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The Estes family has a long and rich history with the Boy Scouts of America.
The tradition began in the 1930s with patriarch Ben Estes, and it has continued to this day with his son Bee and grandson Benton.
All three generations have earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts.
“Scouting is really a great thing to be involved in,” Ben said. “I am proud that we have three of us in it.”
The title of Eagle Scout is held for life, with its phrase “once an Eagle, always an Eagle.” The phrase fits the Estes family, who remain very active in Boy Scouts.
Benton, a member of the youngest Estes generation, recently earned Eagle Rank last month. It is a tradition that he hopes to carry on down with his family line.
“I told him, ‘this is your day,’” Bee said, looking at his son. “Enjoy it now.”
The tradition began in 1937 when a 12-year-old Ben first joined the Boy Scouts.
“Back in those days, it was four troops with usually about 30 scouts in them,” Ben said. “You competed against each other. It was a lot more exciting.”
Scouting become more than just friendly competition with Ben. He soon realized he was applying everything he learned as a Boy Scout with adult situations.

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