

## Community

# Police department issues its first Youth Citizen Award

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The Eagle Police Department issued its first Youth Citizen Award. The occasion took place at the Board of Trustees meeting in October of this year. This mark of distinction was presented to honor three youngsters in our community for their part in bringing a lost wallet back to its rightful owner.

Drew Chapman, Jacob Leichtfuss and Ryan Rapacz reported to the BP station earlier this year and gave the clerk, Judy Laufenberg, a wallet that they'd found near the Mealy Funeral Home in Eagle. When Judy asked the boys if there was money in the wallet they told her they didn't know, they just wanted to make sure the wallet got back to whomever had lost it.

When Judy's investigation was completed, the owner had his wallet back and was of course, thrilled.

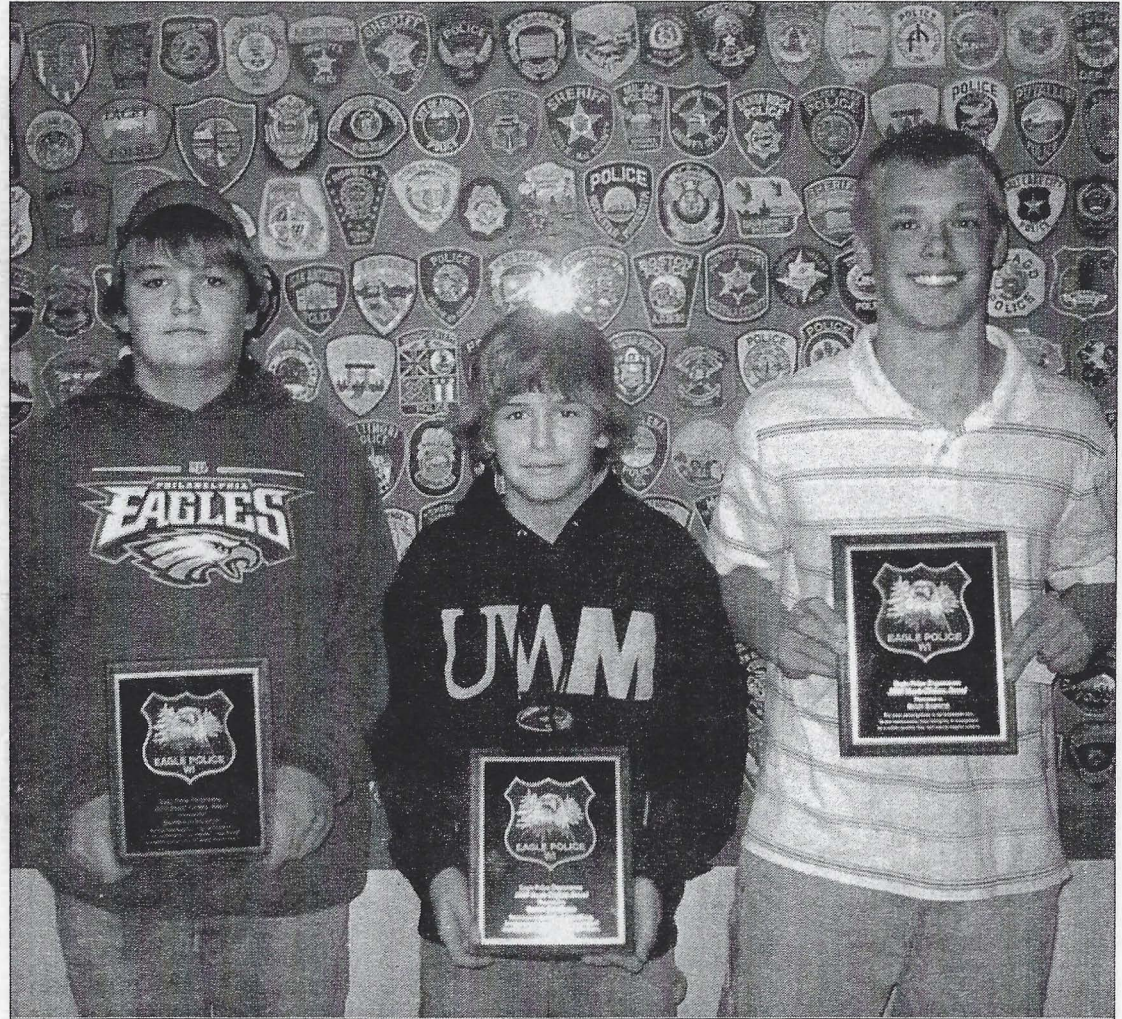
"What impressed us was the fact that not only did the boys do

the right thing, they never considered their other option, keeping the cash," said Chief Russ Ehlers. "How many of us would have done the right thing? It's always nice to hear of someone turning in found property, particularly when it's valuable but even more thrilling when the act is carried out by young people.

"The parents of these three pillars of our community can be proud of their sons. All of us at the police department sure are!"

The boys received plaques with inscriptions recognizing their honorable behavior and denoting the fact that their actions will surely inspire others. At the conclusion of the award presentation the three also received a coupon from Tasty Z's, good for a complimentary ice cream cone. When presented with the coupon the boys simply stated, "Cool!"

"Hats off to Drew, Jacob and Ryan," said Ehlers. "All of us think you're cool too!"



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**Eagle residents Jacob Leichtfuss (from left), Drew Chapman and Ryan Rapacz recently received the Eagle Police Department's first Youth Citizen Award after returning a wallet they found in town back to its rightful owner and with everything still in it.**

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