

Waterford boys help the community to achieve Eagle Scout status



Billy Molnar (from left), William Ballew, Justin O'Connor, Bobby Larvick, Nicholas Arnold, Mathew Schneider, Lucas Peterson, Jared Wolfe, Bradley O'Connor, Zachary Peterson and Andrew Brockman were honored as Eagle Scouts at a ceremony on May 31. Photo submitted by Sandy Ballew

Waterford Troop 51 Boy Scouts of America held a Court of Honor honoring 11 local Boy Scouts for achieving Eagle status.

Gary Wall, Waterford Township Commissioner provided the keynote message to the scouts.

In order to become Eagle Scouts, the boys came up with projects that would help the community.

Luke Peterson, a student at International Academy, created six traffic signs for the Waterford Stepanski Early Childhood Center for use on their tricycle safety-training track.

Jared Wolfe of Waterford Mott led a group to clean and organize one of the band rooms at his high school. The clean-up also included painting the room, including the school's fight song on one wall.

Andrew Brockman, also of Waterford Mott, constructed of a children's playhouse at the Waterford Historical Society.

Bradley O'Connor worked at the Waterford Historical Society to relocate and convert a shed into a Cobbler Shop. He recruited volunteers for this effort. The Cobbler Shop is now open for viewers to experience part of history at the Village.

Zachary Peterson of Clarkston High School built cat shelters for the Oakland County Animal Shelter. The boxes formed a pyramid and were waterproofed so that they could be easily washed to keep the cats hygienic. The older carpet-covered structures were hard to clean and didn't last.

Justin O'Connor, a graduate of Waterford Kettering, led the construction, donations and installation of map boxes for the Oakland County Parks, which are distributed throughout the parks for visitors to experience and enjoy the trails.

William Ballew of Notre Dame Preparatory designed, built and installed classroom registration boards in the elementary wing of Clarkston United Methodist Church. This helped eliminate clutter in the hallways and provided a way for parents to sign in their children on Sundays.

—Submitted by Sandy Ballew