers.

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protest forms and sent them to the state over the sales tax issue.

“We do not have a lot of people in this situation,” Miller said, “but we do have the forms here. We are not sending out any special notices, and it is up to the person to either download the form from the Internet or come pickup a form at our office.”

The forms come with instructions. Information needed includes a copy of the county treasurer’s sales tax receipt, the cost of the vehicle and at least one proof of the purchase price. That can be either a copy of the title or copies of a bill of sale/purchase invoice or a copy of the canceled check used to purchase the vehicle.

The state will not send out letters telling people about the change; if you bought a car after July 1, and think you are eligible, you must apply for the refund.

Claims must be made before Sept. 3. Mail them to the Kansas Department of Revenue, Customer Relations-Vehicle Refunds, 915 SW Harrison, Topeka, Kan. 66625-2007.

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