Local family now has 10 Eagle Scouts

Most recent is one of first females in Michigan, one of first females in U.S. to earn highest rank

By Sharon Stone
B reanna Trecha, 19, of Fenton Troop 212G, comes from a long line of Eagle Scouts in her family. She will become the 10th person in her family to have earned the highest rank in Scouting, the Eagle Scout Rank. She also becomes one of the first female Eagle Scouts in the U.S., since females were eligible starting Oct 1.

Breanna, of the Michigan Crossroads Council, has been involved in Scouting since turning 14, joining the local Venture Scouts troop. There she became involved in the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program. This program takes Scouts in a week-long program to learn leadership skills that they will take back to their troops and then use throughout their lives.

“My brothers all went through the NYPT program,” Breanna said. “They came back from the camp all excited about it. That’s when I decided to sign up.”

She spent three years with the NYLT program. First as a participant, then working on staff and then in 2019 becoming the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) to lead the program.

Her family has been actively involved in Scouting. Both her grandfathers were Boy Scouts and it was there that Breanna’s father, Jeff Trecha, an Eagle Scout (1976) himself, would also grow up in the Scouting program.

“I knew it was a great program where boys could learn so many skills like camping, first aid, swimming that then could be used into adulthood,” Jeff Trecha said. “I was so glad to see the Scouts open up the program to girls where they too could experience so many adventures.”

Besides her father earning the Eagle Rank, Breanna has three Eagle Scout brothers. John earned his Eagle in 2012, Parker 2014 and her twin brother, Bradley in 2016. Breanna has four uncles (all her dad’s brothers) who have earned the highest rank as well as her cousin Alex in 2010.

“I always grew up in Scouting,” Breanna said. “I started in Girl Scouts as my mother (Amy) was the leader and I spent six years in that program. My dad was a den leader for two of my bothers in Cub Scouts and I was always able to go along with the Cub Scouts as well.”

When John joined the Boy Scouts their dad, Jeff, became one of the leaders immediately and then spent three years as their Scoutmaster.

Breanna had the opportunity in 2019 to attend the World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. Over 50,000 scouts from 167 countries participated in the jamboree. (Bottom right) Breanna Trecha wears her sash showing the merit badges she earned. Submitted photos

(Above) Breanna Trecha, 19, of Fenton, stands in front of her completed Eagle Scout project, which consisted of refurbishing 50 park picnic tables. (Bottom left) In 2019, Breanna Trecha attended the World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. Over 50,000 scouts from 167 countries participated in the jamboree.
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imagine. In order to earn the Eagle rank, Scouts must earn 21 merit badges, 13 of which are required and every Scout must earn. Breanna not only earned the 21 merit badges necessary to earn her Eagle, but earned 51.

Her three brothers each have earned all the merit badges available to earn (a feat that only about 300 Scouts in the whole 110-year history of Scouting have ever earned).

The most challenging for Breanna was Scuba Diving. “I was able to earn my scuba certification so now I can go scuba diving any time,” she said.

Breanna joined Troop 212G in March 2019. With so much Scouting experience, she became the SPL for her troop. “I wanted the Scouts (girls) to get as much out of Scouting as possible. I also have a great Scoutmaster, Mrs. Staley.”

All Eagle Scouts must perform and lead an Eagle Scout project.

“I wanted to help beautify the area so I led a group of volunteers in refurbishing, repairing and staining about 50 park picnic tables that had never been repaired. We spent over 100 hours fundraising, getting materials, supplies and then actually completing the project,” she said.

Breanna plans to earn a Bachelor’s of Science majoring in Biology, a minor in Chemistry and a Master’s degree in Pharmaceutical Research at Toledo where she hopes to be able to look at ways the pharmaceutical industry can assist in curing diseases.
Stranger danger — not just for kids!

With all of the frightening things going on in the world today, Halloween week may be a good time to remind young ladies (and men) that there are still predators out there who would think nothing of hurting them, or even take their lives.

I think everyone can remember experiencing a close call, a situation that could have gone “either way.”

When I was in my mid-20s, I accompanied friends to a bar to celebrate Halloween. I had a good time and even met a couple of new people there.

I wanted to go home earlier than my friends, who wanted to stay and party a while longer. I complained out loud that it was raining and my car was parked so far away. One young man I was talking to earlier in the evening heard me and said he was parked close and could give me a ride to my car. I didn’t hesitate and accepted his offer.

Stupid! Stupid! Stupid! I should have hesitated. Once I got into his car, I knew it was a mistake. The feeling of dread was overwhelming and I wondered if this is what it was like for the countless young ladies who fell prey to rapists, or worse, serial killers, when they knew they were trapped.

This guy did not turn on the ignition and just sat there staring straight ahead. Even though it was chilly, he had beads of sweat on his forehead. I told him I was ready to go but he said nothing. I don’t know what he was thinking, but the range of expressions on his face were more than scary, like he was trying to make a decision about something. He would not let me out.

I slowly dipped my hand into my purse, which thankfully was next to the passenger door, grabbed a long metal nail file I kept in there and clutched it tightly, hoping I would not have to use it. Trying to distract him from his thoughts, whatever they were, I started talking, telling this guy (like a dummy, I didn’t even ask him his name) that he had a very nice car. He looked very clean cut and I told him he seemed very nice and probably had good parents, and brothers and sisters. I said he probably had a good job. I asked if he had a dog. He finally just nodded and mumbled “uh huh.”

After what seemed like an hour (it was only about 10 or 15 minutes), I grabbed the door handle and slowly got out. He didn’t try to stop me and I walked as fast my legs would go to my own car. I didn’t want to break out in a run for fear he would come after me.

This could have gone either way and I will never forget it. Lesson definitely learned that night.

With all the alcohol and illegal drugs being used or abused by who knows who, young people need to be very careful when they decide to party with strangers at bars, or wherever.

Stranger danger — it’s not just for kids. Just sayin’!

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Yuck! The worst Halloween candy for 2020

Compiled By Vera Hogan

You know the drill. Your kids come home on Halloween with their bags filled with candy and the sorting process begins. While you’re looking to make sure the candy is safe, you should really look to see what your little goblins have designated the “icky” pile first. Then check the ones they are really going to eat. The following are said to be the worst Halloween candy for 2020:

Source: thecandystore.com

Licorice
Here we’re talking black licorice, and this does not include Twizzlers. Twizzlers are mostly fruity flavored, chewy sugar candies. Traditional black licorice has a savory side that doesn’t mesh with the sugar highs of Halloween.

Mary Janes
Mary Janes, a chewy peanut buttery confection, are back on many shelves. They have a huge following, but apparently not with the Halloween crowd.

Tootsie Rolls
Your kids will get a lot of these. They’re the easy way out for people who don’t want to spend much money handing out candy to kids. You can throw a handful into each kid’s bag and it won’t set you back much. But apparently kids tend not to like them for Halloween.

Wax Coke Bottles
The novelty factor of these is great, the first time you get one. Then the realization sets in: you’re biting through wax to get not even a mouthful of sugar water.

Good & Plenty
Since Good & Plenty are pretty much licorice, it follows that they would come right after licorice on the list.

Smarties
Another one accused of being dry and chalky. Your kids will get plenty of these on Halloween.

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Necco Wafers
They were off the market for a while, but are back. Some people absolutely love Necco Wafers but they are not a big hit with the kids on Halloween. Complaints about these are that they’re dry and chalky.
Bella
is approximately 3 year 6 months old and 46 lbs. Bella is a sweet girl that loves to play. She enjoys running and playing with her toys.

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Deborah S. Palmer

Craig Lynn “Duff” Morris
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Craig Lynn “Duff” Morris - age 71, of Fenton, died Thursday, October 21, 2020 at his residence. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 12 Noon Tuesday, October 27 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, Fr. Robert Copeland celebrant. Interment in St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be 10 AM until the time of the mass at the church on Tuesday. Arrangements are being handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Priest for Life (a Pro-life organization). Details for a memorial car show will be announced in the spring.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Veronica; son, Mark (Jennifer) Morris; daughter, Tonya (Michael) Sundermann; granddaughter, Karen Morris; grandchildren, Tyler Morris (Hannah Sanderson), Maddy (Josh) Raymo, Travis Morris (Jordan Edens), Evan Sundermann (Gracie Emerson), Ryan Sundermann, Calvin Morris, Nina Sundermann; sister, Sally (Michael) Gardner; many dear friends and neighbors that have continually shown their support over the past two years. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Trevor Morris; and son, Jeff Morris. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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