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## Falls Creek teen earns Eagle Scout rank

FALLS CREEK — Jess A. Polohonki of Falls Creek was recently presented with his Eagle Scout Badge at a Court of Honor and celebration dinner held at Beechwoods Presbyterian Church, Beechwoods.

Polohonki is a member of Boy Scout Troop 34, Brockport. Scoutmaster Brad Black presented the award.

While a member of Troop 34, Polohonki served in various capacities over the past four years, including chaplain, assistant patrol leader, senior patrol leader, assistant chaplain and scribe. Beginning scouting as a Tiger Scout in Pack 35, Beechwoods, Polohonki has been a Scout for nine years.

Polohonki is a junior at Brockway Area High School, where he is an honor student, a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the baseball team. He is also a member of Beechwoods Presbyterian Church, where he participates in the Sunday School and Youth Group. He enjoys hunting, fishing and trapping and plans to pursue an education to become a software engineer.

For his Eagle project, Polohonki worked in conjunction with the North Fork Watershed Association and organized a relim-

ing project at Jones Bridge near Munderf. He purchased a triaxle of No. 3 limestone with his earned Scout account money and monies received from scrapping metal, some of which was contributed by area businesses. He recruited a crew of approximately 25 people comprised of fellow scouts, leaders, parents, friends and family and replenished the limestone at the splashdam above Jones Bridge. A shute was installed along the bank, and workers bucketed the limestone, which was sent down the shute to workers who were positioned across North Fork Creek, who evenly spread the limestone. Approximately 300 man hours were invested in the project.

This endeavor will continue to improve the water quality by keeping the PH as close to seven as possible. This improves the environment by sustaining aquatic wildlife, which includes trout. This is also an improvement in water quality for approximately 9,000 metered water customers who depend on the 713 square miles of the Allegheny Watershed, which includes the North Fork Watershed, for their water.

Polohonki is the son of Allan and Robin Polohonki of Falls Creek.



Boy Scout Troop 34 Scoutmaster Brad Black, right, presented the Eagle Scout award to Jess Polohonki during his Court of Honor and celebration dinner in Beechwoods. (Photo submitted)