Charles W. Heil, III, became an Eagle Scout on May 6, making him the 47th Eagle Scout from Novi’s Boy Scout Troop 407, which is chartered by Holy Family Catholic Church.

Heil’s project included clearing over a quarter mile of the Chase trail located in the Chase Farms subdivision. Additionally, the project comprised of constructing bat houses and signage which were placed along the trail. He led over 20 people to a successful completion of his project.

Heil has earned 40 merit badges so far; 21 are required to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. He plans to earn the Disability Awareness Merit Badge before he graduates from high school.

His community service work included volunteering as a buddy for the baseball players of the Miracle League, many hours at Gleaners and at canned food drives; and numerous troop-related landscaping events.

In Troop 407, Heil held the scout-elected position of senior patrol leader and led the troop of about 60 scouts for a year. He enjoys mentoring all scouts, especially his younger brother Robby who is a Life Scout in Troop 407.

Heil is currently a senior at Novi High School. He plays trumpet in the wind ensemble and is in the marching band.

After graduating high school, his ambition includes pursuing an chemical engineering or computer science degree. In July, he was invited to and attended the Michigan State University BEACON program which is designed toward giving potential future engineers and biologists' hands-on experience in these disciplines. He enjoyed the program and plans to apply to Michigan State University and several other state of Michigan universities.

signed by Crawford and State Sen. Mike Kowall (R-White Lake). Crawford congratulated Heil and challenged him to continue his excellent efforts in all aspects of life.

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