John Fenimore, Bexley Boy Scout leader, is BCA Citizen of the Year

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What could be more All-American than the Boy Scouts?

During this year's Bexley Fourth of July celebration - with the theme "Red, White and Bicentennial Blue" - a man who has taught countless numbers of young men to live by the Scout Law will be honored as the Bexley Celebration Association's Citizen of the Year.

"Scouting is fundamental. It's a foundation," explained John Fenimore, leader of Scout Troop 166 since 1992. "Kids here learn at a young age to attain goals."

Those goals include achieving Eagle Scout rank. Under Fenimore's tutelage, 27 boys - including his sons John, Ross and Peter - have reached scouting's highest honor.

Two more in the current troop are working toward Eagle Scout status, Fenimore added.

Those scouts leave a legacy for the community with projects that are part of becoming an Eagle Scout.

The most recent hopefuls are planning to construct a 225-foot boardwalk along the banks of Alum Creek.

Residents probably don't know about a lot of the good works that the scouts do, because they are undertaken quietly, Fenimore said.

But anyone who has enjoyed the flowers that surround Jeffrey Mansion has benefited from the labor of the Boy Scouts, he pointed out.

During the Fourth of July parade, the scouts will pass out 6,000 American flags.

By running from curb to curb to distribute the flags, the boys probably double the length of the parade route they cover, the scout master noted.

The scouts also help out with the annual Easter Egg hunt, Labor Day Block Party

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John Fenimore, center, scout leader for Troop 166 in Bexley, has been named Bexley Celebration Association's Citizen of the Year. Fenimore and his scouts have provided numerous services to the community, and will pass out 6,000 flags during the city's Fourth of July parade.