

Joseph Cottam follows family tradition, earns Eagle Scout status

Recognition ceremonies were held August 17 for Joseph Cottam, 17, who has earned his Eagle Scout Award.

Cottam is a member of Troop 195 sponsored by the Banks Branch, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS).

Boy Scouts must complete many requirements to achieve Eagle, the highest rank in the organization. Requirements include earning 21 merit badges, learning skills in first aid and camping, performing community service, and holding leadership positions. Living by the Scout Oath and Law are also important parts of becoming an Eagle Scout. Only about two-percent of those who join the Boy Scouts of America earn

their Eagle Scout Award, Scouting's highest honor.

Cottam's service project involved painting two large maps on the playground at Banks Elementary School. He worked with Steve Calloway, Banks Elementary School Assistant Principal in coordinating and executing the project. He lead troop members and high school friends in completing the project. The finished product was enthusiastically received by the teachers at the school. They use the map to show where current events are happening. Students will also play geography games on the map.

Cottam has served as Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader for Troop 195 as well as in many other leadership

positions. He has worked for three summers as a youth counselor and skills instructor at Camp Pioneer and Camp Merriwether, Boy Scout camps located Southeast of Salem and near Tillamook, respectively. He is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow, a service group of honor campers within the Boy Scouts.

Cottam is an active member of the Banks Branch of the LDS Church. He has received the On My Honor

Award as an active Boy Scout from the church as well as the Duty To God award for participation in the church's Young Men program. He has also served in many other leadership positions at church.

Cottam is an honors student at Banks High School with a 4.0 GPA through his Junior Year, and a member of the National Honor Society. Last spring he was honored by Banks High School as Junior Student of the year. This coming year he will serve as

Senior Class Secretary. He has been active in drama events at Banks and is one of their student computer experts. Cottam currently works at Intel as a summer intern.

After high school, Cottam intends to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

He is the son of Becky and Cliff Cottam. Cliff is Scoutmaster of Troop 195. Joseph joins his two older brothers, Jacob and Benjamin, as Eagle Scouts.

Kennedy, Quayle set for Pacific forum

Pacific University will host former Vice President Dan Quayle and environmental lawyer Robert Kennedy Jr. at the next Tom McCall Forum in Portland on Feb. 19, 1997.

The 15th annual Tom McCall Forum will address one of Governor McCall's most heartfelt issues: "Striking the Balance: The Economy and the Environment". Tickets will go on sale after Labor Day. The event will be staged at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in Portland.

From his tumultuous first appearance on the national

scene to his controversial battles with Hollywood, the media and the legal profession, Dan Quayle...in an age of "take no prisoners" politics and "gotcha" journalism... found himself the target of unprecedented hostility. After suffering defeat with President Bush in their 1992 reelection bid, Quayle wrote a best-selling memoir of his experiences, *Standing Firm*, in which he defended his political stands and took on the media for biased reporting of his vice-presidency.

Robert Kennedy Jr. is the

Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council. Kennedy is credited with leading the fight to protect New York City's water supply and worked to turn back anti-environmental legislation in the Congress. He is the nephew of Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass.

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