

Boy Scouts...from Page 1A



Blairsville BSA Troop 101 Eagle Scouts receiving honors Dec. 7 (names not in order): Devin Gasaway, Luke Royston, Hunter White, Michael Bruce, Parker Scott, Thomas Payne, David Stratton, Isaac Corbin and Evan Bryan.
Photo by Jarrett Whitener

help him in everything he does, from being a husband, a father, an employee or a community leader. The Eagle Scouts value perseverance, discipline, motivation, leadership, accountability and achievement, and these can have intangible benefits."

Eagle Awards went to Devin Gasaway, rank earned in 2018; Luke Royston and Hunter White, 2019; and 2020 Eagle earners Michael Bruce, Parker Scott, Thomas Payne, David Stratton, Isaac Corbin and Evan Bryan. Two more Eagles are expected to be earned by year's end.

All awards, rank advancements, merit badges and other achievements by Troop 101 have been backed by Scoutmaster Chris Payne and former Scoutmaster Rick Corbin, both of whom received special thanks in the meeting.

Chartered Organization Representative Jeremy Bruce of First United Methodist joined with the Eagle Scouts themselves in honoring the men with awards and a replica of the 1956 Norman Rockwell painting, "The Scoutmaster."

"Chris and Rick, you have both been that leader that has shown all these young men

the right way," Bruce said. "Gentlemen, you are up here tonight to be recognized for the efforts that you have put into Troop 101.

"Every Eagle Scout that you have been a part of leading and each and every young man that you have worked with in your scouting career, we cannot put into words how appreciative we are for your contributions to scouting."

Bruce went on to compliment the Eagles themselves for the hard work and dedication they've committed along their journey.

"Despite all the negative news that has been cast on scouting, we are still going strong here in the Northeast Georgia area," Bruce said. "As you can see, we are setting records. Even in the craziest time of the world, we have the record number of Eagles that the troop has seen in 59 years."

For Scoutmaster Chris Payne, having a large group of Eagles is significant, as it demonstrates the particular accomplishment of Troop 101.

"The good thing for the boys working on their Eagle Projects is that they had a little

more time to do it," Payne said. "They were at home, and that helped.

"And I will have two more Eagle Scouts in a couple of weeks, so all the boys I took to Philmont (Scout Ranch in New Mexico) will be Eagles by the end of the year. That is not usual.

"I'll have eight this year, and that is cool that they all got their Eagle done the same year after the trip. This is a great group."

Other guests that evening included Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge Joe Watson, Union County High FFA Adviser Ryan Talton, UCHS Swim Team Head Coach Kelly Heaton, Mowogo Lodge Adviser Rusty Royston and Mountain District Training Chair Laura Scott.

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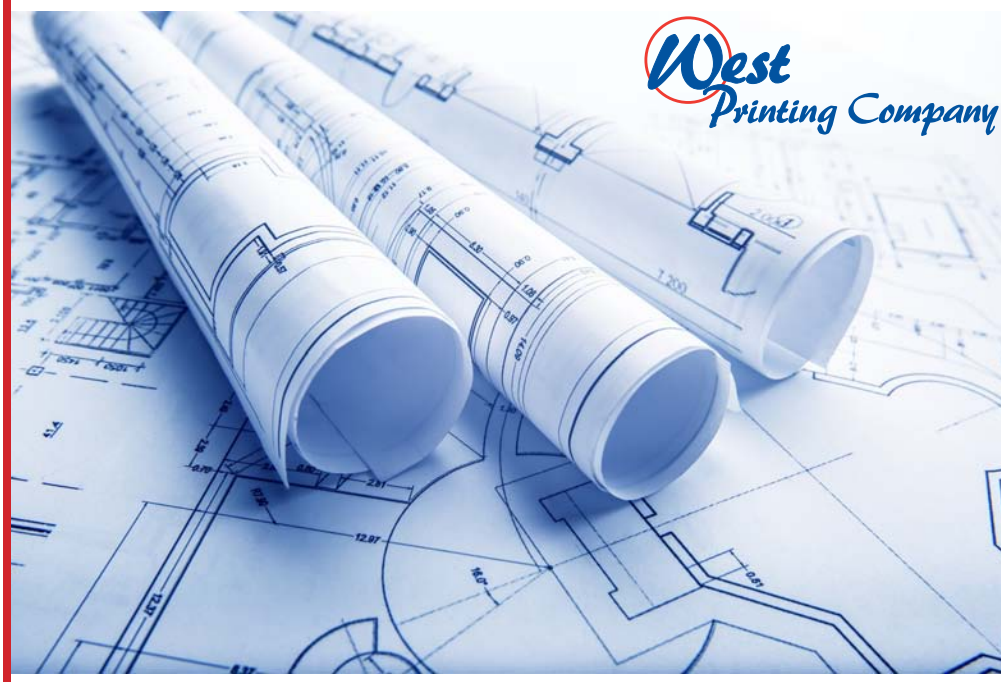
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