

## Press Release

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The Choptank District of the Delmarva Council of Scouts BSA would like to congratulate its latest three Eagle Scouts. On March 23, 2021, Thomas Barksdale, Jenna Scalia, and Robert Mildenberger all earned this prestigious rank for their hard work on their Eagle Scout projects. The project review took place at Lundberg Builders, Inc, in Stevensville, MD and was led by Brad Lundberg, Eagle Coordinator and District Chairman for the Choptank District.



**Thomas Barksdale**, of Denton, MD, is remarkably only 13 years old and has already earned 60 merit badges with BSA. His “Hillsboro Restoration Project” had two parts. At St. Paul Episcopal Church, he restored the gravel walkway and driveway and installed solar lighting and flower beds around the walkway. Thomas also cleaned up the tombstones on site. The second part of the project was located at Hillsboro Town Hall Center where Thomas worked on the pavilion, added lighting, and installed vinyl fencing around the area. Following the project, Thomas has started his own tombstone cleaning business and has already created his own website and marketing materials. Thomas started as a cub scout 3 years ago and has been driven to complete his Eagle Scout honor ever since. He was mentored by Scoutmaster James Arnold Williams.



**Jenna Scalia** moved to Kent Island two years ago and has made history as the first female Eagle Scout for the Choptank district. Along with her sister, Alyssa, Jenna started her troop and then was committed to finishing her Eagle Scout project within the 22 months before she turned 18. Jenna was inspired by her father, a former Eagle Scout, and her brother who is also a Boy Scout. While working part-time and excelling academically in Advanced Placement courses, Jenna built a “bioswale” for the American Legion on Kent Island. Similar to a rain garden, bioswales are channel type structures that include vegetation and not only work to drain water, but also remove debris and pollution from runoff. Jenna was guided by her Scoutmaster, William Koch and would like to thank Little Farmer Nursery for their donations and guidance in plant knowledge and with clearing the property.



**Robert Mildenberger**, 18, is from Kent Island and a member of Troop 148. Robert completed his Church Energy Efficiency Project to earn his Eagle Scout honor. Robert works with his father as an electrician, which helped him have the resources and skills needed to complete this project. Robert's Scoutmaster and project mentor is Jeff Miller.



These three remarkable members of our community deserve this honorable Eagle Scout status for their months of hard work and dedication. Their leadership and service to the community is admirable.

If you have questions about joining Scouts BSA in the Choptank district, please contact Brad Lundberg at [brad@lundbergbuilders.com](mailto:brad@lundbergbuilders.com).