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Boy Scout Cub Pack 199 has a lot planned for this year, and has also been busy in the past. There are 21 boys ages first through fifth grade in four dens in the pack. They recently competed in a pinewood derby contest.

Coming up are a trip to a Colorado Rockies baseball game in Denver, fishing, camping, the annual Blue and Gold Banquet in July, and the Adopt-a-Highway program, which consists of picking up trash on two miles of Highway 61.

At Christmas the cub scouts prepared three baskets for needy families. A pancake supper was recently held.

Scouts in first grade are called Tiger Scouts; second graders are Wolf Scouts; third graders are Bear Scouts; and fourth-fifth graders are Weebelos.

The boys move up to the next level at the Blue and Gold Banquet.

Cub Master Nate Vitosh leads Cub Pack 199, with Dan Robinson as assistant cub master and Wolf Scout leader.

Michelle Schilke is secretary-treasurer, with Rod Markee and Mike Bauerle as unit leaders.

There is not an active Boy Scout Troop 200 at the present, but unit leader Larry Talbott is ready to guide it when it's active again. Vitosh said, "Hopefully, in the next few years we'll have one if we can get enough interest."

Imperial United Methodist Church is the chartering organization.

Anyone wishing to become involved in Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts may contact Vitosh at (308) 882-8597.