

Boy Scouts celebrate 100th anniversary Aug. 29



Celebrating Boy Scouts

The Boys Scouts of Troop 61 had a historic display commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Boy Scouts set up at the Staples Historic Depot Aug. 29. The oldest item on display was a book from 1912 - 98 years old. From left are Boy Scout First Class Noah Han, 1950 Eagle Scout Bob Perry, Mer-

it Badge Counselor Kathryn Edwards, 1951 Ranger Scout Don Edwards, 1955 Scout Ed Perry and Tenderfoot Garrett Schmieg. The Boy Scouts would like to thank the community members who provided items from their own collection of memorabilia on loan for the Boy Scout display. (Submitted photo by Pat Miller)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to an error in the Staples World office, the second half of this story was inadvertently omitted from last week's issue. It is reprinted here in its entirety. The Staples World apologizes for the error.

Submitted by Kathryn Edwards

In June, Tom Crawford posed a simple question - would the Boy Scouts like to put together a historical display at the Depot for the Staples Historical Society celebrating the Boy Scouts 100th anniversary?

A simple question began the quest for historical artifacts and for those who have an interest in history, the search was fun and at times humorous. Scout leaders calling former scouts, a picture in the newspaper requesting historical items, and finally, leaders going through

boxes in a shed donated by the Rotary in honor of Mark Evans. The shed revealed the most interesting prizes, and the search was certainly unique. Pulling a very old, dried-up, (and fortunately) abandoned beehive off the top of one box were among the lengths that leaders went, in order to find the "history of Boy Scouts in Staples."

Boy Scouts officially began on Feb. 8, 1910, and not long after, Boy Scouts in the area began working on Boy Scout projects and badges. The earliest of the Eagle scouts recorded in Staples came from different troop numbers (that have since disbanded). Gordon Cross, Robert Carlson and Troy Sims all received their Eagle Scout badges in 1927, and were from Staples. They were followed in 1929, with Oscar Jacobson earning his Eagle and in 1931, Robert T. Cross and Edward Gillespies earned theirs.

It was in December of 1938, that the local Rotary became the official charter organization and applied for Troop 61, which is the current Boy Scout Troop in Staples, to become a Boy Scout Troop. On Jan. 16, 1939, Troop 61 was approved - 71 years ago. Since that time, many boys have gone through the scouting program and have learned much. The rare few earned their Eagle badge, which is the highest rank of a Boy Scout. Records of Eagle Scout earners in the Staples/Motley area since Troop 61 was formed are:

Harry Edgar Pierce, Jr. 1943; John Larson 1944; Douglas Johnson 1945; Francis Pierce 1945; Wayne Barker 1946; Gene L. Stapher 1946; John F. Perry 1948.

Robert E. Perry 1950; F.W. Perry 1951; John Carlson 1954; William Cross 1954; Edwin B. Perry 1955; Richard Sperley 1956; Leo Fossom 1958; Mike Gripne 1958.

would include me on some of the scouting adventures.

We moved to Staples in 1946, and I was fortunate enough to be able to join a Cub Scout den a few blocks from my home. Donna Carlson was the den mother, and we met regularly in her basement. The pack meetings were held in the basement of the then city hall currently Nordel Graphics. A gentleman by the name of Rev. Amundson was the pack leader, and I can remember the fun it was to participate in the various quarterly themes.

One that I remember very clearly was Knights Of The Round Table, in which we made costumes to represent King Arthur's Court with helmets made of tag board, shields of cardboard covered with tin foil and swords made of lath. The Cub Scout program was very active at that time with a number of dads. With encouragement from my Mom and Dad I was able to progress through the various ranks in the program.

"As a Boy Scout we also met in the upper level of the now Burlington Northern Depot with three patrols each having a corner of the room where using our imaginations we could make a place to meet. The patrol that I belonged to was the Eagle Patrol and we made a tee pee as the entrance to our meeting area. The meetings were always a lot of fun with some learning times and a lot of games and activities. We participated in a number of camporees.

Summer camp was at Camp Clyde, which is now known as Parker Scout Reservation. It was a week long event where we slept in eight-man tents, and ate our meals under a large dining fly. Summer camp was a great opportunity to work on advancement, especially the aquatic merit badges. Swimming and life saving were always difficult for most of us to work on other than at summer camp. The Order of the Arrow calling out ceremony was always a highlight of the camping event. I was fortunate enough to have been selected to this honor."

"In 1953, the Central Minnesota Council organized a troop to attend the National Jamboree at Santa Anna, California. Harry Peterson, the dad of John and Bob Peterson was the station master here in Staples, and made arrangement for a Pullman car to be used for transportation, this allowed us to have a bunk to sleep in. All of the other scouts were in coaches and they had to sleep sitting up in their seats. A number of

us from Staples were able to attend this great event. Our Pullman car joined a trail comprised completely of scouts heading West.

We traveled to the Salt River Canyon on our way to Los Angeles and then bussed South to Santa Anna where we joined thousands of other Scouts. We were there for many days participating in a lot of exciting scouting activities. It was the first time I had seen the ocean and we were able to walk from our camping area to the beach.

The trip home was up the west coast to Seattle, where we took a ferry boat to Victoria Island, where we took in the sights. We stopped at Glacier National Park and Whitefish, Montana, to take in additional sites. It was a trip that has many fond memories for me.

"After earning my Eagle Scout Badge we were fortunate enough to have the Explorer Scout Program in Staples with Duane Lund as our advisor. I did earn a silver award in this program."

"I had the opportunity to be a part of the leadership at Camp Clyde summer camps one year as a CIT ('Counselor in Training'), and one year as a counselor. This gave me an opportunity to get to know a number of scouts and scout leaders from all over Central Minnesota."

"After graduating high school I joined the Army and the skills that I had learned as a scout served me well. I spent four years going to college after my two years in the Army. I then returned to Staples and became active in the leadership of the troop. My scout days will always be a highlight of my memories."

Many boys in the area have fond memories of their scouting experiences. We realize that not all of the boys or their den leaders could be mentioned in this article but recognize that hundreds of people in the past 100 years have inspired boys to become better citizens through their participation in the Boy Scouts of America. As we prepare for this Sunday, Aug. 29, display at the Depot, we encourage everyone who has had a history in scouting to attend and view a glimpse of history through the eyes of local boys who have now grown to become men in the community.

We also want to thank all of the leaders who have throughout the past 100 years made it possible for boys to have mentors to guide them through their life paths.

GARAGE SALES

701 Garage Sales

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE: Fri. Aug. 20 - Tue. Sept. 7, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. **8575 Cty. Rd. 33, Warner Rd bridge.** 60" projection TV, furniture, clothing and much misc. plus fresh garden veggies. 32w33-34ssw35ssp

COMMUNITY BAKE/RUMMAGE SALE: Sat. Sept. 4, **Crossroads of Cty. Rd. 7 / Cty. Rd. 9 Oylen.** Large variety scrapbooking, appliances, excess. 33-34sswp

ESTATE SALE: Fri. Aug. 27 - Mon. Aug. 30, 9 a.m.-?? **Lincoln, Pine Point garages.** Furniture, dishes, a lot of stuff. 33w34ssp

CUSHING AREA: Fri. Sept. 3, 2-5 p.m. Sat. Sept. 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Sept. 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **1839 320th St. (8 mi. south of Motley on Hwy. 10, east at BP gas/Staples Sports & Marine, 1 mi.)** Sm. elect. appliances, wrought iron, fencing, hardware, power tools, interior door, ladders, entertainment center, black wrought iron table, chairs, bench, new water coolers, bedding, table cloths, name brand clothing, shoes, purses, a lot of misc. Fish Trap Lake T's/sweat's marked down, lap top computer, scanners, fax machine. 34sswp

Thurs. Sept. 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. Sept. 3, 8 a.m.-noon, **617 6th St. SE, Staples.** Good kids clothes all sizes, much misc. 34sswp

THOMASTOWN CHURCH YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER: Thurs. Sept. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. Sept. 3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **1001 8th St. NE, Staples.** Huge amount of misc items priced to sell. 34sswp

Fri. Sept. 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. Sept. 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. **3204 Pine Veiv Blvd. (South side of Lake Shamineau) 5 mi.**

south of Motley on Hwy 10, east on Cty. Rd. 203, 1 mi. to Shamineau Dr. Follow signs. Furniture, frig, paddle boat, skis, gas grill, smoker, household misc. 34sswp

BIG BARN SALE: Fri. noon-7 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. **533 Hazel, Pillager. Follow yellow signs. Two Chicks and A Barn.** Huge collection of antiques, gifts and home-grown fun. Something for everyone. 34sswp

Fri. Sept. 3, 12-6 p.m. - Sat. Sept. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. **Lake Alex, just west of Castaway (signs).** Furniture, sporting goods, antiques, children's clothes, toys, fish house, boat, misc. 34sswp

Fri. Sept. 3-Mon. Sept. 6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. **Motley: east at Moreys signs.** Canaries, cages, collectibles, jewelry, antique kitchen stove, treadle sewing machine, potters wheel, guitars, amps, boat, motor/trailer, dressers, bdrm set, 2 sergers, furniture, glassware. Early sales on large items. **612-616-6307.** 34sswp

Thurs. Sept. 2-Sun. Sept. 4, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. **6 mi south of Motley on Hwy 10, east on 203, ¾ mi. Follow signs.** 34sswp

LINCOLN AREA: Fri. Sept. 3-Sat. Sept. 4, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. **½ mile west of BP in Lincoln, Follow signs. 34238 410th St. Cushing.** 34sswp

MOVING: Lge wood swing set \$400 - (new \$900), trampoline/net \$175, (new \$325), 1 yr old refrigerator \$800 (new \$1,300), flat top stove \$300, works well. **218-397-2509. ½ mi. east Leader.** 34-36sswp

FUNDRAISER SALE: Sat. Sept. 4, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. **902 6th St. NE, Staples.** Quality teen clothes, furniture, etc. All proceeds go to finding a cure for Type 1 diabetes. 34wp

PINECONES/CINNAMON SEPTEMBER SALE: Fri. Sept. 3, 12-7 p.m. Sat. Sept. 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **2 ½ mi. east of Pillager. Signs posted.** Antiques and primitives for Halloween, pumpkins, scarecrows and witches to name a few. 34wp

YARD SALE: Fri. Sept. 3-Sun. Sept. 5, 8 a.m.-? **12823 Airport Rd, Staples. 1 ½ mi. north of CLC.** Vintage collectables, antique tables, prints and mirrors, a lot of stuff for guys, 6" chimney kit - new, canoe, new screened gazebo. 30 years of collecting. 34wp

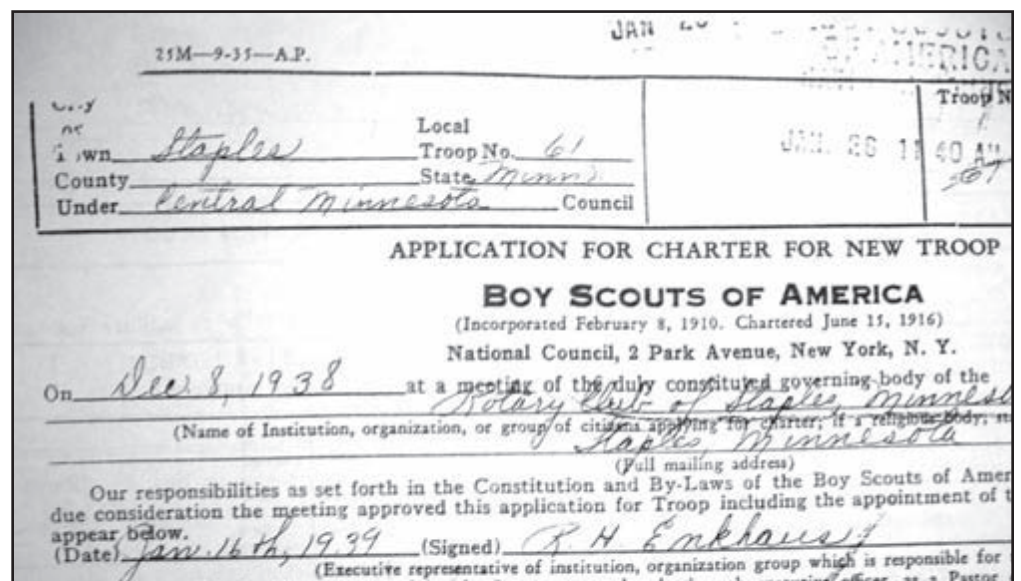
\$2 OR LESS SALE: Fri. Sept. 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **From Staples: Warner Rd to Cty Rd 32 - See signs - Robb.** Clothing, books, household items. 34wp

Fri. Sept 3-Sat. Sept 4, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. **2 mi. west of Staples on Hwy 10, 25034 U.S. Frontage Rd.** 7.3 cubic ft freezer, 55 gal. fish tank/stand, scrapbooking supplies, rubber stamps, household items, furniture, plants, men's/women's clothes, much misc. 34wp

LARGE 5 FAMILY ONE DAY ONLY SALE: Sat. Sept 4 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. **From Motley: 1 ½ mi. north on Hwy 64. 12250 Hwy 64, Jenkins.** 34wp

IF SIGNS ARE OUT SALE IS ON: Thurs. Sept 2-Sat. Sept 4, 9 a.m.-? **600 8th St. NE, Staples.** Garage door opener, double pane windows, tons of girls and boys clothes. 34wp

HOUSE AND YARD SALE - COME EARLY: Fri. Sept. 3-Sat. Sept 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. Sept. 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. **212 Wisconsin Ave. Staples.** Inside and out. Clothing, knickknacks, collectables, tools. 34wp



Making it official

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GATHERING continued from page 1b

Variety of events planned for "The Gathering" in Motley

High School orchestra members will be provided as well.

This event is hosted by the Motley Area Historical Society, in conjunction with the Morrison County

Morrison County Genealogy Society.

"They approached us about holding The Gathering here at the Motley Fairgrounds," Florence, a member of the MAHS, said. "We're really excited about

it and hope a lot of people stop by to visit with each other and to learn about our local histories and how we are connected," she added.