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The Gift that Keeps on Giving

There are as many ways to make a gift to Scouting as there are reasons to do so. One of the best is the annuity trust. It is a great way to make a substantial gift to Scouting at a very low cost to the donor.

The annuity trust pays a fixed amount of annual income -- which you determine -- to whoever you choose, either for life or for a term of years, also determined by you. This trust can be funded with cash, stocks, bonds, land, or other types of property. The year you create the trust, you receive an income tax charitable deduction. If you give appreciated property to the trust, you can also avoid any capital gains tax on that property.

This type of income trust can be used to pay for college, to pay for retirement, to serve as supplemental income, and for many other things. And, in some cases, the income you receive from the trust could be tax-free. These advantages, added to the other tax benefits, and the sizable gift that goes to the council when the trust ends, make for a great combination.

Contact John Kuehn, Director of Finance Services at (816) 569-4979 for more information on the annuity trust and other income trusts. You will find that these are truly gifts that keep on giving.

Rules to Remember for Parade and Hayride Season

When we think of road safety, we usually think about rules drivers must obey. But, we must remember to be responsible passengers as well. The BSA rule which prohibits the transportation of passengers in the back of trucks or on trailers may be tempered for parade floats or hayrides, but those involved must take the proper precautions. The first step to safety is making sure everyone knows the rules. Before your pack, troop, or crew participates in their next parade or hayride, make sure you review what it will take to stay safe.

The Guide to Safe Scouting, under the “Parade, Floats and Hayrides” section, gives a few concise guidelines for those participating in a parade by riding on a float to prevent injuries:

• Transportation to and from the parade or hayride site is not allowed on the truck or trailer.
• Those persons riding, whether seated or standing must be able to hold on to something stationary.
• Legs should not hang over the side.
• Flashing lights must illuminate a vehicle used for a hayride after dark, or the vehicle must be followed by a vehicle with flashing lights.

Taken from an article written by Richard A. Mason, Vice President for Daniel Webster Council.

Heart of America Council Names 2007 Distinguished Citizen

On Tuesday, June 19 Julia Irene Kauffman was honored as the 2007 Distinguished Citizen by the Heart of America Council. The award was first presented in 1991 and recognizes an outstanding community leader who has made a positive impact on the Kansas City area. Past recipients include Tom McCullough, Terry Dunn, Congressman Ike Skelton, Neil Patterson, Cliff Illig, Phil Kirk and Henry Bloch.

As the Chairman and CEO of the Muriel McBrien Kauffman Foundation, which was established in 1987 by her mother Muriel McBrien Kauffman, the foundation focuses its philanthropic activities on the performing and visual arts in the Greater Kansas City community. Kauffman also serves as the chairman and president of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.

With the Performing Arts Center under construction, a world class facility will be available for the resident companies in Kansas City. Kauffman’s determination and commitment to the project will bring renewed growth and vitality to the performing arts scene in the region, as well as cultural enrichment, arts education, and enjoyment to the community for decades to come.

Kauffman has been a long time advocate of the Boy Scouts of America. This stems from her father Ewing Marion Kauffman’s passion for the organization. He received the Eagle Scout Award as a youth and, as a leader in the business community, was honored by the Heart of America Council with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Kauffman remembers the family pool being off limits during the summer as her father had local Boy Scouts at the house working on their swimming, diving, and life-saving skills. She has continued her father’s passion with ongoing support.

Eagle Scouts Recognized with Scholarships

A highlight of the Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner is the awarding of college scholarships to Eagle Scouts from the urban core. This year, two Eagle Scout scholarships, one in honor of Julia Irene Kauffman and the other from the endowed Ewing Marion Kauffman Eagle Scout Scholarship. These $10,000 scholarships are for up to four years at $2,500 per year and can be utilized for tuition, room and board, or books at an accredited college or post secondary school. For more information on the Eagle Scout Scholarships benefiting youth in the Urban Scouting program, please contact John Kuehn at (816) 569-4979.

Byron H. Horne
Ewing Marion Kauffman Scholarship

Byron is an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 1027 chartered by Covenant Presbyterian Church. He earned 24 merit badges, and became an Eagle Scout in August of 2006. He has served as Troop as Assistant Scoutmaster, and has earned the Historic Trails Award. He has camped both at H. Roe Bartle and Theodore Roosevelt Scout Reservation. Byron says he will always remember the times spent around the troop campfires and the stories that were told by his Scoutmaster and fellow Scouts.

At Grandview High School, he is in the top 10 percent of his class. His activities include golf, choir, foreign language, broadcasting, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students Against Destructive Decisions and the Delta Colliton. Byron has also been an active participant in his church youth group. His first love for college is Morehouse College in Atlanta. Byron works part-time at HyVee and credits Scouting with “providing me the proper tools to be a beneficial leader in my society.”

Aron D. Lynch
Julia Irene Kauffman Scholarship

Aron achieved his Eagle Scout rank in November of 2005, earning 51 merit badges in the process. He has two Bronze Palms, two Gold Palms and two Silver Palms. He currently serves Boy Scout Troop 1165 chartered at Budd Park Christian Church as an assistant Scoutmaster. As a youth, he served his troop as patrol leader and assistant senior patrol leader. You will find Aron this summer at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation on Camp Staff, serving in the Camp Lone Star Dining Hall. Aron is a member of the Tribe of Mo-O-Say and a graduate of the Lincoln College Preparatory Academy where he participated in baseball, basketball, Future Business Leaders of America, Jr. Achievement, blood draws and tutoring. Aron plans to attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City.
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The Birth of Scouting: The Experiment at Brownsea Island

Imagine the morning of August 1, 1907 on Brownsea Island, just off the English mainland. Although it is but a brief ferry ride away from Poole, an area bustling with tourists, the island is calm. Covered in woodlands, most of the land appears untouched by human hands. Breathtaking views atop the sloping hills await those who make the trek up from the island’s sandy shores. Beautiful wading birds not often seen in the wild greet the summer morning as they hunt for their breakfast fish.

Suddenly, the quiet is broken. A red squirrel scatters back to his tree. A little egret lets out a harsh croak and flutters for cover. The blast of a kudu horn breaks into this scene of serenity to announce the beginning of the day—and the beginning of a movement that would become a part of the lives of more than 500 million men and women from nearly every country and culture in the world.

This is how Lord Robert Baden-Powell ushered in the Scouting movement in 1907. The experiment for 20 boys on Brownsea Island quickly grew into an international movement for young men and women around the globe.

The Scouting movement took root truly in Baden-Powell’s youth as he grew up enjoying the outdoors, exploring how to live amongst nature. This was an interest that followed him through his military service as he was called upon to use the skills he developed as a younger man to survive. Baden-Powell was interested to learn that English boys were reading the same wilderness survival manuals that he and other British soldiers had learned from. After gathering input from other naturalists including Ernest Thompson Seton and Daniel Carter Beard, two men who would also become key figures in the Scouting movement in America, Baden-Powell created a nature-skill book called Scouting for Boys.

One of the longest-held traditions of the World Scouting movement, the World Scout Jamborees, was started by Baden-Powell as a way to mark the first historic Scout camp and bring together Scouts of all nationalities. First held in 1920 in London, the first World Jamboree brought together more than 8,000 Scouts from 34 countries. As he began the first Scout camp, Baden-Powell beamed at the Jamborees in the same manner, sounding a kudu horn. The event was filled with competitions and fellowship. Since the first, World Jamborees have been held every four years (except during WWII) in locations around the globe. The 21st World Jamboree, July 27-August 8, 2007, will host more than 40,000 Scouts from almost every country in the world in honor of the Centenary of Scouting.

Although even World Jamborees may be the biggest display of how Scouting has spread around the globe, the impact Scouting has had, and continues to have, on young men and women around the world is evident in their communities, schools and homes on a daily basis. Although camping and learning about nature still remains an important aspect of Scouting, the program, as Lord Baden-Powell would have wanted and envisioned, has developed into one that molds the youth of the world into individuals that will work to make changes for the better.

The First Boy Scout Camp at Brownsea Island

(Right) Lord Baden-Powell stands among a group of boys on Brownsea Island. (courtesy Eileen K. Wado) (Below) The camp on the beach. (courtesy British Scout Association) (Bottom Right) Lord Baden-Powell with the first Boy Scouts.
Risk Management Recognition Award Winners Chosen

In April, the national Risk Management Advisory Panel selected winning councils that use risk management as a decision-making tool when tackling new challenges. Three councils from the Central Region were selected as winners and the Heart of America Council was among them.

Our Risk Management Advisory Committee developed a safety training seminar to instill the importance of seat-belt driving while fatigued with animals. The seminar is to be offered by our Chief Safety Officer. The seminar is to be offered by our Chief Safety Officer. The seminar is to be offered by our Chief Safety Officer. The seminar is to be offered by our Chief Safety Officer.

Congratulations to Bruce and his committee on winning this award. They diligently look out for safety in our program and our properties. Thanks to their work, our Scouts and Scouting is safer as they participate in the Scouting activities offered by our council.

Warning: Don’t Let Thieves Steal Your Trailer and Equipment!

Free to View: National U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s website for the report "How to Protect Your Trailer and Equipment Against Theft." The report includes tips on how to secure your trailer and equipment to prevent theft.

Camp Naish News

We have had a very successful summer with increases in Bear, Webelos and Boy Scout Camp attendance. Plan now for your 2008 summer camping experience as we expect continued increases in summer attendance. Based on your feedback, we will continue with the ordering of camp shirts via the internet.

During the off-season we are open for Rimrock trail hiking, pack or troop camping, program planning meetings or public special events. If you would like to make an off-season rental please complete the short-term camping form available online and fax to (913) 441-6920 Attn. Steve Campbell.

Eagle Scout Scholarships

Applications for the Eagle Scout Academic Scholarship and the Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarships are now available at www.npsa.org. Please discard all old scholarship forms that you may have. Only the new forms will be accepted.

Applications for both scholarships will be accepted after October 1, 2007, but postmarked no later than midnight January 31, 2008. Applicants can fill out these applications on the computer, print them out, sign them and mail them in to the address on the application. Please do not mail these applications to the Council Service Center as doing so will only delay your application.

Order of the Arrow – Fall Induction

The final fall induction of 2007 will be held August 24-26 at Camp Naish. So far this year more than 650 new members have been inducted into the Order of The Arrow. Registration forms are available online and at your August rundatable.

Council Calendar of Events

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Fall Fellowship

The gathering of Arrowmen for the Fall Fellowship will occur on September 14-16 at the Theodore Nasih Scout Reservation. Register now to insure your spot at this year’s Fall Fellowship. Youth are needed to serve as lodge and chapter officers. Forms are now available in the Camp Naish Trading Post or online. Remember that the form needs to be turned in by Friday night of Fall Fellowship to be on the ballot the next day during elections.”

KAUFFMAN (con’t from page 5)

for the Urban Scouting program. She has also endowed a scholarship in her father’s name for Eagle Scouts from the Urban Scouting program. For her involvement with Scouting, Kaufman has been honored with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest recognition a local council can bestow on a volunteer. Through her time, talents and passion, Kaufman has made a lasting impact on Scouting. Her commitment to Kansas City and its performing arts community through the Kaufman Center for the Performing Arts will make our city and region a premier center for culture, entertainment and educational enrichment. She truly is part of the future which makes Kansas City a great place to live, work and raise a family.
School Night for Scouting is Here!  
More Than 7,000 Youth Expected to Enroll!

The final phase of School Night preparations is here! Final plans are being made with orientations, kickoffs, training, and campouts being conducted in the coming weeks and months. The end result will be more youth recruited than ever before and the highest quality program ever.

See the chart on this page for School Night trainings/Campouts in your district:
- School Night’s organized and run by district-wide volunteer teams at every elementary school.
- Cub Scout Leader Training
  - Conducted in every district, usually on Saturdays (and in some cases on weekdays) during the month of September.
- Cub Scout Family Campouts
  - An overnight event for Cub Scouts and families in late Sept/early Oct.
- Organized activities and food provided for all.

Cub Scout Pack’s Role in School Night:
- Assign a pack School Night Representative to communicate and work with the district School Night team.
- Conduct a “Back to the Pack” summer meeting prior to School Night for all returning Cub Scouts.
- Communicate with the School Night leadership any unique needs/interests of the pack that School Night might help meet (Prior to School Night).
- Participate in your district-wide School Night kickoff.
- Ensure pack leadership attends School Night to receive applications and greet new leaders and new Cub Scouts!

Day Camp 2007

This year’s day camp held at Walnut Hills in Carrollton was a great success! A big thank you goes out to all of the staff who put on a well-run program this year. Tammy Cockrum and Susan Dalstreet deserve special thanks for serving as director and program director respectively, this year. This year’s program included a demonstration by the Carrollton Fire Department, a dog-cadre vehicle, a flag ceremony and a display of equipment by the Carrollton County National Guard. The weather was perfect all week except for the threat of tornados forced the cancellation of Family Night.

Everyone can look forward to another year in Carrollton in 2008! Many of this year’s staff including Tammy Cockrum has agreed to return for a third year.

Roundtable

For those new Scouter roundtable is a monthly meeting to keep leaders up to date on Scouting activities and resources. It offers resources which help make your Scouting program the best possible. Be sure to attend to pick up information related to events, campoves, advancement and training and meet lots of people with great program ideas.

Roundtables are held at the
- Roundtable 7
  - Lexington, 7:30 pm
- Roundtable 8
  - Odessa, 7:30 pm
- Roundtable 9
  - Lexington, 7:30 pm
- Roundtable 10
  - Odessa, 7:30 pm
- Roundtable 11
  - Lexington, 7:30 pm
- Roundtable 12
  - Odessa, 7:30 pm
- Roundtable 13
  - Lexington, 7:30 pm
- Roundtable 14
  - Odessa, 7:30 pm

Popcorn Sales

Before you know it, our annual popcorn sale will be underway! If you have not signed up, please be sure to register at roundtable. If your unit has never sold before, it is great way to raise money to run your program. Please contact Grant Dealy at (816) 569-4956 to learn more about the opportunities available by selling popcorn.
On June 25 we welcomed Brian Bentrop as the new Blue Elk District executive. Brian is a college graduate of Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Mo., where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational and Speech Communication and was active in the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. As a youth, Brian achieved the Eagle Scout Award and now serves the Tribe of the Mic-O-Say. He was also on the camp staff at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, serving in several positions including aquatics director. Brian is taking over for Kathryn serving sub-district 3. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome him to Blue Elk.

### Upcoming Camping Opportunities

**Camporee**

This year’s Blue Elk Fall Camporee will take place October 12-14 at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs, Mo. Look for details at roundtable or go to the council web site, www.hoac-bsa.org/camporee for the Camporee chair, Tiffany Bumgardner (816) 569-4969 or Tiffany Bumgardner at (816) 569-4969 or tbumgard@bsamail.org. You can sign your unit up to attend at roundtable.

**Fall Family Campout “Cub Overnight”**

Get ready for the Blue Elk Fall Cub Scout Camp. This annual Fall Family Campout is held at the American Legion Farm in Blue Springs, Mo. September 28-29. We have a great program planned. This event is for all registered Cub Scouts and any family members they would like to bring with them. Cost for the event is $7 per family. More information please contact Mike Benz at (816) 373-4392 or Brian Bentrop at (816) 569-4918.

### Popcorn Sales

Join us for the first ever Blue Elk Popcorn Blitz Day on September 22nd from 12:30-3:30 pm (location to be determined). Watch for flyers at roundtable about our Blue Elk Blitz Day! Last year Blue Elk unit leaders earned more than $50,000 just by selling popcorn. Think of all of the camp fees, programs and events that you can purchase with all of this money. These funds go toward youth protection training and so much more. One pack can earn more than $50,000 just by selling popcorn. You can purchase with all of this money.

### Training

With the fall season comes countless opportunities for leaders to attend training. Have your leaders been through Basic Leader Training? Do you know the ins and outs of the program they are providing to the youth in your unit? Has your unit been through Youth Protection training? Please refer to the council web site, www.hoac-bsa.org/ betrayal.cfm, for specific on the fall training courses and watch for flyers at roundtable and in the mail. For specific dates and times of each of the training, please call the following volunteers; Boy Scouts: Steve Johnson (816) 517-9090; Cub Scouts: Judy VanWey Fails (816) 478-0360, Venturing: Dan Sanderson (816) 228-1220.

### Fall Roundup

This year, the district will set the Fall Roundup dates and the district roundup committee will run the event. The committee is in charge of organizing a team of volunteers to organize and conduct a Roundup at each elementary school in the district.

With support from the Scouting professionals and commissioner staff, our coordinators and organizers will work at each elementary school to conduct a School Night to Join Scouting program. They will be prepared to support Cub packs by explaining how Scouting works and the benefits of being involved with our program. They will help you get off to a great start with your new youth members and volunteer leaders.

Since this is coordinated effort, our district School Night team has put together a pencil draft of dates for each school, corporation and elementary school. We will review the dates and our implementation plan with you at the August 9 training. This will be held at St. Martin’s Lutheran Church on Hwy 7 and Hollingsworth Road at 7:00 pm. It is very important that your pack be represented at this training. If you’re interested in joining, please contact Charles Vonderheid at (816) 569-4945, Dusty Boatright at (816) 569-4967, or Khary Floyd at (816) 569-4965.

### Kaw District’s New Roundatable Location

Starting in September, roundtables will be held in a new location. Roundtables will be held at Bonner Springs United Methodist Church, 425 Morse Road, in Bonner Springs, Kan. However, keep in mind our August 2 Roundtable will be at Camp Naish in the Cub World Dining Shelter! See everyone there!

### 2007 Kaw Fall Camporee “Pioneer Weekend”

Fall Camporee will be held Friday, October 28 through Sunday, October 30 in the Fort Leavenworth Scout Area. The objective of this event is for troops to create their “Best Pioneer Project.” Each troop must bring all the equipment necessary to build the project of their choice: signal tower, monkey bridge or any other project that requires lashing to assemble. The project needs to be completed by noon, and we would also like for you to invite a Webelos den to assist you. The cost for this is $5 per Scout and Scout Leader. More detailed information on this exciting event is coming soon, but if you have immediate questions and want your troop to start planning early, contact Jim Todd at (913) 772-0333 or Khary Floyd at (816) 569-4965.

### 2007 Kaw Scout Round Table

On September 28 and 29, we will hold our annual Cub Scout Family Campout in the Cub World at Camp Naish. The cost is $7 and this event is open to new Cubs and adults as well as those already registered. This is a great way to welcome our new Cub Scouts and their families to Scouting in the Kaw District. For more information, contact Charles Vonderheid at (816) 569-4949.
Day Camp “Adventures in Time”

It couldn’t have been a much nicer week for day camp. The temperature wasn’t too hot and it didn’t rain. More than 80 youth attended day camp this year. The boys had fun making concrete stepping stones and sand art, shooting BB guns, practicing archery, field games and enjoying swim time. Thanks to all who came out and had fun. Thank you also to all of the adult leaders who made it possible for the boys to really enjoy their week at day camp. Special thanks go out to Camp Director Jeff Gentes and his staff for putting the activities for day camp together.

Cub Scout Family Campout

To fulfill our promise to take our new Cubs Scouts camping, we will conduct the Lone Bear Cub Scout Campout this fall. We will offer campouts at three locations this year. On Friday, September 28 the family campouts will take place at Knob Noster State Park and at the Clinton Conservation Area. On Friday, October 5 the family campout will take place in the Adrian/Buena area. The site is still being determined. All families, their families, and friends are welcome. The cost is $7 per person. Families should plan to show up at the location around 6:00 pm. Be sure to eat before you come because dinner will not be provided. There will be a campfire followed by a treat for all. The next morning, breakfast will be provided followed by a morning games and activities ending by 11:00 am if you have questions about the Lone Bear Cub Scout Campout, please contact David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or driker@bsamail.org.

Lone Bear Golf Tournament

The 26th Annual Lone Bear Gus S. Wetzel Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, September 8 at the Meadow Lake Country Club in Clinton, Mo. This tournament is open to anyone from groups of friends to a team from your company. We would love to see teams from all over the district attend this outstanding golf tournament. All proceeds benefit the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation Maintenance and Operations and Eagle Scout Scholarships. Contact Gary Smith at the Meadow Lake Country Club at (660) 885-0124 for fees and other information.

Northern Star District Events

August

2 Roundtable, Clinton Scout Center, 7:00 pm

14 Commissioners Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Clinton, Mo, 6:30 pm

21 District Committee Meeting, Cover Law Office, Clinton, Mo, 6:30 pm

September

4 Roundtable, Clinton Scout Center, 7:00 pm

8 Lone Bear District Gus S. Wetzel Memorial Golf Tournament, Meadow Lake Golf Course, Clinton, Mo

11 Commissioners Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Clinton, Mo, 6:30 pm

18 District Committee Meeting, Cover Law Office, Clinton, Mo, 6:30 pm

Roundtable Change in Location

The internationally famous North Star District Roundtable, Dick’s Sporting Goods Store at Zona Rosa, 8865 NW Prairie Road. Bring your unit’s leadership out to see this new location and make sure that you include your booth, gadgets, presentations and give-aways for the upcoming Scouting year. Then, in September, your roundtable staff will be back at Platte Woods United Methodist Church, 7310 NW Prairie View Road, Platte Woods, Mo. They have been working during the summer to update their program and are excited about what they have to share with you. Bring your unit leadership to find out new ideas, network with old buddies, make new friends, catch up with others and get the scoop on the latest North Star activities and events. See you there!

Your Not so Grandparents' Camporee

You were asked for a change, and the North Star District Activities and Camping groups are aiming to deliver. As you are planning your program calendar this year, make sure you include attending this year’s internationally famous North Star Camporee, which will be at the Kelsey Short Youth Camp Ground at Smithville Lake on October 19-21. We are planning to:

• Practice and learn new Boy Scout skills
• Earn merit badges
• Compete in shotgun shooting competitions
• Learn skills such as cooking and building a campfire through learning sessions
• Watch the Nearest Balloon Launch Sunday morning

Look for information on packages and registration forms coming out soon. If you are interested in serving on the Camporee staff or you would like to be considered for event planning to deliver.

Fall Recruiting

The North Star District professional staff, the commissioner staff and a group of great volunteers are ready to help you conduct a fabulous fall recruiting campaign. Each September 7-29, 2007 School Night for Scouting Kickoff Meeting will be Tuesday, August 7 at 7:00 pm at Barry Cross Christian Church, 1500 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, Mo. Please make sure that you unit leader and the person assigned to chair your unit’s recruiting effort attend this meeting. You will receive materials and other items that will assist your unit in signing up lots of boys for Scouting.

For information, please contact School Night Chair Nancy Snsick at (816) 781-7131 or nannsanka@kcr.org or District Director Jason Ballew at (816) 569-4982 or jbailew@bsamail.org.

Fall Recruiting

School will be starting soon, and that means it is time for fall re-
cruitment, and it is important that packs and troops recruit new youth into their programs. Usually in the fall packs recruit new Scouts from the School Night to Join Scouting program. Recruitment nights will be set for all packs. We will distribute through the packs the desire to conduct “boy talks” during school on the day before or the day of the recruitment night. If this can be done, it greatly increases our chances for a successful recruitment night.

All units should plan to set up a display table during the school’s “Back to School” night or “Meet the Teacher” night. Troops should be looking to recruit new members and to recruit new Scout leaders. If you have questions about your recruitment night or how you can help in the recruitment process, please contact Membership Chairman Mike Morales at (816) 885-3702 or David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or driker@bsamail.org. Let’s do our best to give every young man the help in the recruitment process, please contact Membership Chairman Mike Morales at (816) 885-3702 or David Riker at (816) 569-4974 or driker@bsamail.org.

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School Night for Scouting Kickoff Meeting

Wednesday, August 8 at the Meadow Lake Country Club in Clinton, Mo. This tournament is open to anyone from groups of friends to a team from your company. We would love to see teams from all over the district attend this outstanding golf tournament. All proceeds benefit the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation Maintenance and Operations and Eagle Scout Scholarships. Contact Gary Smith at the Meadow Lake Country Club at (660) 885-0124 for fees and other information.

2007 North Star Committee Chairs

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Adventures in Scouting

August/September 2007

August

2 District Roundtable, Dick’s Sporting Goods Store at Zona Rosa, 8865 NW Prairie Road, 7:30 pm

8-13 5th Annual Venturing Ballew Summer Blast

9 Commissioner Staff Meeting, St. Luke Presbyterian, 4301 NE Vivion, 7:30 pm

14 District Committee Meeting, North Cross United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm

September

6 District Roundtable, PWLVMC, 7310 NW Prairie View, New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection, and Merit Badge Counselor Training are Offered along with the OA Chapter Meeting, 7:30 pm

11 District Committee Meeting, North Cross United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm

13 Commissioner Staff Meeting, St. Luke Presbyterian, 7:30 pm

28-29 Cub Scout Family Overnight, Keisey Short Campground, Smithville Lake, 5:30 pm

Check-In

29 Training, New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection, and Cub Leader Specific Training, Location and Time TBD

30 BALOO Training, Location and Time TBD

Lone Bear Events

August

2 Roundtable, Clinton Scout Center, 7:00 pm

14 Commissioners Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Clinton, Mo, 6:30 pm

21 District Committee Meeting, Cover Law Office, Clinton, Mo, 6:30 pm

September

4 Roundtable, Clinton Scout Center, 7:00 pm

8 Lone Bear District Gus S. Wetzel Memorial Golf Tournament, Meadow Lake Golf Course, Clinton, Mo

11 Commissioners Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Clinton, Mo, 6:30 pm

18 District Committee Meeting, Cover Law Office, Clinton, Mo, 6:30 pm

Cub Scout Family Overnight, Keisey Short Campground, Smithville Lake, 5:30 pm

Check-In

29 Training, New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection, and Cub Leader Specific Training, Location and Time TBD

30 BALOO Training, Location and Time TBD
Scouts Deserve Trained Leaders

Our training team has been working overtime this spring and summer to prepare you as a leader in various roles. We have many opportunities for you to get the answers to your questions. Whether you have been a part of Scouting for a long time or you are new, we will make sure you are ahead of the game when those boys show up for their first meetings. Our training team will show you the purpose behind the fun the boys will participate in through Scouting. To find out what trainings are right for you, visit the district web page, talk to your unit leader or commissioner, or call Pat Wiederscheid at (913) 236-8616.

Centennial Quality Unit

Mid-year unit progress meetings should be taking place between each unit and its commissioner. If you have not turned in your Centennial Quality Unit Commitment form, there is still a little time to do so. Contact your unit commissioner for more information. Not sure who your unit commissioner is? Contact District Commissioner Judy Tinkness at (913) 648-2459 to find out.

Friends of Scouting

We had a successful FOS campaign in 2007. Thank you to all for your support of the campaign. Your dedication to your troop and willingness to give some guarantees that the Scouting program is provided as fully as it can be to the youth in our communities. We now need to begin taking in your unit committee meetings about scheduling your 2008 Friends of Scouting presentation. This is a great opportunity to hear about the story of Scouting and pledge your continued support of the program. Your children deserve the best possible opportunity to succeed, and Scouting is vital in making sure that the opportunity is there! To help with out the campaign or to schedule your unit presentation please call Kathryn Rajala at (785) 569-4913.

School Night to Join Scouting

Dates for School Nights (by schools and units) are available on the district web page. Every unit will play a vital role in making sure our recruit- ment is successful again this year. All School Night workers and pack leadership are encouraged to attend the kickoff.

Day Camp 2007

Day camp was a great success this year! More than 340 Cub Scouts came out for a week of adventures this year! Thank you to all for your support of the camp. Thanks to Doug Soltz, Shae St. Clair and all the supporting staff for preparing a time traveling good time. Be sure to check out our camp this year for Day Camp 2008, June 9-13 at Shawnee Riverfront Park.

2007 Pelathe District Chair Committee Chairs

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Senior District Executive
Katheryn Rajala (785) 569-4913

Friends of Scouting

The Pelathe District still needs donations to reach our FOS goal. If you have not made your pledge yet, please consider doing so. Thank you to everyone who has made a gift. A special thanks needs to go out to Tripp Anderson, Glen Sharp, Keith Wood, Glen Sharp, Glen Mlee- son, Jean Peffer, John Scott, Frank Wright and Pat Donahue for making phone calls and at- tending report meetings for the district.

Day Camp

Thanks to our great team and beautiful weather, Day camp was a huge success this year! Turner and Bruce Wagner did a great job putting this year’s camp together; this year’s camp could not have been made possible without them! Thank you to all coordinators, health officers, training post managers and all other volunteers that helped make the camp successful. Every boy at camp had a smile on his face as he hopped from activity to activity. We hope to see everyone back at next year’s camp!

School Night Recruitments

School Night recruitments will be taking place on August 23 and 28. Frank Wright and Brenda Kappelman are working hard to make sure each recruitment is successful. We are looking to recruit approximately 225 boys for the Pelathe District. The key to these recruitments is making sure each pack has someone who attends the School Night trainings. We need to make sure each recruiter follows the plan. If everyone follows the recruitment plan, we should have no trouble reaching our goals. We challenge each pack to recruit 5 more boys than what they recruited at last year’s School Night recruitments. Let’s make this the most successful recruitment in the history of the Pelathe District’s School Nights.

Attention Cubmasters

Please make sure that all new boy applications and fees are submitted promptly. The Heart of America Council cannot recognize new Scouts if applications are not turned in. This means that if you have a new Scout and are planning an activity in which he will be participating, he must have his application and fees into the HOAC Service Center in order to be covered by BSA insurance. Please contact district executive Jacob Allen at (785) 569-4962 to turn in applications and fees.

Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader! All leaders, new and experienced, are encouraged to attend the necessary training. For more training information please contact the district training chairman, Pat Dona- hue, at (785) 842-5589 or pthome@sunflower.com.

Pelathe District Events

2 August
2 District Commissioners Meeting 6:00 pm
Roundtable, 7:00 pm
School Night Kick-off, 7:00 pm, all at First Baptist Church

16 District Committee Meeting,
29 Class B & 28 School Night
Recruitments

September
2 District Commissioner Meeting
6:30 pm
Roundtable, 7:00 pm, both at First Baptist Church
**Pioneer Trails**

**Cub Scout Day Camp**

The 2007 Pioneer Trails Cub Scout Day Camp was all fun and games for our Cub Scouts. The kids had a blast running from station to station with various activities to take up their time. Camp Director John Burns did a tremendous job of keeping everything in order, and he deserves a special thanks for the time and effort he put into the program. We would also like to thank Nishie Scout Reservation for letting us use their facilities once again this year. If your Scouts missed this event, please make a conscious effort to get them to day camp next year because they cannot afford to miss what we have in store. Also, if you are interested in volunteering for the 2008 Day Camp, please contact Jay Ritter at (816) 569-4946.

**Cub Family Campout**

The Pioneer Trails 2007 Cub Family Campout will coincide with our Camporee. This means that it too will be held on October 12 at the Longview Lake Campgrounds. We have a great program planned for all registered Cub Scout aged boys and any family members that would like to join them. Cost for the event is $7 per person. For more information, please contact Ed Mulik at smoreoed@hotmail.com or by phone at (816) 835-3065.

**Day Camp Wrap-Up**

2007 “Adventures in Time” Cub Scout day camp is now history. It was a great week of camp as 483 Cub Scouts participated in a very well developed program. A good time was had by all! Even after we had to cancel camp due to lightning on Monday, everyone who participated kept a positive outlook on the week which all allowed the boys and adult leaders to really enjoy their camp experience.

**School Night for Scouting**

It is exciting to think about all of the young men who will join our program in the coming months. So many bright futures just need the guiding hand of Scouting to fulfill their potential.

Fall recruitment is upon us once more and the Red-Tailed Hawk District is gearing up to recruit more boys into the program than any year prior. The School Night for Scouting Kickoff is on August 4 at 9:30 am at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. It is a crucial meeting for each unit to attend to ensure success with recruitment this fall. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Stay in the Communication Loop**

Are you receiving all of the latest and greatest information regarding the Red-Tailed Hawk District and the Heart of America Council? There are many ways to keep informed and acquire current Scouting information. Please share the below communication avenues with the leaders in your unit.

- Constant Contact E-mail, all registered leaders will receive email updates
- HOAC Website, www.hoac-bsa.org
- RTH Roundtable, generally occurs the first Thursday of every month at College Church of the Nazarene, Cunningham Family Life Center

**Red-Tailed Hawk**

**District Events**

2 Roundtable, College Church of the Nazarene, 7:00 pm
OA Chapter 3 Meeting
4 School Night for Scouting Kick-Off, Aldersgate UMC, 6:00 pm (This is an updated date from last month’s AIS)
9 Commissioner’s Meeting, College Church of the Nazarene, 7:30 pm
13 Commissioner’s Meeting, Colonial Presbyterian Church, 7:00 pm
16 Eagle Boards of Review, St Thomas Apostolic Church, 7:00 pm
20 Cub Scout Job Specific Training
25 Venturing Youth Training

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**District Membership Chair**
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**Cub Scout Roundtable**
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**Venturing Roundtable**
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Deberr (816) 569-4983

deberr@ksasm.org

**August/September 2007**

**Adventures in Scouting**

2 Commissioner’s Meeting, 6:30 pm
District Roundtable, 7:30 pm
Order of the Arrow Kishkankan Camporee, 6425 Wornall
Chapter 9 Meeting, 7:00 pm
Merit Badge Counselor Training, 7:30 pm
Youth Protection, 7:30 pm, all at Central United Methodist Church, 51st and Oak
7 School Night Kick-off, H.J.’s Activity Building, 6425 Wornall
21 PT District Committee Meeting
September
Roundtable, Commissioner’s Meeting
14 District Committee Meeting

**September**

6 Roundtable, College Church of the Nazarene, 7:00 pm
OA Chapter 3 Meeting
13 Commissioner’s Meeting, College Church of the Nazarene, 7:30 pm
Youth Protection Training
New Leader Essentials Training
New Chief Training
18 District Committee Meeting
20 Cub Scout Job Specific Training
29 Webelos Walk About
School Night for Scouting

We will be continuing on the success of last year’s School Night for Scouting in the coming months. Dates for School Nights (by schools and unit) are available on the district web page. All units play a vital role in making our recruitment successful. Our District Kickoff will be held on August 7 at 7:00 pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church (101st & Metcalf). All School Night workers and pack leadership are encouraged to attend. At this meeting, your pack will receive the orientation on how the fall recruitment program works and what your responsibilities are. You will also want to put the Cub Scout Family Campout, October 5-6 at Camp Ernst (183rd & State Line) on your calendar.


Cub Scout Family Campout

All first, second and third grade boys are invited to attend the Trailhead District’s 3rd Annual Cub Scout Campout on Friday, October 5th, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The overnight camping experience will be held at Camp Ernst (183rd & Kenneth Road). Families should plan to arrive by 6:30 pm and the camp will end about 11:00 am. Make sure to bring a tent and your camping gear. Activities will include family games, campfire programs, evening snack, breakfast, and much more! Cost is $7.00 per family member. This campout is a great opportunity to get to know your newly signed up boys on an overnight experience just a couple weeks after joining Scouting. For questions, please contact Dave Gurwell at (913) 205-1364 or Matt Specht at (816) 569-4966.


Centennial Quality Unit

Mid-year unit progress meetings should be taking place between September 1 and October 31. If you have not turned in your Centennial Quality Unit Commitment Form, you are running out of time to do so! Contact your unit commissioner for more information. If you are new to Cub Scouting, or just want to learn more about it, contact District Commissioner John Heath at heatherja@kc.rr.com.


Day Camp 2007

Day camp was a great success this year! More than 360 Cub Scouts came out for a week of “Adventures in Time” with fun, games, and fellowship. Thank you to Pat Harvey, David Gurwell, Cameron Horton, Bethany Alimoff and all the super staff for preparing a time-traveling good time.


Leader Training

Our training team has been working hard to prepare you as a leader in various roles. We have many opportunities for you to get answers to your questions. Whether you have been a part of Scouting for years or are new, we encourage you to do so! Contact District Commissioner John Heath at heatherja@kc.rr.com.


Cub Scout Campout

On September 29-30 we are holding our annual Cub Scout Family Campout. All new Cubs, currently registered Cubs and their families are encouraged to attend. This is a great way to deliver “the Scouting promise.” New Cubs. Each fall our newest members expect to start their Scouting adventure immediately. They can by attending the Cub Family Campout. They will enjoy camping, field games and a campfire program, to name just a few of the activities. Cost is $7.00. This includes cracker bar- net (night time snack), breakfast, camping area and activities. Registration deadline is on September 30th. Contact Laura Croft, our event chair person if you have questions at (816) 853-2644 or laura@tushinc.com.


Fall Training

Follow these steps to check out Fall Training times:
1. www.hoac-bsa.org
2. Click on “Districts” (in the left hand column)
3. Click on “Training”

School Night for Scouting is under way! Plan on sending a representative to our district orientation and kickoff so that everyone is on the same page as we progress through recruitment season. Your kickoff will be held on August 2. You have your choice of attending in one of two locations to help alleviate excessive driving. One training will take place at Oakwood Baptist Church in Lee’s Summit and the other will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Harrisonville. It is crucial that each pack send a representative. There are some interesting changes this year so we promise to make it worthwhile. Each pack must pre-register for this training by July 27 so that we know how many materials to prepare at each location. Contact Susan Ambrose, our School Night chairperson, for questions or to RSVP at (816) 506-0277 or campastic@ks.com.

3. Cub Scout Family Campout

Trailhead District Events

August
2 School Night Training. (Each pack MUST send a representative, 7:00 pm, Oakwood Baptist, 7600 Lee’s Summit Rd., Lee’s Summit, MO or Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 2700 E. Memorial Hwy., Harrisonville, MO)

8 District Commissioner Meeting. Meeting, Hickman Mills High School, Library, 9010 Old Santa Fe Rd., 6:30 pm

15 District Roundtable. Hickman Mills High School, 7:30 pm

22 District Committee Meeting, Council Service Center, 7:30 pm

September
4 District Commissioner Meeting. Meeting, Hickman Mills High School, Library, 6:30 pm

11 District Roundtable. District Committee Meeting

18 District Commissioner Meeting, Council Service Center, 7:30 pm

25 District Roundtable

District Events

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Camporee

Our camporee will be on October 12-14 at Blue and Gray Park. This year we will have an “Emergency Preparedness” theme. This will be a great opportunity for hands-on, scenario-type emergency training. We will have several first responders on site for questions and demonstrations. BSA Bird registration is due at the September roundtable. Check out the website for more details at www.hoac-bsa.org. Contact Kris Krahenbuhl for questions: cell (816) 589-8035, home (816) 322-0902, kkrahenbuhl@comcast.net.

20 Adventures in Scouting
Fall Roundup 2007

Now is the time to start your units planning for this years fall roundup. The plan will work much the same way as last year with a few small changes where needed. The key to the success of the roundup plan will be:

- A unit held in every elementary school.
- School night within two weeks of school starting.
- Flyers going out to all boys the week before the school night.
- Boy talks to all boys where schools will allow.
- Pack working with school to secure room for roundup
- Information on scouting at school for registration and open house.

Fall Camporee 2007

The Trails West District is moving to replace its annual spring camporee with a fall camporee and this October will be the first one. Come join in the fun on October 12-14. The program for this camporee will center around “Leave No Trace” camping principals. We are hoping to get a member from each troop in the district involved. Look for more information to come out in the coming months. We also want to encourage troops to invite Weblos dens to the event with them and see a little of what Boy Scouts is about.

Day Camp

Day camp this year was once again a tremendous success! We had a very high turnout and an outstanding program that was put on by a group of great leaders. Thanks to all the walking leaders, staff, and youth staff that helped to make this a truly great event for all the Cub Scouts. A special thanks goes out to Gloria Phelps and Bill O’Connor for all there great leadership and support.

Back to the Pack

One of the key components for the School Night to Join Scouting program is that each Cub Scout pack needs to have a “Back to the Pack” activity in early August for all of its returning members. This event can be as simple as a picnic; pool party, etc. The concept is simple: invite all of your returning boys and their families to a meeting or event in August to get re-energized for the upcoming fall. This helps to get the pack back together and set the plan for the rest of the year. It is also a great time to see what new leadership needs your unit will have and to work on any School Night needs.

Friends of Scouting

Thanks again to all of those who supported the Friends of Scouting in the 2007 campaign. Your support has, once again, helped keep Scouting strong in the Trails West District.

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Make a Difference!

Cub Scout Day Camp

The 2007 “Adventures in Time” Cub Scout Day Camp was held at North Lake Park in Garnett on June 4-7. As usual, the camp was a major success due in no small part to all the help that was given by all the volunteers who pitched in. The team spirit was readily apparent everywhere. Special thanks to Christina Lyon and Rhonda Lewis and their families for pulling together and running a great camp. It is safe to say that everyone was blown away by this year! We encountered some minor problems this year with the weather; but, everyone endured and had fun despite Mother Nature.

We also want to thank the Kansas National Guard of Paola, the City of Garnett, the Garnett Optimist Club, Heritage Tractor of Paola and all the wonderful youth and adult staff volunteers as well as unit leaders, unit commissioners and anyone who helped make the camp a success. If you did not get a chance to fill out a camp evaluation, please do so and turn it in to Christina, Rhonda or Gordon Corcoran.

It’s not too early to volunteer for next year’s day camp. We are already putting together staff for next year, if you want to be a part of all the fun next year notify Gordon at (913) 569-4941 or gc@bsamail.org.

2007 Trail’s End Popcorn Sale

Before we know it, your Trail’s End Popcorn Sale will be upon us. Last year the Twin Rivers District led the council in percent of increase of sales over the previous year. Participation in the popcorn sale helps teach the Scouts to be thrifty by earning money to pay their own way. Numerous other life skills, awards, recognitions and even scholarships can be earned by the Scouts who sell popcorn. It is not uncommon for Scouts to pay for their entire year of Scouting by selling popcorn.

This year in addition to the benefits and recognitions already built into the program, the district is planning additional recognitions for the top selling Scouts in Cubs and Boys Scouts as well as top-selling unit recognitions in each age group. The details are still being worked out and will be announced at the Popcorn Sale Kickoff Training. Your unit should select a Popcorn Kiosk and make sure that you have representatives in the unit at the training so that the unit will get the most out of the sale and the extra percentage points of profit for attending the training.

If your unit would like to sell popcorn and you are not already signed up, you can sign up at roundtable or contact Gordon Corcoran at (913) 569-4941 or gc@bsamail.org.

Twin Rivers

Cub Scout Day Camp

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Twin Rivers

August/September 2007
Fall Fiesta Event

Mark your calendars to attend the Exploring Advisors’ and Leaders’ Fall Fiesta. The event will be held on Thursday, August 30 at the Heart of America Council Service Center located at 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Mo., at 4:30 and 4:45. Adult Basic Leader Training and Youth Protection will begin at 6:00 pm and the Fall Fiesta Event will follow directly at 7:10 pm. It is imperative that your post is represented. If you cannot attend, please have another representative attend in your place. Associate Advisors and post leaders are invited to attend both the training and the Fall Fiesta Event.

The Basic Leader Training meeting will last no longer than one hour. Refreshments will be served. This celebration is packed with information on many important items for the Exploring units. Some of what will be covered during the evening includes recharting instructions, school year First Nights (complete with your prepared recruitment date), KCJJ Night 2007 and 2008 and other questions and concerns.

Please RSVP no later than August 20 to Jeremy McGowan at (816) 569-4970 or jmcgowan@lflmail.org or Lisa Hayes at (816) 569-4972 or lhayes@lflmail.org.

We Salute Henry A. Clark, Post 2918
Explorer Post Advisor of the Hallmark Photo Explorer Post

Henry A. Clark was awarded the “William H. Spurgeon III Award” May 9, 2007. His nomination was submitted by the Hallmark Photo Explorers of 2918 and the adult leaders. Henry’s 18 years of commitment, dedication and organizational skills have played a large role in the success of the Hallmark Photo Post. Both students and adults admirer the genuine love of the program Henry puts forth in every event, meeting and social activity the post participates in. The Spurgeon Award is designed to recognize those leaders who exemplify and exude a true passion for what they do. We salute you, Henry, for your amazing work and dedication.

We Salute Alan Mecktley, Post 2976
Past Explorer Post Advisor, Overland Park Fire Department

Alan Mecktley was awarded the “William H. Spurgeon III Award” April 21, 2007. Alan was recognized and presented the award at the Annual 2007 Overland Park Fire Department Recognition Event. Explorer Fire Department comrades, and Explorer post adult leaders gave a standing ovation to Alan for his immeasurable devotion, enthusiasm and loyalty to the Explorer Post Program. Alan served in the post for 12 years. In those 12 years his leadership and dedication to the program have introduced so many students to the career of firefighting. Through his leadership, future fire fighters have arisen through the OPFD Cadet program. We salute you.

2007 Law Enforcement Challenge

On May 12, 31 young men and women from Explorer posts across the council including the Johnson County Sheriff’s Department, Overland Park Police Department, Blue Springs Police Department and Miami County Sheriff’s Department attended the Heart of America Council Law Enforcement Challenge Training Day. This event took place at the Johnson County Fire and Training Center.

There were four different scenarios that the Explorers took part in:

- A domestic violence scene in which the students learned how to take reports and interview the victim. This event took place at the Johnson County Fire and Training Center.
- A scenario of a normal car stop where the Explorers got to put into practice the skills they have learned at their post meetings over the past year. Many thanks go out to Lt. Coronal Mark Kesslar of Overland Park Police for arranging the use of the Overland Park Training Center, the volunteers who served as the ‘bad guys’ and ‘good guys’ and the Explorers and post Advisors from Explorer posts in this year’s event. We would also like to recognize the four coordinators that put together the day’s events: Eric Houston (OPPD), Roger Griffith (OPPD), Carl Alvaro (Johnson County Sheriff’s Department), and Mark Leiker (Johnson County Sheriff’s Department).

North Star Eagle Scouts:

You are invited for an afternoon fellowship at Parkville Presbyterian Church, 819 Main Street on October 27. From 1:30 to 5:00 pm, we will be enjoying the company of Eagle Scouts, past and present, and discussing Scouting through the years. Please bring your favorite cookies to share for dessert!
**Tributes**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

Robert K. Albright  
Fred and Susan Ashbaugh  
Margie Berquist  
Hazel and Lewis Bingham  
Richard Boyer  
Cheryl Cornett  
Melinda Corporon  
Damon and Patti Cruce  
Jake Douglas  
Lee and Ruth Eichmann  
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Kathleen Fernholz  
Shannon Hendrix  
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Catherine Indelicato  
Edna Johns  
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Linda Johnson  
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Len Losen  
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Roberta Pie  
Burton and Nancy Shepard  
Virginia Salmonson  
Troop 225  
Anthony and Clara Vallacqua  
Jerry Wilson  
Charles Zubek

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Brenda Daily  
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Arthur and Sondra Brown

**Joseph Mikula**  
Andrew and Peggy Beal  
Frank and Judy Bronson  
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Lorin Jurvis  
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