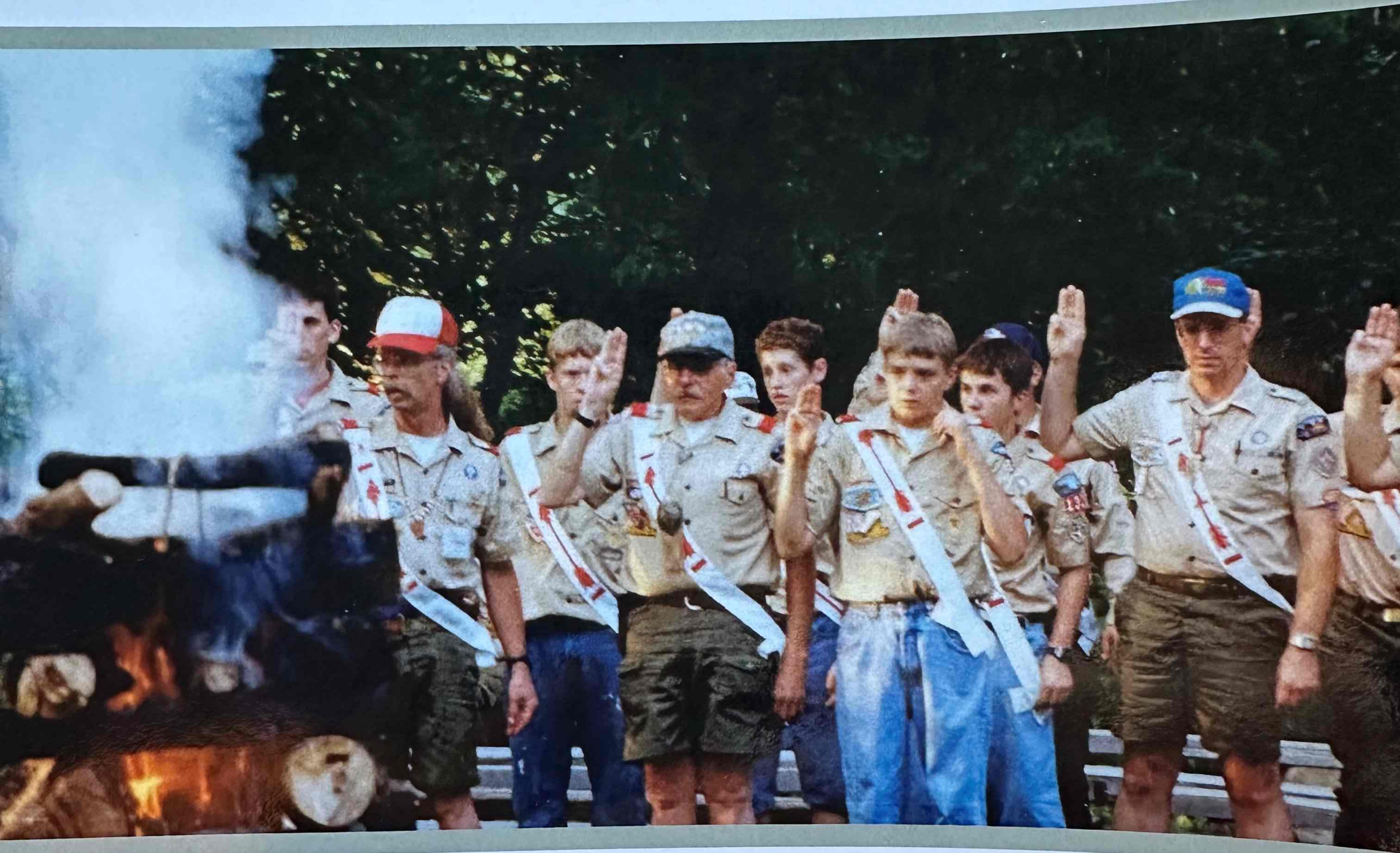
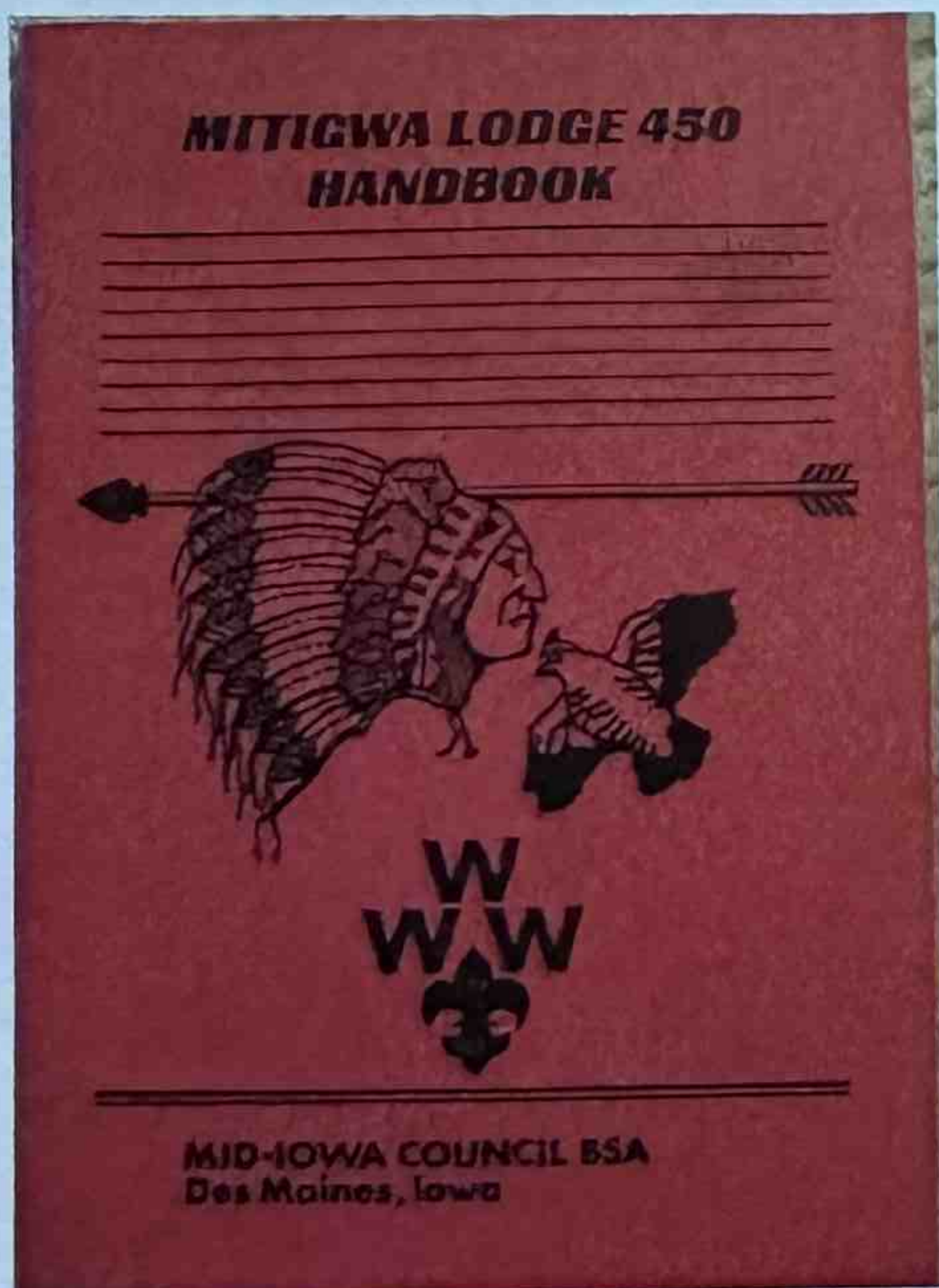


HISTORY OF ORDER OF THE ARROW IN CENTRAL & SOUTHERN IOWA



THE MEMBERS OF
MITIGWA LODGE

At the 1983 Lodge Banquet, held at Dowling High School on December 27, the Lodge presented the Arrowman of Achievement to four Brothers. They were adults Bill Darby, Jim Goodding, and Robert Trusty and the first youth member Barry Romitti. All three of these adults would serve as Lodge Adviser. Romitti served as Broken Arrow Chapter Chief and had attended the 1981 National Jamboree. Most interesting about Romitti was that he was the first Scout in the Mid-Iowa Council to earn all the merit badges the Boy Scouts offered. He served on Camp Staff in 1984 and was a Philmont Ranger.



As the Lodge got ready for the summer of 1984, former Walnut Creek Chapter Chief and Vigil Honor member Paul Lewis introduced a small history book about the camp and the Lodge that was viewed as an excellent addition to the induction packet that each member received as they completed their Ordeal.

The Lodge funded the publishing of the book and gave one to each new member as well as offered them for sale in the Lodge Trading Post.

It included basic information on both Camp Mitigwa and Camp Wapello as well as some information about the Lodge's events and lists of Lodge Chiefs

and award winners up through 1983.



1984-85 Lodge Officers front row
Left to right Rob Herrick, Larry Hultman, Steve Day, Steve Palm.
Back row left to right Mike Smith, Rob Hilken, Jim Goodding.

At the 1984 Fall Fellowship held at Camp Wapello the weekend of September 7-9, the Lodge elected Eagle Scout Steve Palm of Post 999, who lived in Bondurant as Lodge Chief for 1984-85. Palm had served on Camp Staff at Wapello one summer and Mitigwa three. He later served as Jeffrey Davis' volunteer Assistant Camp Ranger from 1989-1993.

Pages Of the PAST

Madrid in History
Feb. 4, 2016

The High Trestle Trail won two awards from the Iowa Bicycle Coalition. The awards were presented to the Madrid Action Committee at the Iowa Bike Expo. Representing the MAC were: MAC Chair Chris Hundall, Mayor Dirk Riggensberg and wife Michelle. MAC members Becky Roroda and Dave Johnson staffed the booth at the expo.

Walters Sanitary Service upgraded their trucks. The upgrade allows the drivers to stay inside the truck when picking up garbage cans, and Madrid residents were urged to follow a new set of guidelines regarding the new system.

The Iowa DOT will hold a public information meeting on Feb. 8 to discuss a removal of a median crossover pavement at the intersection of US 30 and T Avenue, half a mile east of Highway 17.

The question of the week presented to Madrid High School students was "If you could meet anyone from history; who would it be and why?" Keaton Madison responded with his grandpa, saying he'd like to spend time with him when he was younger. Lane Beerends also said his grandfather as he never had a chance to know him. Kyle Engel said Michael Jackson so he could learn to moonwalk.

The Madrid boys and girls basketball teams dropped a doubleheader against Panorama.

Feb. 2, 2006

There was an open house to honor Brian Horn set for Feb. 5. Horn was hired to be the new superintendent for Madrid schools. He previously worked at Fairfield Middle School, and had been working in Madrid as the Director of Curriculum and Technology. Horn graduated college from Northern Iowa and got his PK-12 principal certification from Iowa State and followed that up with a superintendent certification program from UNI.

A fake MySpace profile was created by someone unknown to take on the identity of Sergeant Dallas Wingate. Chief Tim Brown said that there was nothing offensive or degrading about the fake profile, he was concerned if someone tries to contact said profile thinking it was Sergeant Wingate. He discouraged anyone to contact the fake profile and they were attempting to have it removed from the website.

The Frosty Fever prizes were drawn and given to winners. Twenty-four people won prizes with a snow, ice, blizzard or keeping warm theme. The promotion was put on by the Boone Area Merchants Association.

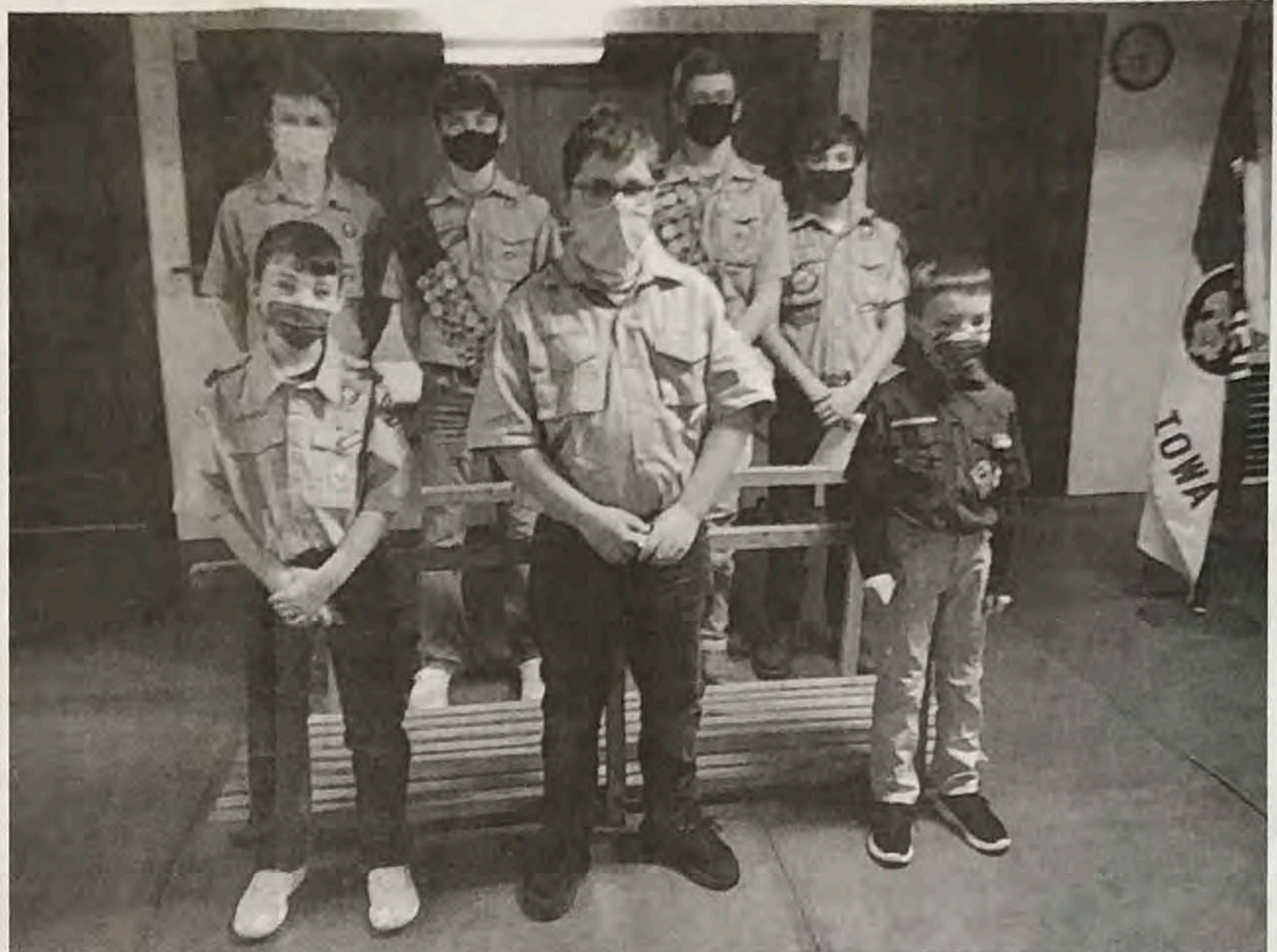
Madrid High School took part in a credit card education program. The program was designed to prepare high school students from their financial future as they venture off to college and the workforce. Teachers will receive a training guide, Powerpoint presentation and a handbook for students who want to learn.

Feb. 1, 1996

A town meeting was held for the new library. Library Board President Jonas Miller talked to 20 people who attended the meeting. The library cost was estimated at \$955,034 and the city had gotten about \$250,000 from taxes to go towards the project. The goal, Miller said, was to raise over \$700,000 over three years in private funding. Mary Holmes said they were applying for grant applications to go towards the library. City Administrator Keith Kudej answered a question about breaking ground for the new building. He thought the work could begin in the second year of the three year goal, thinking it could begin in 1998.

Norma L. Shepard was named the new vice president at Hawkeye Federal Savings Bank. Shepard, a Madrid resident, joined the bank in 1980 as a customer service representative at the Madrid branch. She has been dividing her time between the mortgage and installment loan departments in Boone along with branch manager responsibilities in Madrid.

Pack 150 held their Pinewood Derby as 27 scouts took



Scouts in the picture front row left to right Sawyer Kruckenberg, Irwin Baldwin Aiden Firmstone. Back row: Ethan Loutzenheiser, Kyle Kruckenberg, Keith Newton and Aidan Corning. Photo submitted

New Scouts join Boy Scout Troop 150

On January 17, 2021 three Cub Scouts decided to take on a new journey and go from Cub Scout to joining Boy Scout Troop 150. Their names were Aiden Firmstone, Sawyer Kruckenberg and Irwin Baldwin.

The day started out with them finishing Cub Scouts and their Cub Scout leader presenting each of them with the Arrow of Light award during the Arrow of Light Ceremony.

Then following that the Boy Scouts then performed the crossing over ceremony, where they cross a small bridge and the Cub Scout awards are removed from their shirts, and Boy Scout shoulder loops are put on their shirts to let everyone know that they are now Boy Scouts.

All three boys also attended their first Boy Scout meeting which was right after the crossing over ceremony. They all became members of the White Deer Patrol and also had the chance to vote on a new White Deer Patrol Leader, in which following a close election Andy David was elected the new patrol leader.

Again, welcome new Boy Scouts to Troop 150.

Troop #150 Historian Noah Faust, White Deer Patrol Troop #150 has a can collection bin next to the grocery store in Madrid; All proceeds collected from cans go to help pay for Scout activities during the year.

Thanks for your donations.

Barry Romitti Scouting Information

Cub Scout, Pack 150, Madrid, IA 1974-77

Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Ranks

Earned all the Webelos activity awards

Arrow of Light, 1977

Boy Scout, Troop 150, Madrid, IA 1977-84

Eagle Scout with 4 Silver and 1 Gold Palms

Earned all possible merit badges during that time (120)

Attended Camp Mitigwa, 1978-83, Earned Maker of Men I - VI

Order of the Arrow

Vigil Honor, 8 Sep 1984 "Weuch-sowagan Majawat" or "Knowledge One"

Broken Arrow Chapter Chief, 1981-82

Ceremony Team, 1984

First youth recipient of Arrowman of Achievement Award, 1983

Ad Altare Dei religious award, 14 Jun

1981

1981 National Scout Jamboree Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 378

Philmont Trek, 622 F, 1982

Camp Mitigwa Staff, Aquatics and Computers, 1984

50 Miler Award

Paul Bunyan Axman Award

World Conservation Award

Lifeguard BSA, Mile Swim and Snorkeling Awards

USAF Academy Explorer Post, 1985-89

Post Vice President, 1988-89

Philmont Ranger, 1987, 1989

USAF Academy Chief Ranger, 1988

Scout Leader, Various Troops and Packs, 1989-Present

Woodbadge Class W6-11-10, Catalina Council, 6-11 Sep 2010

Antelope Patrol Leader, Ticket completed 28 Feb 2011

District Award of Merit, 26 Feb 2017

Silver Beaver, 8 Mar 2020

Asst Scoutmaster, Troop and Pack

Committee Member in SD, OK and IA, 1989-2009

Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 784, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ 2009-13

Tucson Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting Member, 2010-13

Cubmaster, Pack 711, Tucson, AZ 2011-13

Cubmaster, Pack 150, Madrid, IA 2013-16

Broken Arrow District Committee Chair, 2014-17

District Dinner Chair, 2015-2020

Co-Founded Mining in Society Camporee for 600 Scouts and Scouters, 2016 and 2018

Chair for Prairie Winds District 2019 Fall Camporee "Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting with Madrid Troop 150"

Mid-Iowa Council Executive Board, 2014-20

Mid-Iowa Council Vice President for District Operations, 2018-2019

4 Eagle Scout sons