#### **LOCAL NEWS**

# PONY EXPRESS COUNCIL CELEBRATES LOCAL SCOUTING LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS

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Saturday, March 29th members and friends of the Pony Express Council, Scouting America gathered at the St. Joseph Country Club to celebrate the success and achievements of Scouting leaders and community volunteers from the region.

With over 200 guests in attendance, the evening kicked off with a social hour and plated dinner before the awards ceremony.

Hosted by Ed Stroud, Vice-Chair of Strategic Planning for the Pony Express Council, the event highlighted the professional staff and volunteer committees. David Lewis, the newly installed Council Chairman, also provided insights on the vision and direction of Scouting and the Council.

The evening's program mixed in video presentations, the handing out of newly designated awards, and special recognitions for attendees at all levels of the organization. Also introduced to the audience were new logos and branding for Camp Geiger and the Council's youth recruitment campaign.



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Rick Berger receiving the Richard N. Berger Community Leader Award.

The backbone of Scouting are the volunteers that give countless hours of time and knowledge to help advance the skills of young people throughout Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas.

Special awards and recognitions were highlighted by the

presentation of two Silver Beaver Awards given to Mark Corwin of Gallatin, MO and Eugene Lickenbrock III of St. Joseph, MO. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest level of recognition given to an adult volunteer at the council level. Corwin, the father of 4 Eagle Scouts, has served in unit leadership positions for 27 years, including both Scoutmaster and Cubmaster of Troop and Pack 67. He is a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say's White Coup Society, and he currently leads

his SHED ministry, a men's bible study focusing on marriage, healing, discipleship and studying the Word.

Lickenbrock, an Eagle Scout himself as a youth, has been highly involved in Cub and Scouts BSA recruitment and unit level leadership in the Pony Express Council for over 15 years. During this time he has also served as chairman of many Pony Express

Council annual events such as Conclaves, Pow-Wows, Pinewood Derbys, and Camporees.

One of the awards included the new Richard N. Berger Community Leader Award given to Atchison's own Rick Berger. Berger has been a key leader and contributor of the Friends of Scouting Campaign for several decades, and he currently serves on the Pony Express Council Executive Board. Within the Atchison community, Berger is known for his ability to find financial support and leadership to promote vital community projects that bring them to reality. He also works to cultivate new leadership from younger generations to ensure inspiration and activity well into the future.

#### One Acts

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Reformation..." begins, Cora (Avery Handke) admits to stealing a bracelet from a classmate. Since her confession lacks remorse, her teacher Mrs. Proctor (Carmen LaHue) shares the story of the safecracker Jimmy Valentine (Evan Sinclair). Released from prison at the turn of the twentieth century, it doesn't take long for

Jimmy to fall back into his old bank-robbing habits. Detective Ben Price (Nathan Palmer) criss-crosses the country, trying to catch Jimmy in the act and send him back to prison. When his travels lead him to a vulnerable bank

safe in the town of Elmore, the bank manager's beautiful daughter Annabel (Cora-Bella Tull) inspires Jimmy to turn over a new leaf and become an honest businessman. His new life goes along well until the day Annabel's niece Agatha

### **NOTICE**

The annual meeting of the Doniphan Cemetery Board will be held at 6pm, April 7th at Terry Heineken's home,

203 Mineral Point Rd., in Atchison, KS.

Public is welcome.

The board is also requesting bids for mowing, trimming and trash removal.

Send bids to Terry Heineken, 203 Mineral Point Rd., Atchison, KS. 66002 For more information call 1-785-985-2572.



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(Kai Phillips) gets trapped inside the brand-new bank safe. Come find out if Jimmy will stick to his new upright life, or expose his scandalous past in order to save the girl. Other cast members include Ethan Brooks, Trinity Brooks, Ashleigh Trichel. This play will also be performed at the Regional Speech & Drama Festival competition on Saturday, April 12, at ACCJSHS, representing the Talking Tigers Forensics team.

"The Mysterious Case of the Mysterious Case" is a fast-talking film-noir spoof of "The Maltese Falcon," and is filled with "Dadd jokes" galore. When a mysterious case goes missing from the bus station, Dinah Mite (Avery Handke) hires Detective Hugo Dadd (Nathan Palmer) to find the missing case. Dadd and DEA (Dadd's Efficient Assistant) May O'Naise (Carmen LaHue), take on the case to find the case, encountering a couple of Dinah's past associates, Robin Banks (Ethan Brooks) and Rex Carrs (Evan Sinclair), who are also looking for the case. Adding to the confusion are the cops Ben Ding (Kai Phillips) and Stan Ding (Ashleigh Trischel), the bus station lost & found manager (Cora-Bella Tull), and a color-blind traveler (Trinity Brooks). Before the mysterious case can be recovered with the help of clever wordplay and groan-worthy one-liners, everyone realizes there's more to this mysterious case than meets the eye.

The tech crew for the one-acts includes Rebekah Caplinger, and Addison Wilbourn. The plays are directed by Noelle Walters.

There will be a dessert bar at the intermission of each performance. For further information, check the USD 377 website (usd377.org) or contact Noelle Walters (walters. noelle@usd377.org)



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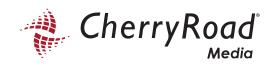
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