

Feat accomplished

Scout earns final merit badge

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Eagle Scout Carsen Easley, a member of Troop 3075 in Princeton, has earned all the available merit badges offered by the Boy Scouts of America, totaling 138.

"It is an accomplishment that is rarely completed," said Brian Weigel, program director for the Lincoln Heritage Council Boy Scouts of America, which serves youth in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee.

Easley, the son of Thomas and Sandra Easley of Marion, earned his Eagle rank, the highest rank available in the Boy Scouts, in 2013 and continued to work on additional merit badges completing them all.

Patrick Wright, Scout Master for Troop 3075, said this is the first time he has had a Scout earn all 138 merit badges, and he has been an adult leader for the Boy Scout organization the last 20 years.

Easley has gone above and beyond the accomplishment of 138 merit badges, earning additional awards and badges as well, according to Wright.

Easley has earned four Religious Awards — God and Family, God and Church, God and Life and On My Honor; and he was recognized by The National Eagle Scout Association as the recipient of the 2014 Lincoln Heritage Council's Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.

Most recently, Easley was awarded the Vigil

Honor in the Order of the Arrow.

"This was in recognition of his distinguished contributions to Scouting and the Order through exceptional service and personal commitment," according to Weigel.

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In 2014, Easley was presented the Medal of Merit from the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America for "outstanding service in implementing Scouting skills and ideals" for assisting victims of an automobile accident that he witnessed.

Wright said Easley and two other Scouts from Troop 3075, Dakota Crider and Cody Crider, were traveling home from a training in Nashville when they stopped to assist the accident victims.

As a member of Troop 3075, which is chartered to The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, Princeton Branch, Easley has served in numerous leadership positions.

He is also active in the marching band, concert band, academic team, speech team, FBLA and is an Honor Roll student at Crittenden County High School where he is a sophomore.



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Eagle Scout Carsen Easley of Troop 3075 has earned all 138 merit badges, an accomplishment rarely completed in the Boy Scouts of America.