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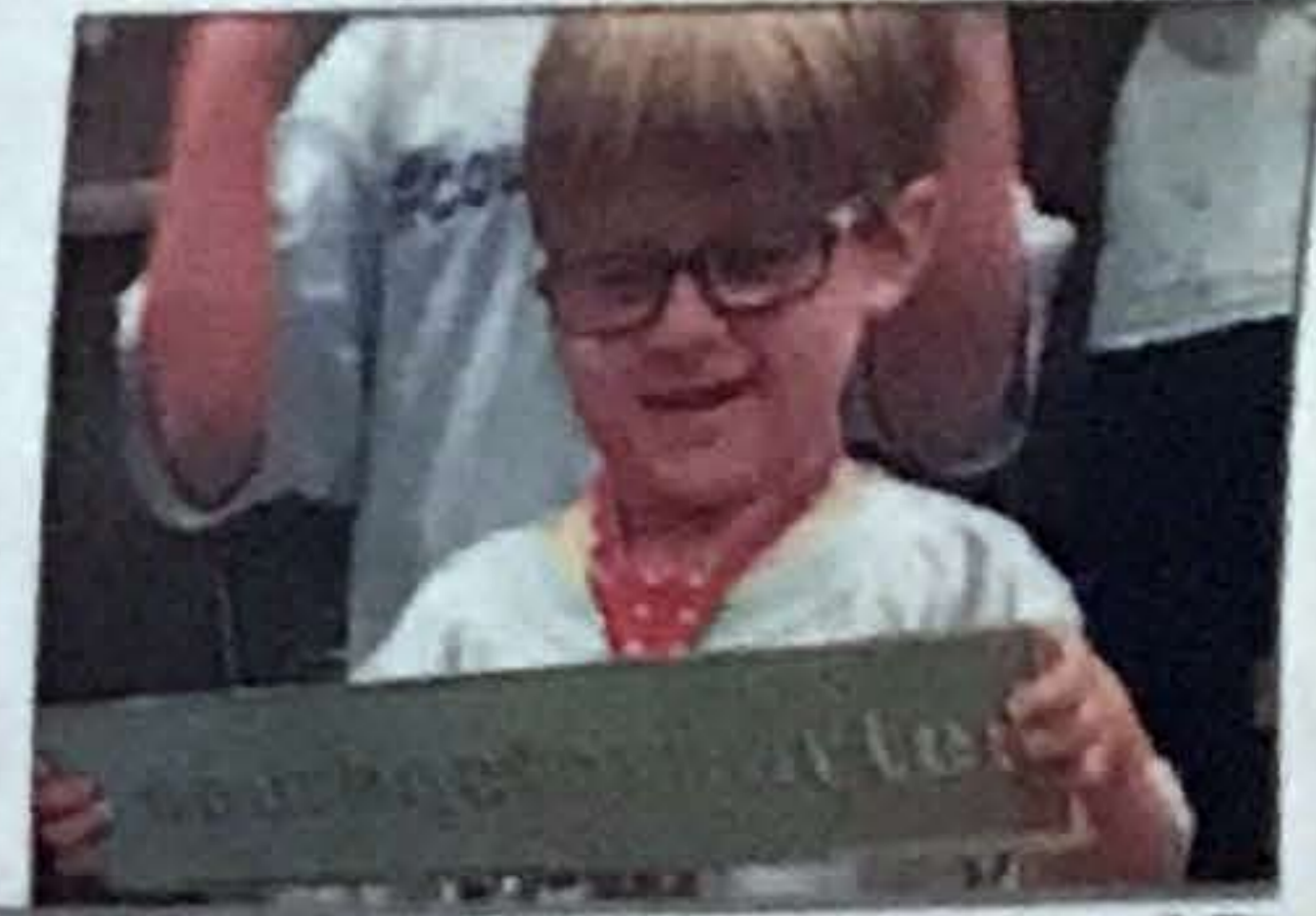
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Eagle Scout Jacob Lilley reaching goals and setting high objectives

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WURTSBORO — A ceremony honoring Jacob Lilley for his Eagle Scout status and community service project was held at the Mamakating Library in Wurtsboro on Wednesday.

Lilley's mother Barbara, pinned the ceremonial Eagle badge on her son, and Jacob presented a miniature eagle pin to his parents.

Troop members who wanted to speak were each given the opportunity and many, including Jacob's brother Jonah, thanked Lilley for his leadership and contributions to their personal success as Scouts.

Among the guest speakers were: Jacob's father and Assistant Scout Master, Lynn Lilley; Wurtsboro Mayor, Michelena (Mickey) Maher; Tony Ferguson, Commander John Lacey and Bob Vogt of American Legion Post #1266, as well as Library Board Member and Eagle Scout, Jay Egan.

Jacob's Dad, Lynn Lilley shared memories of his son's progression from Cub Scouts through the various stages of Boy Scouts with Troop 92 and said, "None of his friends joined, so I said, if he was

going to do scouting, I was going to do it with him. I am very proud of the scouting process and our position in the community."

From the audience, Dr. Robert Justus added "I would also like to take a moment to thank you not only for the patio, and various (Sullivan County) Renaissance projects, but for everything the entire troop does within the community from the haunted house to your participation in events like Winterfest."

The approximately 12' x 12' bluestone patio at the rear of the library was Lilley's project, completed with support and assistance from Troop 92, the Mamakating Library Committee, Dr. Robert Justus, Earl Lilley, George and Bill Semonite, JML Quarries and Benedict Memorial. A ceremonial block



From the left are Jonah Lilley, Sharon Lilley, Jacob Lilley, Barbara Lilley, Lynn Lilley and Earl Lilley photographed below the Sullivan County Renaissance check issued to the Mamakating Library for their beautification projects.

to the Library Board."

Library Board Member and Eagle Scout himself, Jay Egan added, "Our community members just love it. The patio has Wi-Fi access and we often see people outside sitting and reading books, newspapers or using their electronic devices."

"I'm really happy to see the space being used," Jacob said, "It's not just for show."

Recalling his scouting experiences, Jacob shared, "I really had a lot of fun. I've learned a lot of valuable skills from making a fire, tying knots, being able to identify poison ivy, and administer first aid, I feel capable and know I can help people."

Some of his favorite memories include the more adventurous excursions such as camping, white water rafting and the high rope course at Adirondack Extreme.

At just 18 years old, Jacob has both short- and long-term goals for his future which include attending college, joining the Army Reserve, aspiring to attend Officer School and achieve the highest rank possible before eventually becoming a Military Analyst. Reaching for the highest rank is the very definition of an Eagle Scout and it would certainly seem Jacob Lilley will accomplish any goal he sets for himself.

which will eventually be placed within easy view of the patio was on display for guests to view and includes a "thank you to all who helped."

Talking about his community service project, Jacob ex-

plained, "I was looking for a project and the library was newly built. The blue stone was already on the property from the house that was there previously. I saw the need for a patio and presented the idea

Block to be placed in the patio of the Mamakating Library commemorating Jacob Lilley's Eagle Scout Project, completed with the help of Boy Scout Troop 92.