



Seth Stramel (above far left) at his Eagle Scout Ceremony on Sunday, March 25, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Standing next to him are his father Richard Stramel, his mother Monica Stramel,

the Eagle Badge Bearer his brother Kasey Stramel and Ron Boller. Stramel (right) stands with his completed leadership project to house the electronic directory at the Goodland Cemetery.



Scout earns highest honor at March ceremony

Seth Lee Stramel earned the highest honor possible in Boys Scouts, the Eagle Scout Medal. He received the medal on a ceremony held on Sunday, March 25, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland.

One of the final requirements to attain the medal is to carry out a leadership project. Stramel was asked by the Goodland Cemetery Board to design and build a structure to house the electronic directory they purchased to assist people in finding loved ones buried in the cemetery. He was given some re-

quirements such as size, style of roof and it had to be brick to match the fence that surrounds the cemetery. Stramel designed an 8-by-16 foot brick structure and set out to raise the money to start the project.

The structure took over a year to complete due to the winter and schedule conflicts with school and qualified workers. On Saturday, Jan. 21, the final signature was placed on the project paperwork and the project was finished. The shelter is big enough for families to be out of the weather while using the

directory and is located just north of the chapel at the cemetery.

During the ceremony Stramel was given the Eagle Scout Charge. The charge is the challenge to the scout to live his life up to the standards of an Eagle Scout. Ron Boller, a former scout executive for the Pikes Peak Council of Colorado gave the charge. This was special because Stramel's father was also given the charge by Boller when he received his Eagle Scout.

Stramel's parents are Richard and Monica Stramel.

His mother pinned the Eagle Scout Medal on Stramel and his father presented him with the Eagle Scout credentials. He pinned a miniature copy of his badge on his mother's lapel and gave his father an Eagle tie tack. His father was presented with the box that the badge was taken out of and Boller told Stramel if at any time he felt he did not live up to the standards of an Eagle Scout his father should retrieve the badge and place it back in the box.

Scoutmaster Gary McClung of

Troop 142 presented Stramel with a plaque and the Eagle Scout neckerchief from the troop. Robin Deeds presented him with a certificate and a U.S. Flag from the Goodland Elks Lodge. Pastor Darian Hybl then read several letters of commendation that were sent on Stramel's behalf.

Cake and punch were served after the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall. A display of Stramel accomplishments and projects were on display.

Stramel started out his journey in Cub Scouts while in the first grade

as a Tiger Cub, he continued to earn ranks in Cub Scouts ending with the Arrow of Light, the highest rank that a Cub Scout can earn. After earning the Arrow of Light in January 2005, he crossed over into Boy Scouts.

For the next seven years he advanced through the ranks, earned 46 different merit badges, and three awards in the God and Country program.

Sherman County farmer gets money for 4-H

Steve Duell won \$2,500 from the Monsanto Fund for the Sherman County 4-H council in America's Farmers Grow Communities.

Grow Communities gives farmers the opportunity to win money for their favorite local nonprofit organization. Duell saw the financial need of his local 4-H council.

"My family and I are really involved with 4-H," Duell said. "My children were members of 4-H and received many college scholarships through the program."

The 4-H council will use the \$2,500 to improve the fairgrounds, include the construction of a new horse show area specifically for 4-H use.

"Grow Communities has allowed us to make improvements to the 4-H facilities that we would have otherwise had to forgo," said Dana Belshe, county extension agent.

In a ceremony on Monday at the Sherman County 4-H Building, Duell got the chance to present the Sherman County 4-H Council with the donation.

Through America's Farmers Grow Communities:

- Farmers in 1,245 eligible counties have



Steve and Colleen Duell

the chance to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organizations.

- The Monsanto Fund has invested more than \$3.1 million in rural communities this year.

- More than \$585,000 in total has been donated to nonprofits in Kansas.

- A list of all winners and more information can be found at www.growcommunities.com.

Cell phone customers getting texting scam

The Better Business Bureau is calling attention to a new type of texting scam called "smishing."

Consumers throughout Kansas have been receiving cell phone text messages that claim they have won a Walmart gift card. The texts claim that the consumer has won a free gift card. They instruct you to click on a link and enter some information.

Unfortunately, there is no gift card. It is a scam to steal your credit card number and other personal info which will expose you to possible identity theft.

This scam has several versions. In one, the text reads "You just won a free \$1000 Walmart Gift Card, enter '1000' at LINK." In another, it says: "Walmart \$1000 gift card for the first 1000 users to go to LINK and enter code 2938." The texts use dif-

ferent web addresses, including:

- promocenterdaily.com/walmartgift
- promocenter.ws/walmart
- walmartgift.mobi

This text message is a twist on the classic e-mail phishing scam in which scammers pose as a legitimate organization and send out emails containing links to scam sites. This type of scam is called "smishing" because it uses SMS technology to "phish" for consumers' private information.

Walmart has made a statement about the scam.

"There has been a sudden increase in scam text messages referring people to a site where they can 'claim a Walmart Gift Card'" by entering certain private personal information. The most popular

website being used recently is called 'walmartgift.mobi.' This site is not owned, operated by, or affiliated with Walmart. Any site can be used for this scam and users are often asked for private personal information including credit card numbers or social security numbers. Providing this type of information is very likely to lead to identity theft or credit card fraud.

"These text messages and the sites being used are not from Walmart and Walmart is not associated with parties promoting this activity. Walmart will never initiate a text message where we ask for sensitive personal data like credit card information or social security numbers."

correction

A story on Page 1 of the Tuesday, April 2, edition of *The Goodland Star-News* misstated the place of employment for new Sherman County Treasurer April Hall. While she has previously worked at Ken-

edy and Coe, she currently works at Miller Construction and as an interim manager at the Maverick Inn.

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