

Muhlenberg County Conservation District Aides Local Boy Scout in Earning His Eagle Scout Award

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When the Muhlenberg County Conservation District started thinking about acquiring a shelter for their no-till grain drill, a unique opportunity presented itself. Byron Johnson, Muhlenberg County Conservation District supervisor, mentioned that this might be a project that a local Boy Scout could oversee in order to receive his Eagle Scout award. A local Boy Scout troop was contacted, and one of the scouts took on the project. The conservation district now has a shelter for the equipment, and a local youth has earned his Eagle Scout award.

In order to acquire an Eagle Scout award the youth had to complete and oversee a community service project. Initially the project had to be reviewed and approved by the advisory Board for the Boy Scouts. After that a lot of time and effort was put into the project by the youth. He attended conservation district board meetings to gather information about the structure, he coordinated the phases of the project and he worked with businesses to acquire supplies needed to complete the task. The Project Manager (Eagle Scout candidate) also solicited help from other scouts and individuals to pour footers and pour and finish the concrete. He dealt with a gravel company to acquire rock for the project, and the rock company made a driveway for the structure. He also dealt with the company that actually installed the structure. Emily Knight, Muhlenberg County Conservation District Administrative Secretary stated, "We were pleased with the structure, and we were happy with the job that the youth did to complete the structure."