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The Bittersweet Death of the Strike Anywhere Match

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As I sat reading the 13th edition of the Boy Scout Handbook on my tablet, (physical books are so 2015!), I stopped at the fire building section and stared at the picture. No mention

it triggered another of many self-evaluation and reflection moments.

For the past few years, we have been scouring stores for the old-faithful strike-anywhere match with dwindling success. Matt McCracken forwarded me an [article](#) about its demise. The few remaining boxes we had hoarded were being reserved for First Class Campers. Yet, even then there was a telltale sign when they would still inquire about a striker for the matches. Up until this big weekend test, they had never seen a strike-anywhere match.

This entire generation has grown up not knowing how to light a match on their zipper, fingernail, or the premier skill off the seat of one's pants. It has been years since I broke up a match-flicking fight or any of the other traditional misuses that helped define our youthful camping years. Moreover, they were woefully non-adept at using a match even with a striker. For that matter, so were patrol leaders.

In yet another sign of the times, our November campout was the first regular campout for our newly elected PLC. Not one of them nor anyone else in the patrols, brought matches save the Owls. There was a lot of scrambling and borrowing that weekend along with Patrol Leaders saying they had not gone out and bought matches. It seems no one has them at home anymore.

I was ready for the transition to issuing strikers to First Class Campers. I was not prepared for the total demise of the wooden match. Those long butane candle lighters are the standard in most households for those rare occasions when they have to light a candle, the grill out back, or those lucky enough to have and use a real fireplace. This generation and their families look at matches as something quaint and primitive. And why not? The other method is so much more reliable, cheap, and available. The troop even issues them on those campout where patrols must use propane stoves instead of campfires because, well, they are just safer. No

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Death of the Strike Anywhere Match *Continued*

Light the fire. When the fire lay is complete and you have a good supply of kindling and fuel wood on hand, ease a flame underneath the tinder. The flame can come from a match or lighter. You might even use a magnifying glass, flint and steel, or a fire-by-friction set.



Photography by Michael Roytek

Practice different methods of lighting a fire during campouts where fires are permitted and appropriate so that you become confident with your **fire-building** skills. In an emergency, you'll know just what to do.

Excerpt from the 13th Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook

fumbling around while a cloud of gas collects that will put our old match wars to shame.

It was easy to discard the heavy cumbersome canvas tents when nylon technology pushed them aside. The new JetBoil trail stoves with their integrated striker are not only more suited to today's just-add-boiling-water freeze dried trail meals, but they are also safer. Well, except for that one type of trail stove Dr. Kenny touts with the exciting two-step lighting process. No, even that is safer than the Peak 1 fireballs that were responsible for "Statue of Liberty" burns or Greg Gold having to fish their charred remains out of Minister Creek or a lake in Algonquin Park.

So as I share these thoughts with handful of Eagle ASM's, they fall into two camps. First to reply are the 'change is inevitable, change can be good' group. Semaphore flags gave way to cell phones. Maps and compasses are being eclipsed by the simplest GPS apps on a cell phone. Why wouldn't a scout just grab one of these lighters and start his fire? These answers all came in within the first 24 hours of my query. I find it hard to fight their logic.

After several days of contemplation came the traditionalists. Some wrote, others felt it necessary to deliver their message in person. These are skills that are fundamental and disappearing. I will borrow almost a direct quote from one of the responses: It's hard, frustrating and sometimes darn near impossible. But when you light a fire with one or two matches when it doing that sleet/rain/ice pellet thing in your

ear and your friends are around you holding their coats open to block the, oh yeah, the wind also it's a heck of an accomplishment. Confidence from a something as small as a match can be so much more. Again, I find it hard to fight this logic.

So I had a chat with my SPL about how to get the best of both worlds. Starting in 2017, we are going to issue those lighters back to each patrol. There will be designated campouts and some meals on others where matches will be required. Matches will find a place in the rest of our program alongside flint and steel, bow and drill, etc. First Class Camp requirements will be amended to require 3 types of fire lighting throughout the weekend meaning matches, the lighter, and flint and steel or bow and drill.

As we work to maintain the balance of traditional skills vs. technology, I can say that I am old enough to remember that I did not like backpacking until the hip belt came along. Then Philmont became one of my fondest memories. I don't miss lashing paddles into 85 pound aluminum canoes to take a portage in Canada. Now with lighter weight materials, nice yokes, and all the other improvements from tents to cooking, our Scouts go further and longer than we ever dreamed possible in a week. Does a GPS short change or better help someone understand directions and degrees out on the trail? That one is a little less clear. I'm going to light a fire in the fireplace now on this chilly winter's night. My box of Ohio Blue Tips is sitting right there on the hearth.

-Jim



Our 101 Presence on the Internet

Troop101.net | CubPack101.net | Join101.net

Every time I turn around we (meaning Matt) are doing something more. It's probably a good time to take stock of everything that is available to the greater 101 family at the click of a mouse or even on your smart phone.

Alumni Webpage – this is our link to YOU. If you keep your contact info current, not only can we reach out to you, but you can reach out to each other! Some of the features of the members-only page are: Alumni Directory, these Newsletters, Alumni Archive of campouts, eagles, leaders, etc. There's also one most-requested item: you have access to the Troop's Cookbook! By far the most requests we get from alumni is for a recipe – usually because they want to make it in their own Dutch oven. [Click here for the Alumni Page.](#)

Other 101 Pages – besides the Alumni, you can see what's going on with the Troop, the [Cub Pack](#), or even [Eagle's Wings](#). There's even a link to the [Chickagami Virtual Museum](#). And don't forget the [Photo Gallery](#). Tens of thousands of photos going back over four decades. Take a stroll down memory lane. Even better, help tag some folks from your generation so names are not lost to the ages.

Facebook – The Troop 101 Alumni Page gets more frequent updates than this newsletter. Facebook friends this past few months had the opportunity to participate in the Angel Tree, our joint Christmas project between Eagle's Wings, the Salvation Army and the Troop. We have had requests previously from alumni and we want to thank those who participated this year. We also post life events as soon as we are aware of them. In addition to the Alumni Page, the Troop has its own page which gets very frequent updates, and there is also one for Chickagami where folks share their memories. [Click here for the Troop Facebook Page.](#) [Click here for the Alumni Facebook Page.](#)

YouTube – We have one of those as well! This is where we house the collection of Patrol Movies, Troop slideshows, Eagle slideshows, and other fun stuff. Whether you are browsing through here or the Troop Gallery, you are bound to see memories and familiar faces from your time with the Troop. [Click here for the Troop Gallery.](#) [Click here for our YouTube Page](#)

Eagle's Wings Block Pool Fundraiser



The Eagle's Wings organization has been very generous in their support of the new building. As a return favor, they asked us to pass the word about their block pool raffle fundraiser related to a certain football game coming up the first weekend in February. They welcome anyone to participate. Their funds will be used to support our local youth programs. Squares are \$20 each. An example of the payouts is shown below.

Squares will be filled in on a first-paid basis. No squares are being held, and new boards will be created as the previous on fills in.

If you, a friend, or a colleague would like to get in on this fundraiser, all you have to do is contact Eagle's Wings! Checks can be made out to Eagle's wings and sent to Renee Pospisil, 2397 Niles Cortland Rd; Cortland, Ohio 44410.

If you're in the area, stop by and see Renee or another Eagle's Wings helper during our weekly Troop meeting. Dates can be found on the Troop Website, on the Troop Calendar.

Please be sure to include the name, and phone number that should appear in the square. Copies will be available to all those that provide an email address, or a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope. You may request a square, but it will not be guaranteed.

Payout Example:

- \$150 for first quarter Score
- \$200 for halftime Score
- \$150 for third quarter Score
- \$500 for final score





Precious few families can claim as many Eagle Scouts as Troop 101's Gump family. Ben is Troop Eagle Scout #108 and the Troop has enjoyed Bruce and the Gump Family's avid program support and involvement over the years.

Ben is currently a Team Leader with Amazon Logistics out of Winchester, Kentucky and presently assigned as Civil Affairs Officer with the 412th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne, Tactical) out of Whitehall, Ohio. He has been married for just over a year to Sara Fisher who is pursuing a PhD in Sociology from UK. Ben and Sara currently live in Lexington, Kentucky with their six-month-old Corgi, Fitzwilliam. They moved to Kentucky from Eagle River, Alaska in August of this year following Ben's release from Active Duty.

Bruce, an Eagle Scout with Troop 151 in Columbus since 1965, is retired from Delphi Packard. Bruce, his wife and family live in Howland.

Dating back to 1928, at least eight



Fitzwilliam in his Christmas Best

Generations: Family of Eagles - Ben and Bruce Gump

Gump family members have earned the Eagle rank. Ben, Bruce and Bruce's father, Robert, make three generations of Gump Eagle Scouts.

AQ: Bruce, that's one devoted Scouting family!

Bruce: Dad and his three brothers were also Eagles as were most of my cousins and nephews and even some of my female cousin's husbands!

AQ: Ben, you continued a rich family tradition. What does the Eagle rank mean to you now that you are an adult?

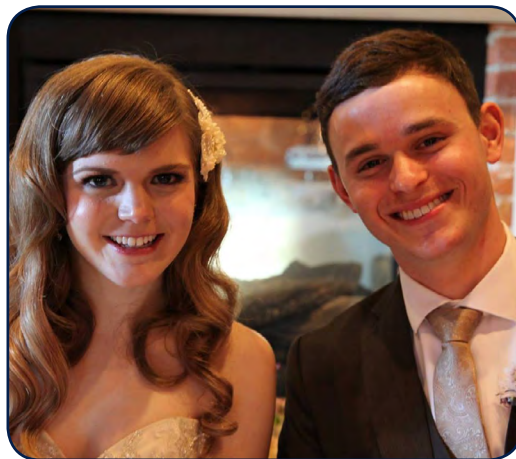
Ben: (With a grin) Not being cut out of my family's will is pretty swell, although I was never quite certain how true that threat was.

AQ: You certainly had some big family shoes to fill. Looking back, what was the biggest challenge?

Ben: Watching Mr. P pull his hair out as he kept reminding me of how little time I had left. Honestly, just getting out there and doing it was the hardest part. It was awkward asking businesses for donations and pushed me out of my comfort zone.

Bruce: I earned my Eagle in Troop 151 in Columbus and for me, the physical challenges were the hardest to achieve, but I learned about perseverance and dedication through that. Though I was not an athlete, I was eventually able to run a 6-minute mile! I always enjoyed cooking and camping, so those requirements were easy for me, but some of the merit badge requirements, especially first aid, were quite challenging. Part of that may have been because my Eagle Scout father had been in the medical core in the Navy during WWII, and so he demanded great work and deep knowledge, or at least it seemed that way to me at the time. But the lessons I learned have stuck with me and have been useful many times in my life since then.

Ben: While on active duty I used



Ben and Sara

many camping skills, first aid, knots, and just general confidence that was developed and fostered by the Troop. Although backpacking and rucking are two completely different things I learned. It gave me a good starting ground from where to start as a leader and how to handle public speaking. Also, surprisingly enough, not too many people know how to throw a tomahawk, which always impresses people. I'd say that the Troop gave me a sense of humor too and helped me be able to laugh at myself. If it weren't for Scouting and Troop 101, I doubt I'd be the person I am today and don't want to know where I would have ended up.



Gump - Dead Horse

AQ: Ben, much has happened since you joined Troop 101, coming fresh out of Pack 28. Tons of memories.

Ben: I was like 10 years old then, I don't remember much. I remember being welcomed with open arms and actually being talked to. Troop 28 basically ignored our existence while



*Family of Eagles - from left to right
Front: Grandfather (Robert), Uncle (Bob), Dad (Bruce), Ben
Rear: Cousin Abby's Husband, Christian, and Cousin Matt*

the "What Patrol" of Troop 101 helped us and mentored us. Basically, I immediately felt at home in the basement of the Elks. I was also the only kid not going to Troop 28 from my Webelos 2 group, so it was a little nerve-racking to go somewhere so different.

Bruce: My first major impression of Troop 101 was on a camping trip. I was truly impressed at the organization, and the focus on the boys running the program. The adult supervision was just that, and it was well done! I knew then that this was a troop where my son could learn the skills and attitudes scouting teaches. As it turns out, I was right! Troop 101 has been and continues to be the premier Boy Scout Troop in the area. I am proud to have been associated with it, and recommend to every parent I know with scout-aged boys to consider joining.

AQ: Favorite Troop 101 moments?

Ben: The world's greatest view to take a crap is being on the middle of an island in Algonquin. Eating boiled crawfish from the Potomac (no idea how I didn't die) and racing bikes down the Williamsport Campground hill. First Class Camp with Chuck and being in the same patrol as Jimmy Byers. Oh, and the boy who couldn't be pranked having his stuff wrapped in the middle of the night and being woken up to a few Skowls singing the song from the Grinch. Also remembering the first time I could lift a patrol box by myself (I was 18 years old).

Bruce: The Algonquin trips rank at, or near the top! It is always beautiful, fun and exciting. Canoeing against the wind was challenging. Fishing and eating what we caught was great fun and listening to the wolves cry in the distance was just amazing. Watching the moose, the view from the mountain top, the food, the camaraderie, the whole experience was just great. The bicycle trips (I was on the support crew twice) were also great trips.

Probably the funniest thing I saw was Vic Dasbach and Jason Paisley race to see who could rappel down a cliff face faster. Vic had a lot of experience and made Jason look like an amateur (which he was by comparison), though he went much faster than I could have. Both of them, and

all the rest of us, were laughing so hard it was difficult to hang onto the ropes! I cannot forget the pie baking contest at the anniversary (some really great pies there!) I was impressed with how the whole Troop came together to deal with difficult situations, and uncomfortable conditions. The boys learn a lot about how to deal with life and I think the adults learn a lot, too.

AQ: Ben, what has the Eagle rank meant to you now that you are an adult?

Ben: Camaraderie with all the other Eagles scattered across the US. I have had so many conversations and made so many friends just by talking about Scouting.

Bruce: In my own experience, working to earn the Eagle rank was one of the most challenging and rewarding things I have ever done. I speak with many people in many high



Ben Gump, taking a Jump

positions, and I always wear my Eagle lapel pin and the one I wear now honors Ben's Eagle. It is surprising how many times Senators, Congressmen, and community and business leaders notice and ask about it, then start to tell me their own Eagle stories. Being a part of the group, being considered by others to be an ethical representative, having their suspicions about me and the group I represent reduced just because I am an Eagle makes many things and many conversations go much easier. Being an Eagle gives one something very special to live up to, and knowing that all other Eagles will be judged by my own actions and words helps me to stay on track too.



*Bruce Gump's Dad's two oldest brothers being awarded Eagle in 1928.
Louis is the third from the left, Harry is the last on the right.*



*Bruce Gump standing in a hearing room in the US House of Representatives.
Note the Eagle lapel pin.

Generations: Family of Eagles - Ben and Bruce Gump

That isn't easy in this world and especially in the political circles I sometimes work in. But having the support of that group of Eagles, and the examples of others who have worked and succeeded encourages me too. So, being an Eagle became one of the foundational achievements of my life and a guiding light on how to live it. Other than my faith in God, I can think of

seeing problems and challenges as something to be solved and overcome, knowing how to build and work with a team can result in successes that others can only wish for. Most of all, however, in Scouts one learns about Honor. Learning to say what you mean, to mean what you say, and living up to the standards set forth in the Oath and Law makes Scouts different from others who don't have that base to stand on. Being intentionally honorable, knowing we represent others, and being connected to our communities and our religions defines us in ways that help us to grow.

So many today have no honor; they are unpredictable and not trustworthy; they just say and do whatever they think will benefit them at that specific moment regardless of how others will be affected.

Having the foundation of Scouting helps us all to remember that we are a part of a very big world, and that our actions, our words, and our intentions affect others too. So, we grow and learn to work together, sometimes in spite of disagreements, but always for the good of all. Scouting teaches and supports and encourages us all to be the best we can be at whatever we try. I have to say, too, that Troop 101 exemplifies the best of Scouting, and so it is an honor to just be associated with it.

nothing else that has been so important in helping me to determine how to live my life. I can only hope and continue to work to be the person that others will look up to someday and have them say "He is an Eagle Scout, and it shows."

AQ: Granted, there have been changes, but what are your impressions of the way Scouting has endured over the years?

Ben: I am glad Scouting is continuing to adapt and change with the times but also proud Troop 101 continues to offer a First Class Camp which does build a lot of confidence in a kid and his ability to push through hardships and struggles. It is sad to see Troops that don't offer camping trips or other events, but also uplifting to see that there are still youth who want to learn weird skills and push the limits of what they thought they could do. I still impress people by building fires or tying strange knots (some of which I don't even know what they are).

Bruce: It has been interesting to watch, but Scouting has always been kind of a bedrock organization. Teaching the Values of Scouting (exemplified by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law) has only changed a little. Some Troops don't seem to work as hard at helping the boys to learn and use them, but overall, everybody benefits from them.

Being a Scout is not something one just "does", it is something one becomes, and it is a life-long journey! Those who take it seriously will benefit the most, of course, but just being near it can be helpful.

Life is full of twists and turns, and so learning how to deal with things that are unexpected,

AQ: Ben, being the youngest Gump family Eagle, fast-forward to today, what does the experience all mean to you?

Ben: Troop 101 will always be the Troop I affiliate with. They guided me, mentored me, encouraged my, ummm, "creative" process. It is my home Troop and I always want to go back to it. The high adventure trips were amazing for a juvenile (and adult) me and the weekend trips taught me so much about myself and what I shouldn't do. I even brought my wife to meet the Troop and to get Mr. P's blessing. He, of course, said she was too good for me and warned me not to ruin it!



Ben, hard at work

Greater Western Reserve Council Territory Now Part of Great Trail Council

Boy Scout Councils Vote to Consolidate in 2017 By Ed Byers Sr. - Alumni Quarterly Editor

Long-time Scouters will readily recall the era of the Western Reserve Council, formed in 1948, and the days when Trumbull County actually had its own



Council.

Then in 1993, a major Council consolidation occurred when Trumbull, Mahoning, Ashtabula, Lake and Geauga Counties (and part of Portage County) became the Greater Western Reserve Council.

Now, another major Council consolidation has occurred with a major shift in Scouting Geographic's.

Our Greater Western Reserve Council is no more. It has been absorbed by the Akron-based Great Trail Council.

In mid-November, five Ohio area Scouting councils — Greater Western Reserve Council (GWRC), the Greater Cleveland Council, Great Trail Council in Akron, Heart of Ohio Council in Mansfield and the Buckeye Council in Canton voted to officially consolidate to three councils the first of the year.

The remaining three councils will be the Great Trail Council based in Akron, encompassing Warren, Youngstown and the Akron communities; the Canton-based Buckeye Council and a new council, will be formed along Lake Erie from Ashtabula County to Erie County (Sandusky), incorporating Cleveland. As of

press time, this vast new council had yet to be named.

Key volunteer leadership from each of the five councils began meeting earlier this year to discuss possibilities with discussions on the consolidation culminating in town hall meetings hosted in Akron, Canfield, Cleveland, Mansfield, Marion and Wakeman in the month of August.

Troop 101's Dr. Ken LaPolla, a member of GWRC's key leadership, said local scouting will be the big winner in this move. "We (GWRC) got a great deal on this. As a matter of fact, this is probably what should have happened when the old Western Reserve Council became part of the Greater Western Reserve Council merger back in the 90's." He said there will be no adverse effect whatsoever on local scouting and will make the local Scouting movement stronger. "It's no secret that Great Trail Council has great financial resources and this consolidation will help improve recruitment and provide valuable membership tools along with many other resources, which will certainly work to our advantage in Trumbull and Mahoning counties"

Camp Manatoc (Troop 101's summer camp home) will continue to be the premier summer camp operations for Great Trail Council. Camp Stambaugh in Canfield will be a weekend facility for Troops and Cub Packs. Camp Stigwandish will be absorbed into the new yet-to-be-named Ashtabula to Erie County Council.

Dr. Ken said Troop 101's long-standing Manatoc summer camp association did not go unnoticed by Great Trail Council executives. "When it came right down to it, getting Troop 101 in their council was like gold to them," said Dr. Ken. "We have a great reputation there and they are beyond thrilled to have our Troop in their Council. This was made very clear to the GWRC delegation."



Trivia

1. Who was the First Boy Scout to later become President of the United States?

2. In 1964, 41 Scouts were presented which merit badge by Rear Admiral Denys W. Knoll?

3. Ernest Lawrence was the first Boy Scout to have a chemical Element named in his honor. What is the Element?

4. Who held the position of Scoutmaster first, in 1910?

Fun Facts

Home to the world's largest collection of Norman Rockwell paintings, the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas, is 53,000 square feet—it would take some 3.2 million merit badges to fully cover the museum's floor.

During the 1970s, Kenner Products developed a line of Scout action figures whose right arms, when raised, made the Scout salute.

1. John F. Kennedy
2. Oceanography
3. Lawrencium, #103
4. S. F. Lester of Troy, New York

Answers

Merger with Great Trail Council Continued

However, several questions remain:

What happens to the Coleman Scout Office on Parkman Road? "As painful as it is, the office will be sold and there could be a final deal within the next 30 days," said Dr. Ken. "The only downside of the consolidation is the loss of convenience of the local Scout Service Center. This will be the first time that the Scout Office and store will not be located here in Trumbull County."

The Coleman office Scout shop closed December 10. However, according to the Great Trail Council website, Camp Stambaugh will feature a Scout Shop, which will be in service Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

What about our Order of the Arrow Lodge? "The GWRC Wapashui Order of the Arrow Lodge will officially become part of Great Trail Council's Marnoc Lodge following the Order of the Arrow conclave in April," noted Dr. Ken.

What about our Scouting districts? "Arrowhead (Trumbull) and Whispering Pines (Mahoning) will remain as they are within the Great Trail Council with a local District Executive and assistant

in place," said Dr. Ken, who also said Troop 101 will be well-represented on the Great Trail Council's Board. Dr. Ken, Ned Gold and David Kostolansky will be actively involved. Ned is also serving as National Board Representative. Other local Scouters serving on the Board include Dr. Tom James, Fritz Coombs, Dave Deibel, Brad Siefke, Ed Kolodziej, John Barkett, and Stephen McGovern.

"The new consolidation structure will provide greater opportunities for our Scouts, more resources to recruit and support additional youth members and adult leaders, and far more opportunity to be innovative in keeping Scouting strong," said Dr. Ken.

From the BSA National's perspective, the move increases efficiency. "Many factors go into the decision to realign councils, and the most important consideration is how we can best deliver Scouting to these communities," said Todd Walter, Central Region Area 4 BSA Director said. "Our priority is to provide a strong Scouting program for more than 36,000 youth we serve across Northeast Ohio and we can better accomplish this with these five councils operating in a different manner."



Saying Goodbye to Friends and Family *By Jim Potjunas*

Troop 101 lost two of our finest at the end of 2016.

In October, David Kostolansky Jr. lost his battle with cancer. David was one of those people that we looked to with pride in just about every venue. David was Troop 101's seventh Eagle Scout and was also in the top 10 of his graduating class at JFK. He came from a great family and was always one of those Scouts we could point to when looking for a good example. It was no surprise when he went on to excel at Notre Dame and continue to be that same great example to his own family.



In a Scout Troop, boys fall somewhere between those who are high maintenance and really need the program - to those who are going to succeed with or without us. That first group can be challenging and frustrating at times, but we probably make the greatest impact there. David falls in the second group. He was destined for success and time has proved that out. We certainly do some good for Scouts like David, but equally they help just as much doing good not only for those other Scouts, but also making the experience that much better for us leaders. David was a positive force while in the Troop and beyond into later life. He will be missed by all who knew him.

In December, Chris Whitehead Sr. passed away. During Chris Jr.'s years in Scouting (Chris Jr. is Eagle #64) and for a few beyond that, Chris Sr. was one of those dads who supported the program in many ways. There are two instances, both on weeklong August trips, which I remember fondly. We were backpacking the North Country Trail during a very rainy week. On about Wednesday or Thursday we had one dry day and moved to a campsite where we could dry things out for a day before continuing. The boys organized a softball game and Mr. Whitehead was designated umpire. A Scout was giving him some ongoing feedback after one of his less popular calls. Eventually Mr. Whitehead held his hands out together, barked the Scout's name and said, "Come put your neck right here!"

The second time involved a pick up football game on the beach of Whitefish Lake in Canada. There were not a lot of players and Mr. Whitehead was designated quarterback for both sides. After about an hour he came almost crawling back to the campsite and pulled himself onto a picnic bench. He could barely move. His only plea was, "Please, please, don't tell my wife!"

Chris Sr. was a favorite among the youth and a great role model. With Scouts like David and parents like Chris, Troop 101 has been very blessed over the years.

From the Warren Tribune Chronicle



David Kostolansky Jr. Eagle Scout #7, Troop Alumni

David John Kostolansky, Jr. was born in Cleveland, Ohio on September 11, 1966 to David John Kostolansky, Sr. and Mary Margaret ("Marge") Biondi Kostolansky. He was the older brother of Paul Kostolansky, Julianne Kostolansky, and Margaret Kostolansky Stauffer.

Dave was a member of Boy Scout Troop 101 in Warren, Ohio, where his father was an Assistant Scout Leader. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1982. For his Eagle Scout project, Dave raised funds and designed and built rehabilitation devices for the Children's Rehabilitation Center (CRC) in Warren, Ohio. He graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in the top ten of the class of 1984.

Dave then continued the family tradition and fulfilled his dream of attending Notre Dame. He received his BA in Business Administration in 1988 and returned to Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business to earn his MBA in 1993. Dave was a life-long Fighting Irish fan.

Although there is some dispute as to how they met, Dave liked to say that Mary was stalking him at the fax machine at Dun & Bradstreet in Chicago. They married in 1993 at Grace Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and had their three children: Megan Anne, Kathryn Grace, and Clare Alicia.

Dave was a servant to all and constantly looked for opportunities to help, whether he was working the 2:00 am to 5:00 am shift at the homeless shelter at First Presbyterian, doing the dishes at every family gathering, wearing the headdress as the longest reigning chief of Indian Princesses for his three girls, going to the garage fridge to get you a beer, or sharing his playlist.

Dave was loved by his work colleagues. He joined SRDS/Kantar Media in 1997 where his last position was Chief Operating Officer.

Dave is survived by his parents, wife, children, siblings, and many adoring cousins, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.



Chris Whitehead Sr Father of Eagle #64, Troop Alumni

(Newton Falls) Christopher Fairfax Whitehead Sr., 78, of Newton Falls, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2016.

He was born April 11, 1938, in Charleston, W.Va., the son of Benjamin and FlayYalla Watkins Whitehead.

Mr. Whitehead served in both the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army, retiring Nov. 20, 1981, as a CW3 after 26 years.

He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 18 years, retiring in 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Edwina, whom he married Nov. 26, 1977; a son, Christopher Whitehead of Warren; three daughters, Sheila Whitehead of Columbus, Terriann Whitehead of Columbus and Janine Whitehead of Atlanta; one sister, Gustava Biggs of Columbus; seven grandchildren; and many great- and great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death

by two brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Braceville, where friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place in Braceville Cemetery. Murray-Wellington Funeral Home in Alliance handled the arrangements.



The 101 Equipment Building

Status Update



Most of the Troop gear that used to be downstairs at the Elks is now on shelves in the new building, thanks to the generosity of some alumni who made donations to cover the cost of shelving and a lot of hard work by Matt McCracken and others to get stuff a little more organized. Completely sorted is too strong of a word at this point, but that's coming!

One of the things we learned is that about one-third of what we have we no longer need. We threw away the obvious stuff, but there are a lot of good things that are too good to throw away. We spoke with the folks at Eagle's Wings and they are willing to run a garage sale for us this spring, probably shortly after the Spaghetti Dinner. Did you always want one of those old Patrol cook kits? We will have seven of them along with more gear than we care to list.

Another thing we know is that we still don't have all of the gear at the building yet. Some is still stashed in garages. Some never was at the Elks, but now can be stored here. Mostly, we need to get rid of the stuff we don't need and continue our sorting process. It is pretty exciting to be able to walk in and just grab something for a really cool meeting or for our campout program!

Most of the lights are in, internet and security system will be done by the end of the year, painting is almost complete,

and the rail up the stairs to the loft will be in soon, as well. Cabinets are being ordered, which will be home to the server, printer, 3-D printer, etc. and we should be ordering the parts for our really neat tent hanging system. Equipment work and repair can continue as the temperature cooperates. The big equipment bay is not heated so we do what we can for the next few months.

Come springtime, we will have the formal dedication and **EVERYONE** is invited! All these little things should be done by then. There is still the landscaping – or at least turning that mud into grass. If we get enough additional funding, there's a vision for a flagpole, walkway, and patio that will serve as an outdoor gathering space for patrols, etc. This has become so much more than just storage. During nicer weather, meetings will be based out of the building, and there is potential for a much greater outdoor program emphasis on Monday nights than ever before.

I have this vision of a mild Monday evening with the doors all swung open. The meeting starts in the gathering room. Committee members are there to take money or record advancement. Then, Patrols head out to the adjacent picnic tables for their meetings. Meanwhile in the garage area, adults are repairing canoes to get ready for this year's trip to Canada. Perhaps there is a board of review or PLC review on the benches surrounding the flagpole. People might look down and see the names of those who helped contribute or see them on the plaques by the door. Between the front yard area, the side yard, and the picnic tables, demos and games can easily be managed as Quartermasters grab equipment from the shelves just inside the door. If the program is suitable, the adjacent Webelos from Pack 101 might also join in. Their equipment is stored around the side in their own room with outside access.

Might we also circle up for closing around that flagpole? Imagine a new family stopping by to check us out. There are so many possibilities.



Stacking the gear in the garage area in October



Some gear, sorted into shelving in December

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Color Guard at Cleveland Cavaliers / LA Clippers Game - December 2016



Toboggan Fun - January 1992



Star Wars Theme - February 2007



Winter Event - January 2006

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **January**

January 13 - 15 - Winter Event

- **February**

February 10 - 12 - Manatoc & Snow Tubing

- **March**

March 11 - 12 - Nelson Ledges to Chickagami Park

- **April**

April 9 - 39th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

April 21 - 23 - Camping Trip

FOR MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE Troop CALENDAR AT
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"IT'S THE SPIRIT WITHIN, NOT THE VENEER WITHOUT, THAT MAKES A MAN."

- Lord Baden-Powell

What the Troop has been up to since our last issue

October 16, 2016



Backpacking at Kennerdell

The Troop returns from backpacking in the woods of Western Pennsylvania. It was an enjoyable trek through the woods with packs on our backs. Lots of photos available in the Troop Gallery. be sure to check them out.

October 24, 2016



Troop Halloween Party

A night of fun, and a few scares. The Troop Halloween party took place this evening. Photos from the event can be found in the Troop Gallery! Be sure to check them out!

November 13, 2016



Beaumont Pokemon Adventure

Our weekend adventure at Beaumont has come to an end. It was a cool weekend with Knots and lashings. The Monkey bridge even saw use from our guests from Pack 101!

There were two groups that attempted First Class Camp, and Monday night will show how they did. Check out the Troop Photo Gallery for more photos

December 11, 2016



Troop Christmas Party

The Troop celebrated the holiday season at Blessed Sacrament Church for the first time this year. There were lots of board games, computer games, and some indoor football and basketball. The evening was concluded with an excellent dinner and court of honor. Photos can be found in the Troop Gallery.