

SCOUTING PERFECTION

Eagle Scout Steve Herron first in state to earn all 121 merit badges

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Steve Herron is not your typical Boy Scout.

No, make that Eagle Scout. The high school senior has been an Eagle Scout since he was 13.

He was one of the youngest Eagle Scouts ever.

But Steve didn't stop with that — not at all.

He recently earned his 121st merit badge — giving him every one the Scout program has to offer.

Every single one. One hundred more merit badges than are required.

And how unusual is that?

"No one in Marion County or even in West Virginia has done that, as far as I know," he said.

Also no one in the central region, which includes West Virginia, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and a few other states, he believes.

And why did he go after all of these special badges?

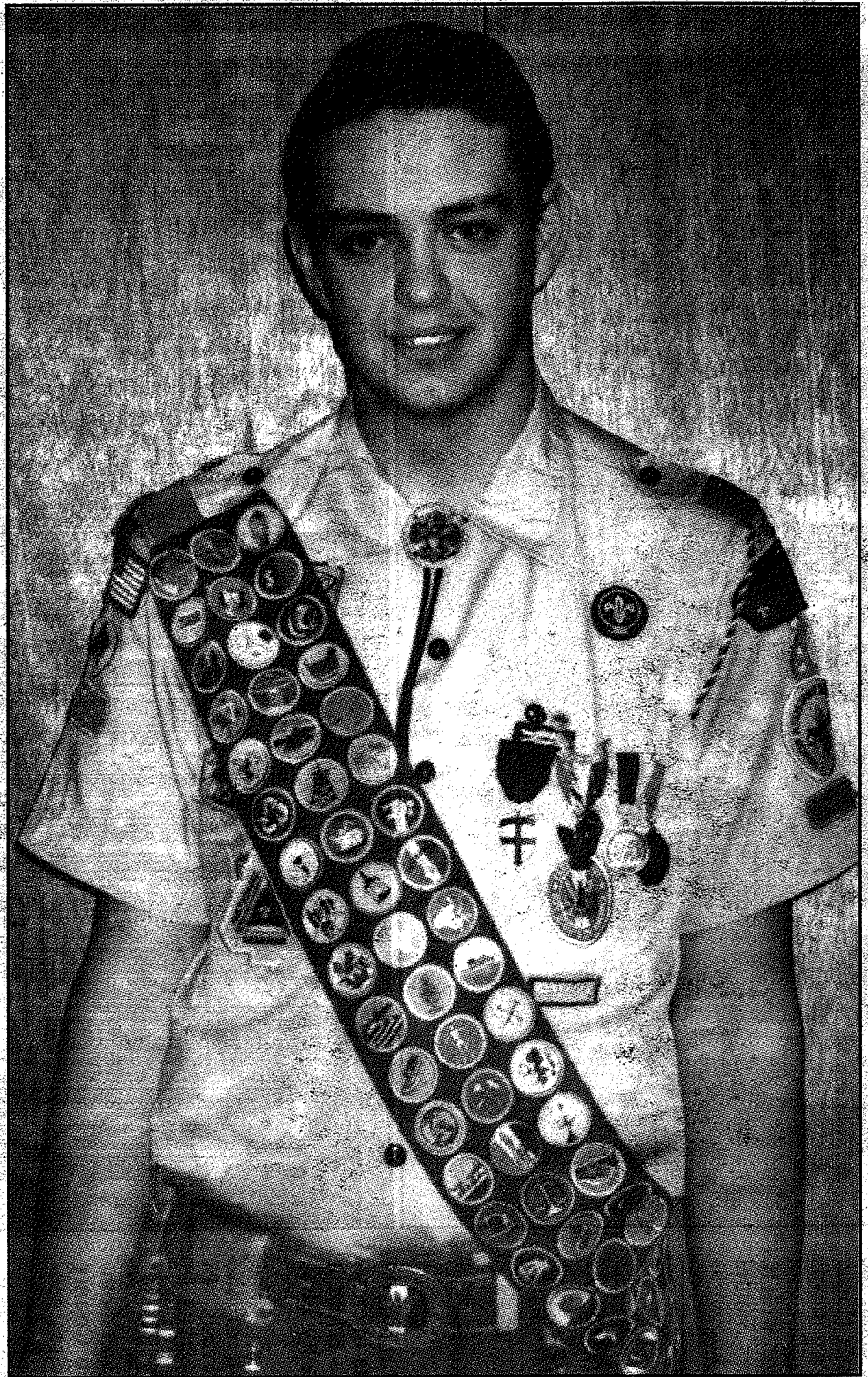
"As soon as I obtained Eagle, I just looked at the next larger goal and said, hey, why don't I get all of the merit badges?"

So he did.

Which were the hardest to achieve?

"Some were physically demanding and some were mentally challenging," he said. "Rock climbing, water skiing, skating, snow skiing, were physically the hardest ones," he said.

"Mentally the hardest ones were bird study and law. For bird study I had to memorize tons of bird calls. And in law I had to take a test that



A reception is planned for Steve Herron at Central Christian Church on Big Tree Drive at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

took me three times to pass, it was so difficult. There were 30 of us taking the class but only about six of us got the merit badge.

Steve is a member of Troop 3 in Baxter — the same troop

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