

The Community Page

BSA Honors Steeds with National Medals of Merit



Hannah and Jeff Bird, Adam, Paul and Ben Steed pose with their National Medals of Merit.

In July 1997 at Camp Little Lemhi, 14-year-old counselor-in-training Adam Steed realized that the camp's program director was molesting other boys. Adam and his 13-year-old brother, Ben, warned other staff members, stopped further abuse and recruited other victims to go with them to the camp office. They reported the abuse to the camp director and demanded that the camp director call the police. Adam and Ben Steed not only stopped a dangerous predator but they also protected the innocence of countless other boys in and out of scouting. The Steeds' father, Paul Steed, thereafter dedicated his effort to changing the law in Idaho and to eliminating the statute of limitations on child sexual abuse (Idaho's statute ran out five years after a victim's 18th birthday). Paul dedicated himself full time to working with state legislators and raising awareness of the inequities in the laws. Later, Jeff Bird and his wife,

Hannah, joined forces with Paul. On March 13, 2006, their efforts bore fruit when Gov. Butch Otter signed House Bill 534 eliminating the statute of limitation on child abuse into law. Paul and the Birds continued their efforts to amend state laws, and on March 21, 2007, the governor signed two more laws. Now victims of child abuse have up to five years to file a civil suit after they realize they have been abused and prosecutors have up to four years to charge an adult who was aware of sexual abuse but failed to report it.

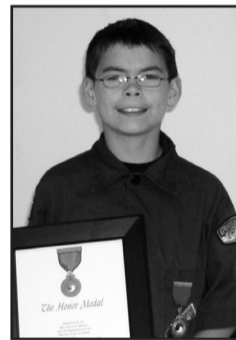


Nathan Wilde - National Medal of Merit
Last September, Zach Wilde of Pocatello was bow hunting for deer in Inman Canyon. His wife, Nichole, and son, Nathan, were

waiting at camp. Nichole fell on a branch, receiving a deep puncture wound to her leg. Eight-year-old Nathan performed first aid, stopped the bleeding, followed his father's tracks into the woods, found his father and brought him back to camp.

Jacob Campbell - National Honor Medal

On July 13, 2007, John Campbell and his sons were fishing on the Snake River below Angel Falls when their boat hit a rock; the prop broke and they started to sink. Nine-year-old Jacob and his 4-year-old brother Brighton were caught in the river's current. Jacob held on to his brother and got both of them onto a rock until their father could rescue them.



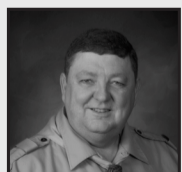
Silver Beaver Award Recipients

Giving Distinguished Service to Young People

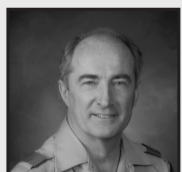
This April, the Grand Teton Council awarded 31 leaders with the Silver Beaver. This honor is reserved for those who have given "distinguished service to young people within a BSA local council." Each of this year's recipients has given years of exceptional service to the Boy Scouts of America

and often to other community organizations. Each one is dedicated to molding and shaping the youth of today to become the leaders of tomorrow.

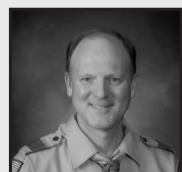
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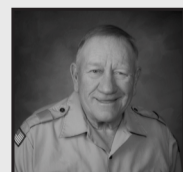
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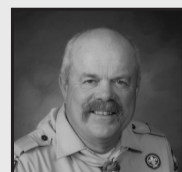
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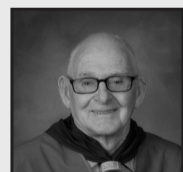
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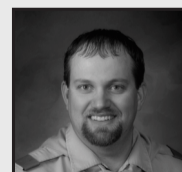
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Jerry W. Brady



Louis Carney



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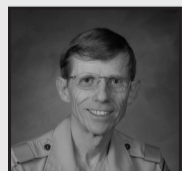
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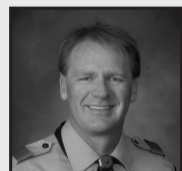
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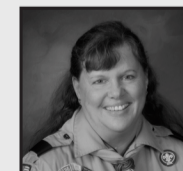
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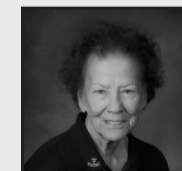
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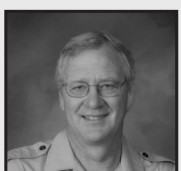
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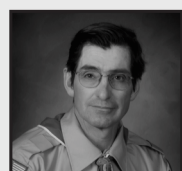
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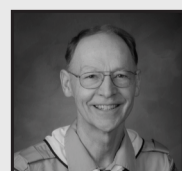
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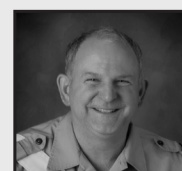
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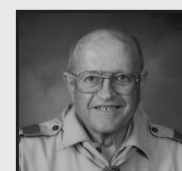
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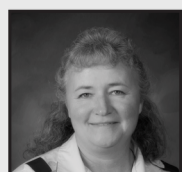
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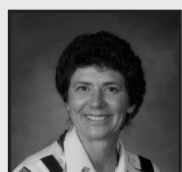
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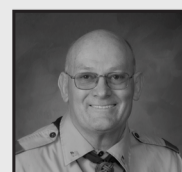
Susan Thompson



Frank L. VanderSloot



Paul Vogelheim



Ross D. Warren



David Wescott



Larry B. Wickham



Ron Wilcox