

# Pelot earns every merit badge

A Platte City Eagle Scout was honored for a rare achievement after earning every merit badge possible. Jonas Pelot, an Eagle Scout and sophomore at North Platte High School, earned 137 merit badges in total.

That includes all 135 merit badges currently offered by the Boy Scouts of America and two retired badges. It's a feat that has been accomplished less than 400 times in the history of the BSA.

Jonas was honored at a special ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Platte City United Methodist Church.

Jonas is a member of Troop 1351 and in addition to attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, is also the recipient of the God and Church Award, World Conservation Award, 3 of the 4 STEM NOVA Awards and has earned 14 Eagle Scout Palms. For his Eagle Scout project, Jonas helped construct a platform that helped disabled riders at the Northland Therapeutic Riding Center.

The Eagle Scout Award is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. In 2018, 871 young men in the Kansas City metro area earned Scouting's highest rank — more than twice the national average.



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Eagle Scout Jonas Pelot, Troop 351, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, Platte City, was recognized during a Court of Honor for one of Scouting's rare achievements, earning every merit badge, 137 in total. Over the past 100-years fewer than 400 scouts have earning every merit badge. Jonas is the son of Marshall Pelot and Chris Bishop. Special recognition for Pelot's achievement was given by Mike Adamek, district commissioner, Daniel Gelis, assistant director, Matt Armstrong, senior marketing director and Platte City's mayor Frank Offutt. Pictured are, from left, Armstrong, Adamek, Bishop, Jonas Pelot, Marshall Pelot, Gelis and Offutt.