

Olney's Troop 264 inducts 2 additional Eagle Scouts

Ryan Mercado of Olney and Daniel Agre of Brinklow are Boy Scout Troop 264's newest Eagle Scouts, recognized at a Court of Honor ceremony held in November.



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The ceremony marked the 90th Scout to achieve the rank of Eagle under Scoutmaster Dennis Bogan, who has led the troop since 1983.

Mercado's achievement also marked the first time three brothers earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 264 under Bogan. Brothers Michael and Christopher Mercado achieved the rank of Eagle in 2005 and 2008, respectively.

The guest speaker at the ceremony was Retired Col. Joseph Stull from Sharp Street Methodist Church in Sandy Spring.

Both Mercado and Agre completed their Eagle Scout projects at the church. Mercado's project was grading and rebuilding a drainage ditch and replacing a door to help deal with a flooding issue. Agre renovated and built shelves in the basement of the church for its food bank.

The American Legion, Norman Price Post 68 of Sandy Spring sponsors Troop 264. Several of its members attended the ceremony.

Troop 264, which is open to all boys ages 11 to 17, meets at St. John's Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays. For more information, go to www.troop264olney.net.



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During his tenure as Troop 264's Scoutmaster since 1983, Dennis Bogan has seen 90 boys attain the rank of Eagle Scout, including brothers Michael Mercado, Christopher Mercado, and Ryan Mercado. Ryan achieved Eagle Scout in 2012, Michael in 2005, and Christopher in 2008. Pictured, left to right: Michael Mercado, Christopher Mercado, Ryan Mercado, and Scoutmaster Dennis Bogan.

Conference offers local history lessons

The seventh annual Montgomery County History Conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Jan. 26 at Johns Hopkins University's Shady Grove Campus at 9601 Medical Center Drive in Rockville.

The event will include informative sessions on local history topics of inter-

\$20 for students with identification. For information and registration, go to www.montgomeryhistory.org/History_Conference.

Olney native sworn into the Pennsylvania House

Olney native Hal English, a Magruder High School Class of 1980 alumnus, took the oath of office as Pennsylvania state representative Jan. 1.

and has two sons. He has lived in Pittsburgh for the past 21 years. He maintains his private law practice, which focuses on elder law.

He is the past president of his local Rotary Club and has served as board member and trustee for numerous committees and organizations. He has coached youth sports and enjoys skiing and playing ice hockey.

English is the son of Marti and Alden English of Emory Church Road in Olney.

than 100 members, has supported the hospital since its inception in 1920. The organization is MedStar Montgomery Medical Center's largest philanthropic group. All funds raised support pledges made to the hospital and the scholarship program for students pursuing a degree in healthcare.

The Women's Board is currently fulfilling a pledge of \$1.75 million used to purchase a daVinci Surgical System for minimally invasive

on Finance Resources, which deals primarily with gaming legislation.

Del. Craig J. Zucker (D-Dist. 14) of Brookeville has been promoted to vice chair of the Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee. He also will serve as Montgomery County's sole member of the Capital Budget Subcommittee.

"Eric and Craig's promotions are rare and distinct honors for first-term members."