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LEE STUDENT EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

A Robert E. Lee High School senior, Sean Powell, was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest attainable rank awarded by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Sean, the son of Randy and Shelley Powell of Staunton, has been participating in Scouting for over 12 years and is a member of Troop #30 of Staunton. Sean says he got into Scouting because he was interested in outdoor activities and liked learning new skills. Sean also believes in passing on knowledge to younger boys who join Scouting. Sean's service project toward earning his Eagle Scout was to make and install four wood benches at Lake Tams in Gypsy Hill Park. The project took over 72 hours to complete. Sean says he chose this project because he saw a need and wanted to do his part to help the City of Staunton. Sean further stated, "There are many more projects for people to do to help the City." Sean says working towards and earning his Eagle Scout has made him see more clearly that sticking with something will pay off in the long run. "Lee High School extends congratulations to Sean on earning this prestigious title," said Dr. Rowicki, Principal of Robert E. Lee High School.



Lee High School senior, Sean Powell, earns his Eagle Scout rank.

MCSWAIN GIVES FLAT CROCKER A BIG SEND OFF

McSwain Elementary School students participated in a week-long reading of the book Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. In each classroom, the teachers read the first three chapters aloud to the students, and on Friday, the fifth graders went to the classrooms to read Chapter 4. The day ended with Ms. Crocker reading the final chapter during a school assembly. While Ms. Crocker was reading the final chapter, just like in the book she too became flat -- “Flat Crocker.” After the assembly, each of the students was given a paper copy of Flat Crocker to decorate and mail to someone that lives in another part of the country or world. The recipients are asked to take a picture of Flat Crocker somewhere in their town and mail it back to McSwain. McSwain has set up a bulletin board to chart the travels of Flat Crocker and to display all the pictures they receive.



5th Graders, Anna Maria Cumbo and Harrison Dunay read to Ms. Lachance's 1st Grade class.

A cardboard stand of Mrs. Crocker, known as “Flat Crocker” looks at books in McSwain's Library.



ROBERT E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT

Robert E. Lee High School recently received a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program of Princeton, N.J. The local ExxonMobil location, Quick Mart, located on W. Beverley Street, nominated the school. Funded by the ExxonMobil Corporation, the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program is designed to provide local retailers, like Quick Mart, with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants in support of math and science programs in neighborhood schools. Lee High School plans to use the money to fund student centered mathematics and science projects in the classroom through the purchase of supplies and materials. An example of one such project would be the mixing of Global Positioning Coordinates and geometric theorems to plot locations within the school to exact points. Mr. Fregosi's Geometry Class uses specific supplies for this activity and this grant can help supply the needed materials. Dr. Mark Rowicki, principal of Robert E. Lee High School, who accepted the grant for the school said, “We are excited to receive this grant and appreciate the efforts of the Quick Mart in nominating Robert E. Lee High School.”