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BOY SCOUTS: Above - (l to r) Jacob Riedel and Matt Whitmore; left - Logan Whitmore; and Scoutmaster Jerry Whitmore



Boy Scouts



Pack 120

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 120 of Saint Francis are Scoutmaster Jerry Whitmore and Boy Scouts Jacob Riedel, Matt Whitmore and Logan Whitmore.

Jacob is currently a Life Scout. He is working toward his Eagle Rank. This past year he completed his Eagle project which was building a shade canopy at the St. Francis swimming pool. He has earned the Family Life and Personal Management Merit Badges.

Matt is also a Life Scout working toward his Eagle Rank. He completed his Eagle project last summer which was landscaping an area at the St. Francis Community High School. He has also earned the Family Life and Personal Management Merit Badges.

Logan is a Star Scout. He, along with Scoutmaster Whitmore, attended a week-long camp at Coronado Council's Dane G. Hansen Scout Reservation in June. While at camp both were inducted into 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 participating in Scouting by recognizing youth and adult camp leaders.

While at camp, Logan earned his Canoeing, Rifle Shooting, Citizenship in the World, and Environmental Science Merit Badges. In addition, Logan has also earned Wilderness Survival, Emergency Preparedness and Family Life Merit Badges this year.

Scoutmaster Whitmore and Logan were honored to be chosen for membership in the Order of the Arrow. The Order of the Arrow is 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 1/8 of all Boy Scouts are members of the Order of the Arrow.

In the next few months, Matt and Jacob are looking forward to achieving the Eagle Rank. Logan will become a Life Scout soon and is looking forward to participating as a counselor in training at camp this summer.

Cub Scouts



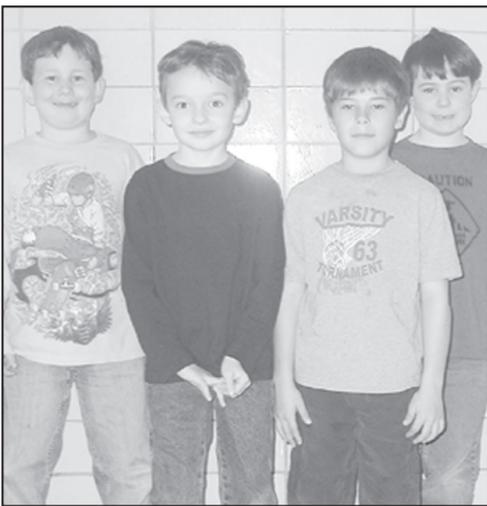
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Tigers

There are four Tiger Cub Scouts but they need a leader. This scouting program is new to the troop this year. Tiger Cubs include: Miko Huffman, Brice Hays, Kaleb Hays and Steven Schorzman.

They enjoyed a trip to see the cows and how the Bird City Dairy worked.

The Tiger Cub program is for first-grade boys and their adult partners. There are five achievement areas. The Tiger Cub, working with his adult partner, completes 15 requirements within these areas to earn the Tiger badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of indoor and outdoor activities just right for a boy in the first grade.



TIGER SCOUTS: (l to r) Brice Hays, Steven Schorzman, Miko Huffman and Kaleb Hays.



CUB SCOUTS: Front row - Wolf/Bears: Ryan Grover, Trey Van Allen, Taryn Zweygardt, Jake Hamilton, Trayton Doyle. Not pictured: Connor McBride.

Wolf/Bears

The Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts joined together this year.

Treyton Doyle, a second grader, was the only Wolf Scout, therefore, he joined the activities of the Bears, who are third graders. Bears are Ryan Grover, Jake Hamilton, Trey Van Allen, Taryn Zweygardt, and, most recently, Connor McBride. Leaders are Sharon Van Allen.

The basic requirements for the Bear Badge include activities in faith, country, family and self.

After earning the basic badge, the scouts can do additional electives to earn arrow points. Some of those electives include: reading and discussing a book, playing various games, putting together their pinewood derby car, singing songs, drawing pictures or posters, tying knots, using basic computer skills and speaking a few words in another language.

The Cub Scouts have a supplemental enrichment program for Academics and Sports. This program allows boys to be recognized for enjoying teamwork, developing physical fitness and discovering and building new talents. In this program, scout leaders continue to encourage the boys to do their best. A Cub Scout can earn a belt loop for a particular area if he completes three specific requirements. If they continue with an activity and do more requirements, they earn a pin.

The Bear Scout year can start from the summer after second grade. To begin this year, the scouts participated in a cookout. Many participated in various community events including Memorial Day ceremonies, the Join Hands Event, and the Flag Day ceremony at the Museum.

Some scouts joined with other area Cubs for a swimming party at the end of July.

As third grade began, they began the after-school meetings. They continued with outdoor physical exercises and games. They enjoyed getting better at pushups, sit ups, the softball throw and running. Many of the scouts chose to participate in the recreation commission's flag football program. As a result of the hard work, most scouts earned the belt loop and sports pin for physical fitness, swimming and flag football.

Of course, in the fall, the Cub Scouts participated in the annual popcorn sales. At meetings, they did an art project of a god's eye. They reviewed what a folk tale was; discussed music and sang songs. In November, they toured the Bird City Dairy.

The Cubs took a short break from regular meetings in December so they could focus on their faith and family. As a family, they could discuss their personal faith, discuss family finances, participate in family responsibilities, and help cook simple meals.

In January, they continued to work on requirements for "duty to our country." They began each meeting with a flag ceremony. Since the third graders participated in Kansas Day activities, they discussed state facts at their meeting. Most recently, they used the world, national and state maps to practice map-reading skills.

One of the important highlights of the year is the Pinewood Derby Car Race. This will be held at the grade school in April. With the help of adult leadership, scouts design and build a small car. In all activities, leaders stress the Cub Scout motto: "Do Your Best."



WEBELOSSCOUTS: Front Row - (l to r) Blake Meyer, Chris Hoard and Alex Miller. Leaders Jeremey Roelfs and Travis Milne. Not pictured: Jason Owens

Webelos

There are four fourth grade boys making up the Webelos pack. Chris Hoard, Alex Miller, Blake Meyer and Jason Owens meet each Tuesday after school in the grade school cafeteria. They are led by Elmer and Dorothy Kellner but, their new leaders are Travis Milne and Jeremy Roelfs.

The Webelos went on a treasure hunt this year. They learned to follow a map to find where the different "treasures" were located.

At each house, one of the scouts would introduce those with him to the owner. The goal was that the scouts learned to follow a map and find the designated addresses, show courtesy and be able to visit with those they met. As they walked to their destinations, they made sure they walked on the left side of the road facing the on-coming traffic. They collected food items for the Food Pantry.

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