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Boys honored as good citizens

The Eagle Police Department issued its first Youth Citizen Award at the Eagle Village Board meeting Oct. 9.

The award honors three boys in the Eagle community for their part in returning a lost wallet back to its owner.

Drew Chapman, Jacob Leichtfuss and Ryan Rapacz found a wallet near the Mealy Funeral Home and turned it in to Judy Laufenberg, a clerk at the BP gas station. When Laufenberg asked the boys if there was money in the wallet, they told her they didn't know, and that they just wanted to make sure the wallet got back to its owner. Laufenberg returned the wallet to the owner, who was pleased.

According to Village of Eagle Police Chief Russ Ehlers, the department was impressed that not only did the boys do the right thing, but also that they never considered keeping the cash.

"How many of us would have done the right thing?" asked Ehlers. "It's always nice to hear of someone



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YOUTH CITIZEN AWARD – Three Eagle boys reported to the BP gas station earlier this year and gave the clerk, Judy Laufenberg, a wallet they'd found near Mealy Funeral Home in Eagle. The boys received plaques with inscriptions recognizing their honorable behavior. Pictured are (from left) Jacob Leichtfuss, Drew Chapman, Laufenberg and Ryan Rapacz.

turning in found property, particularly when it's valuable, but even more thrilling when the act is carried out by young people."

The boys received plaques with inscriptions recognizing their honorable behavior and denoting the fact that their actions will inspire others. At the end of the presentation, the three also received coupons for free ice cream cones.

"The parents of these three pillars of our community can be proud of their sons," said Ehlers. "All of us at the Police Department are."