

Colin Grosse Acheives Eagle Scout with Ashland County Park District Park
Project

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Colin Grosse of New London has achieved Eagle Scout and was awarded during the Eagle Court of Honor held by the Firelands District Troop # 217 on a beautiful Saturday in October. Scoutmaster Terry Knudson of the Heart of Ohio Council welcomed those gathered to honor the son of Bob and Jo Grosse. The Huron County resident completed his final project with a project to complete two foot bridges for walking paths for Crall Woods of the Ashland County Park District's Pine Hill Park located just inside Ashland County

"Colin did not achieve this honor in just one day," Knudson began, "He began as a young lad as a Cub Scout, learning the skills to achieve independence, self-sufficiency and to demonstrate leadership. As a Scout Colin has made the journey to become a mature adult, one level at a time.

We are here to honor this highest level of achievement."

Flanked by the other Eagle Scouts present, Ryan Pippert, Eric Knudson and Dick Murr, Scoutmaster Knudson presented the Mom's pin and Dad's pin for the Eagle Scout as in keeping with tradition. Eric Knudson read the Eagle Scout Challenge and Dick Murr presented the Eagle Scout neckerchief. Debbie Talbott led in the invocation and benediction. Members of the troop presented Colors.

"All I really want to say is thank you everybody," Colin began as encouraged by Scoutmaster Knudson for the "Eagle Speaks" opportunity, "Thanks for all you did for me over the years. I am especially grateful for help with the completion of the bridges for my Eagle Project; my family, Country Metals, Firelands Electric Co-op, Harris Trucking, Charles "Chuckie" Thomas and Harold Zager with the Ashland County Park District."

The Scoutmaster concluded the High Honor Ceremony saying, "The secret of becoming an Eagle Scout is never quit and yet the most difficult part awaits for you, Colin are now an Eagle and it is a tremendous challenge to achieve and now to uphold."

Grosse's Eagle Project included the completion of two walking bridges for trails in Crall Woods of the Pine Hill Park in Ruggles Township of the Ashland County Park District. The project encompassed at least twenty hours of planning, twenty hours of personal work and sixty hours of assistance by others designed to demonstrate leadership and skills to complete a significant community project.

Armed with experience, skills and team of others called alongside to help, Colin began the daunting task with snow still on the ground. The Park District was just opening this walking path, so the trek was a bit rugged and deep into Crall Woods. The plans were good and the team under good leadership. While the task took more time than first thought it was completed in good order. The secured materials were appreciated by the team and the completed project

appreciated by the Park District.

Pine Hill Advisory Committee Chairman, Harold Zager complemented on Colin's abilities and spirit of the entire Scouting program represents. "We were so pleased with his work and deeply appreciate what he completed for the people who will visit this beautiful park," he said. "I congratulate Colin for his high honor."