Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Councilwoman Jane Bonner attended the Court of Honor ceremony for Gareth Thomas Schaefer, member of Boy Scout Troop 52 in East Northport, who attained the rank of Eagle, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

"I commend Gareth for his service to the community and for earning the rank of Eagle Scout," said Councilwoman Bonner. "I know that his project will help the volunteers at the food pantry to better serve those in need."

To become an Eagle Scout, a scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, demonstrate leadership, and perform an approved community service project. For his Eagle Project, Gareth built shelves and bins for the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in East Northport.