

Middlefield's Dan Bradley becomes Eagle Scout

Dan Bradley of Rockfall was presented with Scouting's highest award at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at Saint Colman Church in Middlefield on May 20, 2007.

He is the son of John and Sue Bradley and a member of Boy Scout Troop 33 chartered by Saint Colman Church. Scoutmaster Robin Heath presided over the ceremony. Dignitaries attending and presenting Dan with special recognitions included State Rep. Ray Kalinowski, Middlefield Selectman David Lowry and members of VFW Post 10362.

In order to achieve the rank of Eagle, Dan had to earn 21 merit badges and show leadership by planning, developing and carrying out a community service project. For his project Dan planned an adoption day for rescued dogs for the nonprofit group **Labs4 Rescue**. This rescue group founded in 2002 is dedicated to providing a new life for rescued or displaced Labrador Retrievers and Labrador Mixes and has placed over 5,500 dogs. Dan was responsible for the planning, organizing and supervision of over 50 volunteers and 25 adoptable dogs adding up to more than 250 hours.

The adoption day, held at Best Friend's Pet Care in Rocky Hill, was very well attended and resulted in more than 20 dogs being placed in "forever" families. Dan and his family have adopted two **Labs4 Rescue** dogs and have fostered 13 other dogs and helped them find permanent homes.

During his years as a member of Troop 33, Dan has held the positions of troop librarian, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader. He attended Philmont High Adventure Camp in New Mexico hiking more than 50 miles on a 10 day trek and was a crew member on two coral reef sailing adventures at Seabase Adventure Camp in the Florida Keys.

In addition to Scouting, Dan is involved in Skills USA at Vin al Technical High School where he is beginning his senior year studying the electrical trade. He is a member of the National Honor Society. He is also a member of the cross country, basketball and track teams.