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MEET EAGLE SCOUT ETHAN KANE SMITH

Ethan Smith, the son of Jason and Anita Smith of Auburn, is among the 14 Lee County Boy Scouts earning their Eagle Scout rank in 2014. Smith, who is currently a junior assistant scoutmaster in Troop 50, chartered by the Auburn Rotary Club, earned 28 merit badges in his quest for Scouting's highest rank — including the Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge, which was his favorite because “I enjoy shooting and competing with my friends and dad.” For his Eagle Scout leadership service project, which collectively logged 55 volunteer service hours, he planned and led efforts to construct a 24-foot bridge from one end of a wash to another at Auburn's Ogletree Elementary School to protect students' passage to the school's outdoor classroom after it rains. Smith, who will be an 11th grader at Auburn High School in the fall, credits Boy Scouting with “teaching me leadership, organizational and time-management skills and has reinforced my biblical beliefs. All of these skills will benefit me in my everyday life, as well as in the career path I choose.” For more information about Boy Scouting in Lee County, visit the Saugahatchee District website at www.saugahatchee.org.