

The Greater Olney **Community**

Three Troop 264 members earn Eagle Scout rank

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Jacob Weinberger, Tommy Biggar and Eric Levy are the newest Eagle Scouts of Boy Scout Troop 264.

The rank was bestowed on them at a ceremony on Feb. 24 at St. John's Episcopal Church parish hall.

Weinberger is a senior at Sherwood and the others are 2018 Sherwood graduates. Biggar attends Penn State University and Levy attends the University of Maryland, College Park.

The three young men have been together since Cub Scouts and completed their path to Eagle late last year, each accomplishing a community project as their final task.

For his project, Weinberger led a team to clear a densely wooded area and construct a walking path leading to an historic one-room schoolhouse in Brookeville.

He also constructed two benches in place along the pathway, which is used by town resi-

dents and will eventually be used for historical education programs conducted by the county.

Biggar's Eagle Scout project involved the landscaping renovation of a courtyard at Sherwood High School.

He and fellow Scouts cleared dense weeds from flower beds around the perimeter of the courtyard, dug up old bush roots and tilled soil to prepare for grass seed. The team then laid weed prevention material, planted flowers and bushes, spread grass seed, mulched and watered.

Biggar also power-washed the brick walls and walkways of the courtyard.

Levy's Eagle project was to build and install three bat houses at Meadowside Nature Center in Rockville. He also built a fourth demonstration bat house and wrote a fact sheet as an educational tool for the nature center.

The old bat houses that had disintegrated over time had to be removed. It was also necessary to clear the area of thick brush and invasive plants and remove a broken fence.

The project will attract bats, which are vital to



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Jacob Weinberger, Tommy Biggar and Eric Levy, members of Boy Scout Troop 264, recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

maintaining local ecosystems. Hundreds of bats can live in each bat house and each bat can eat 600 to 1,000 insects per hour.

Troop 264, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Dennis Bogan, has produced more than 100 Eagle Scouts since 1968. The troop is supported by American Legion Post 68 and its

members participated in the ceremony.

The keynote speaker was Norm Augustine, retired CEO of Lockheed Martin Corporation and past president of Boy Scouts of America who earned his Eagle Scout award in 1952.