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STERLING ROTARY CLUB

Executive director talks Boy Scouts

By Callie Jones
Journal-Advocate staff writer

STERLING — While many people might think of camping outdoors with tents and fire when they think of Boy Scouts, it's more than that.

"The Boy Scouts of America, you ask someone what we are really, from our perspective we are a character building organization," Gary Shoemaker, the senior executive director for the Longs Peak Council of Boy Scouts of America, told the Rotary Club on Wednesday. "Character, citizenship, moral fitness and leadership, that's what we do. We just happen to use the outdoors (as our programming

District chairman, District Nomination Committee members needed

venue), because boys like to do that."

BSA was founded in 1907 by Robert Baden-Powell.

Shoemaker said the program is more important than ever because with obesity and sedentary lifestyle rates what they are boys need to get outside.

"We are one of the few things that gets them outdoors and off the couch and doing things outside and doing things for other people," he said.

He talked about some of

the things Boy Scouts teaches young boys. Learning how to set a fire by friction or by flint and steel teaches them patience, learning to cook on campouts helps them build their self-esteem and learn "a boy can do things for himself" and learning first aid and live saving swimming skills "instills into a young person a need to help other people."

Boy Scouts also learn about citizenship at each of the age levels. For example, Tiger Cubs learn about the

flag and to show respect for it. Among the 132 different merit badges that Boy Scouts can receive is a citizenship in the nation badge. Boy Scouts can also earn badges for everything from mammal study to robotics, to welding, to video gaming.

There are 21 different badges that Eagle Scouts can earn.

Shoemaker talked about the different levels of scouting. First graders are Tiger Cubs, second graders are Wolf Cubs, third graders are Bear Cubs, fourth and fifth graders are Webelos Scouts and boys ages 11-18 are the traditional Boy Scouts, with merit badges and different ranks.

There are also different programs like the venture scout program, a co-ed program for high school students; and the law enforcement explorer post, which Sterling has, another co-ed group where students spend time learning about the law enforcement career.

"Also, we now have middle school explorer programs. I haven't started any in Sterling yet; I'm working on the first one up in Scottsbluff right now, where I'm headquartered out of," Shoemaker said.

Additionally, the Longs Peak Council has two long-term summer camps, Ben Delatour Scout Ranch, in Red Feather Lakes, and

Laramie Peak, in Wheatland, Wyo. They also offer day camps, including one that will be held at North Sterling Reservoir on July 26.

Logan County has approximately 200 Cub Scouts and 100 Boy Scouts. Sterling has two Cub Scout packs and two Boy Scout troops. The American Legion has a Boy Scout troop that's open to the regular community and the Latter-day Saints Church "also has a very strong program here" with a Cub Scout pack and a Boy Scout troop, as well as a venture crew, a varsity team and law enforcement explorers.

"I am trying to rebuild the

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NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

Winners announced in El Pomar B2C program

Lacy New captures top award for High Plains Spice Company

By Barbara Baker
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Eleven business owners from northeastern Colorado completed the El Pomar sponsored Business to College (B2C) program through Northeastern Junior College this spring and Tuesday evening they made their final business plan presentations before a group of judges. At stake: \$25,000 in prize money. In the end, six of the businesses walked away with money for their efforts. Prize money was not only a vote of confidence in the future success of their various business enterprises, but was also meant to be a boost to help some of them do something specific to enhance their operation or advance their future plans.

It was Lacy New, co-owner of the High Plains Spice Company located on Main Street in Sterling who took the biggest prize when she was awarded \$10,000. Jessica Gales of Haxtun was awarded \$7,000 to help with the expansion of Jessica Gales Accounting Services; Jamie Bauder-Knox who owns the Bow Wow Barn in Sterling received \$5,000; Sara Firme of Haxtun who owns Elements, an interior design service was awarded \$3,000; and Susan Fuller,



Courtesy photo

Lacy New from High Plains Spice Company shows off some of the store's best sellers during the B2C competition held at Northeastern Junior College. She was the top winner in this year's program.

a jewelry maker received \$1,000 for her Wishes in the Wind business.

The El Pomar Foundation, headquartered in Colorado Springs, funded the program for the third year, once again donating \$25,000 in prize money. The money could go to one winner, or be split out among a number of winners. The overall intent of the program is to provide not only some incentive for new or up and coming businesses, but to support economic

development in various areas of the state. The business owners and entrepreneurs had been undergoing some classroom training at Northeastern since late March with NJC's small business expert Cyndi Vandenbark. They knew when the training came to an end, they would present their business plan—for creating a new business, or expanding an existing one—to a panel of judges with prize money on the line. Northeastern has, for many years, sought

out ways to assist small business and this partnership with El Pomar has been a great example of the college's ability to find resources and dollars to help enhance small business in this corner of Colorado.

Lacy and B.J. New opened the High Plains Spice Company last October, just going into the holiday season. With a love for grilling, cooking, baking and an interest in growing

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STERLING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Drowning suspected in death on river

DOC employee's death "tragic and unexpected"

By Sara Waite
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A Sterling man is believed to have drowned in the South Platte River over the weekend.

Sterling Police Chief Tyson Kerr said the department has found nothing suspicious in the death of Anthony Carney Gifford, 35, whose body was found just south of the Highway 6 river bridges in Sterling Sunday morning. There is no cause for any public safety concern, he said.

An autopsy was performed Monday, he noted; toxicology results are pending but officials believe Gifford may have suffered

from a medical problem that contributed to his death.

Kerr said the SPD responded to a call at 9:10 a.m. Sunday, May 25, about a male in the river bottom. He said they believe Gifford was fishing in the area when he died.

Gifford was an employee at Sterling Correctional Facility. Adrienne Jacobsen, a spokeswoman for the Department of Corrections, said the department offered it's condolences to his family and friends as well as his coworkers.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with (them)," she said. "(Gifford's death) was tragic and unexpected."

Next of kin have been notified.

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