

Boy Scout exhibit opens on Saturday

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The Bartlesville Area History Museum announces a very special exhibit featuring a large collected works of Boy Scouts of America objects. This special exhibit honoring Boy Scouts of America opens at 10 a.m. Saturday at the museum.

The items belong to the private collection of long-time resident W. Rudie Janzen whose generous donation made the exhibit possible. Included in the exhibit are some items that belonged to Former Chief Scout Executive James L. Tarr who died on Feb. 27.

Founded in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America are the largest youth organization in the United States. The mission of the BSA has always been to instill values and morality of high standards with an emphasis on good citizenship, physical fitness and personal development. Their Mission Statement: "It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law."

Many young men's lives have been profoundly effected by this organization for almost 100 years and evidence of that can be substantiated in the lives of men and boys all

over America. Two such individuals whose lives were impacted are James Tarr and Rudie Janzen.

W. Rudie Janzen was 12 years old the first time he visited Bartlesville with his family. Janzen married Gladys Jarvis and in 1943 they made their home in Bartlesville where Janzen went to work for Phillips Petroleum Company in the E&P Accounting section of the Comptrollers Department and then later helped to organize the Computing Department between 1956-57.

In 1953, he became the Scoutmaster of Troop 10 and led a group to Philmont Scout Ranch. Janzen continues to serve on the Cherokee Area Council board and was director of the local Order of the Arrow for 23 years. He attended four National Scout Jamborees and seven Order of the Arrow National Conferences. He was honored nationally with the Silver Beaver Award and locally with the Phil R. Phillips Award. Janzen has a long resume of many awards, appointments by six governors and recognitions too numerous to mention. Evidence of his love for scouting can be seen and appreciated with the extensive collection of his scouting memorabilia on display in the exhibit.

James "Jim" L. Tarr was born in 1919 and he led this organization from April 1979 through January 1985. Tarr began in Scouting in 1931 when he joined his Cub Scout



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pack in Bartlesville, one of the first Cub Scout groups formed in the U.S. An Eagle Scout, Sea Scout and a Rover Scout, Tarr's love for Scouting remained evident throughout his life and well beyond his retirement.

Six years after joining the Cub Scouts, Tarr attended the first national Scout jamboree in 1937 in Washington, D.C. His professional Scouting tenure included service to councils in Dallas, Texas; Omaha, Neb.; Galveston, Texas; and Austin, Texas.

In addition to his Scouting career, he served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy.

This exhibit is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

The Bartlesville Area History Museum is located at 401 S. Johnstone Ave., 5th floor of the City Center building. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is by donation. For information call, 338-4290.