

# Christopher Riley achieves Eagle Scout rank

Christopher Patrick Riley, a member of Troop 281 in Dallas, was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable from the Boy Scouts of America. The formal presentation of the badge took place at an Eagle Court of Honor on December 4, 1999 at the Dallas United Methodist Church.

For his Eagle project, Riley finished the basement room of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, which is now known as the "Slightly Read Bookshop." He supervised troop members as they sanded, spackled and painted shelving, and painted the ceiling and floor.

Riley has been in scouting for 12 years. He joined as a Tiger Cub in 1988 and advanced through the ranks of Cub Scouting, earning the ranks of Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, along with the Arrow of Light, which is the highest rank in Cub Scouting. He then crossed the bridge into Boy Scouts by joining Troop 55 of Blauvelt, New York in 1993 and earned the ranks of Tenderfoot, second class First class and star ranks, while holding the position of quartermaster.

In 1994, he joined Troop 281 in Dallas, and earned the rank of Life Scout. Troop positions held were Scribe, Troop Guide, and Senior Patrol Leader. Riley is currently serving in the capacity of a Junior Assistant Scout-



Christopher Riley at his Eagle Scout ceremony.

master with Troop 281. He has earned 45 merit badges, and is a member of Venture

Crew 951 of the NEPA Boy Scout Council. Riley worked at Camp Aachela, a Cub

Scout resident camp, the last two summers as a scout skills counselor teaching low impact camping, knot tying and fire building. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 1996 and attained the rank of Brotherhood in 1997.

Riley has participated in a plethora of events including: Backpacking in Maine, rafting on Class V waters on the Kennebec River; backpacking up Mount Washington in the White Mountains, and Mount Marcy in the Adirondacks; and a 12-day trek in Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimmarron, New Mexico. Riley plans to make a second trip to Philmont with his troop this coming summer.

Riley, a senior at Dallas High School and member of the National Honor Society, is currently stage manager for the drama productions, member of the Science Olympiad and math competition teams, forensics team, student advisory council, senior steering committee and is heavily involved with the newly founded diversity club. He also enjoys participating in Seinfeld Club and says, "Not that there's anything wrong with that." He also is a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church and where he serves as a liturgist. In addition to his demanding classes at Dallas High School, he has completed Calculus III at Penn State, normally second year college course.

## Faerber

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about a teacher."

Feedback from college students who visit classrooms throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania is used to select candidates for Misericordia's Excellence in Teaching Awards, of which Faerber was a recipient.

"We have been presenting these awards for about 15 years now," said Rogan. "There are so many terrific teachers out there whose efforts are rarely recognized. This is just a small way to draw some attention to four of them each year."

The awards do bring deserved recognition to the teachers who receive them, but another generation of teachers also benefits from the program. "Interestingly enough, our students spend about 750 hours out in the school districts," said Rogan. "The teachers with whom they work are not just terrific with the youngsters in their classrooms, they are also fabulous with our students."

Faerber tells the college students who visit Wycallis Elementary School that teaching is a reward in and of itself. "I think it was Dr. Rogan who said, 'The student teachers are there to watch the ballet,' and that's true," she said. "I can know everything there is to know but I have to be able to get that information to the children sitting in those desks. Seeing a child 'get it' for the first time is the most incredible feeling. Their eyes just light up and then you know you have done

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Elizabeth Faerber  
2nd grade teacher

something worthwhile."

Second grade is a transitional period in a young child's life and Faerber said it's an ideal age at which to see a child gain new understanding. "I think there is something unique about second grade students," she said. "They are beginning to break away from home just a little bit. There friends are becoming more important. They go from printing these big letters to learning cursive writing. They begin to read chapter books, learn about science and social studies. Really the world just opens up to them."

The bond formed between teacher and student lasts long after students leave school. "Living in Dallas, I see so many of my former students at the grocery store," said Faerber. "They often come up to me and say, 'Hi, Mrs. Faerber do you remember me?' Most of the time there is something that sticks in your mind, maybe where they sat or how they wrote. You become a part of their lives and they become a part of yours."

## Rebecca, Justin Hoover receive academic honors

Rebecca Hoover, a senior at Lycoming College, Williamsport has been named to the Dean's List for the 1999 Fall Semester, with a GPA of 3.8. Rebecca, 1996 graduate of Dallas Sr. High School is a psychology major with a minor in elementary education and will graduate in May 2000. She will begin her student teaching this month at Lose Elementary School, Williamsport.

She is a member of the Urban Education Program at Lycoming College and the Gamma Delta

Sigma service sorority.

Justin Hoover, a first year student at Gettysburg College was recently named to the Dean's List with a 4.0 GPA. Justin is a Biology Pre-Med major. He is a member of the men's soccer team, treasurer of his hall and active in other organizations on campus. He is a 1999 graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

Rebecca and Justin are the children of Russ and Dee Dee Hoover, Shavertown.

## King's College observatory to hold special lunar eclipse viewing

The first full lunar eclipse of the new millennium promises to be especially dramatic over North America. King's College will hold a public viewing session on Campus from 9 p.m. to midnight on January 20. Clear skies permitting, Dr. Robert LaDuca, assistant professor of chemistry and astronomy instructor, will have a large telescope avail-

able behind the Kings Administration Building, located near Franklin St., between Jackson and Union Streets. The planets Jupiter and Saturn will also be viewed.

Due to the moon being positioned so high in the sky, observers will have a rare opportunity to view all phases of the eclipse.

In addition, this eclipse presents the best opportunity

in nearly a decade to study color and brightness. Studies show that the contaminants from a volcanic eruption occurring in 1991 have finally cleared the earth's stratosphere. Since 1992, contaminants have altered the brightness and color of every eclipse.

Dr. LaDuca offered several tips to those who wish to view the eclipse from home. He

advised looking towards the south or southeast to find the moon. If you do not have a telescope, he suggested using binoculars.

According to Dr. LaDuca, the partial eclipse phase begins around 9 p.m., with the deepest part of the total eclipse around 10:45 p.m. The eclipse ends around 12:30 a.m.

## Former DHS band members plan reunion

All former band, majorette, struttter, band front, color guard needed!!

On Thursday evening, May, 11, 2000, the Dallas Area High School will present its first Annual Alumni Spring Band Concert. All Dallas Band alumni are invited to participate in what promises to be a great fun-filled evening. Here is what we need:

Name, address, phone number, years participated in band, instruments played while in the band, what you are currently doing.

If you are willing to play in the Alumni Band, please let us know if you can supply your own instrument as our resources are somewhat limited.

Music and rehearsal dated will be mailed to you soon after your response to this invitation is received. The Alumni Band will combine with the present senior high school concert band members on several selections highlighting the conclusion of the concert.

A professional photo taken of the entire group at the concert. Former band members and anyone with information about a former member of the Dallas Band, please send information to Mr. Todd Hunter, Dallas Senior High School, Box 2000, Dallas, PA 18612 or Jennifer Withers (Publicity Chairman) 64 Midland Drive, Dallas, PA 18612.

## Sons of American Legion to meet

The Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 672, will meet Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Legion.

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