

Eagles

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Scouts from troop 155 with Chris Young at his Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. From left, top row: Cory Hine, Charles Stajewski, Sr. Scout Master, Michael Yenason, Eagle Scout, Shane Schrader. Middle row: Kyle Baines, Matt Katyl, Eagle, Charles Stajewski, Jr., Eagle, Daniel Piccillo, Eagle, Peter Van Loon, Eagle, Robert Welnoski, Sr. Front row: Nick Hetro, Jason Young, Chris Young, Eagle, Cody Karalunas, Michael Fasaluka, Robert Welnoski, Jr.

have grown into the kind of boys a person would want their daughter to date. "They were good kids; they're like the all-star team you always wanted. We just really gelled." Christopher Young is the tenth and latest Boy Scout in the troop to obtain the rank of Eagle. He passed his Eagle board of review last January

and had his Court of Honor ceremony on September 28. Chris said he joined scouts because his friends were in the group. "I ended up loving it; I just remember having so much fun. We had camporees on the weekends, there was all the outdoor stuff." Chris said the group had so much fun together that even

things that weren't meant to be fun would often turn out to be enjoyable. "Sometimes they'd ask us to rake up a graveyard and it would end up being fun because of friends being there," said Chris. Chris credits the support of his friends and Stajewski with helping him to make it through the busy middle school and

"The parents would go along to help. It was just like a wonderful family."

Jean Piccillo
Mother of Eagle Scout
Dan Piccillo

high school years to make Eagle rank. "He was the nicest guy, even when we weren't having scouts, when his family would have parties, we'd all be invited," said Chris. "He treated us as equals. We'd be hyper, running around, and he'd give us a hammer and a piece of wood." When it came time to study for the Eagle board of review, Chris said Charlie spent extra one-on-one time with each of the boys to help get them prepared. "I was confident I would make it (through the review). I had to know the Eagle Scout handbook front to back. Charlie met with me every weekend to quiz me," said Chris. "From the standpoint of a parent its been the most beneficial activity he's been involved in," said Chris's mother, Nadine. "Because it was such a close group, they pushed each other through it; scouts gets you through those tenuous teen years," she said. "When we started we never thought that a million years later they'd make it," Stajewski said. "It was that they were all our 12 little kids. This big happy extended family," said Anne Marie Stajewski.

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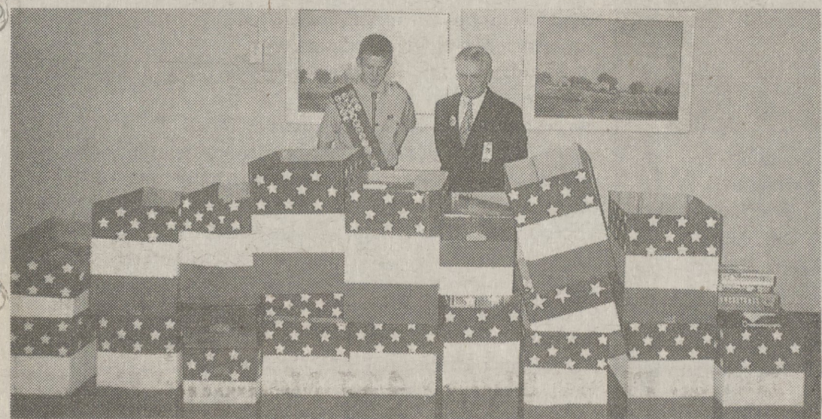
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done," Gallo said. Paul Degillio, of Foreman Burkavage Architects and Engineers, said the renovations and additions should come in under the original budget of \$14.7 million. So far, bids total just over \$13.1 million, plus an additional \$369,000 in approved change orders. That is about half of the contingency included in the budget figure. Degillio also told the board that of eight subcontractor bills submitted for payment in October, his company was recommending that four be paid in full and four be either partially paid or withheld. Board member Thomas Russ was pleased that Degillio explained the reasons for withholding payment, as it gave the board a better understanding of what was being paid for, and what was not. The board had withheld entire payments earlier this year due to dissatisfaction with the pace of the work. One issue that is not yet resolved is dissatisfaction with the appearance of the bricks on the front of the building. "We don't like the way it looks," said board member Anthony Barbose, a mason contractor. Degillio said a professional from the Masonry Institute would visit the building to determine if the work was within acceptable tolerances. During the meeting, a total of \$278,538 in payments was authorized, including \$18,000 for

an electronic scoreboard for the pool. While the pool is nearly completed, it will be at least 12 weeks before any public use can be considered, said Gil Griffiths, Superintendent. He explained that all finish work must be completed and school programs must be up and running before the pool can be made available for swimming lessons and other uses. And there's still a need for life-guards, even after three were hired during the meeting. In other business: • The board observed a moment of silence in memory of Casey Zalenski, the Dallas High School junior who was killed November 8 during a burglary attempt at his home. • Griffiths presented a plaque to board member John Litz, recognizing his 10 years of service. • Griffiths said the "drug dogs" had visited the high school and middle school on November 1, and found no evidence of illicit substances. "It's amazing to watch those dogs, how they perform," said Ernest Ashbridge Jr., board president, who happened to be at the middle school during the sweep. • Three substitute teachers were appointed to staff the Chicago Math After-School Remediation Program at the rate of \$20 per hour. Michael Speziale, Assistant Superintendent, said approximately 25 students participate in the program.

Early deadlines, distribution for Thanksgiving

Due to the holiday, The Dallas Post will be published on day early Thanksgiving week. The issue dated November 28, 2002 will be available at stores on Wednesday, November 27, and will be delivered to local mail subscribers with that day's mail. The deadline for submission of articles for that issue will be Friday, November 22 at 4 p.m. Display advertising for the issue should be ordered by 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 21. Classified advertising will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Monday, November 25.



Chris Young with the president of the VA Hospital in Wilkes-Barre admiring the goods he collected as part of his Eagle service project.

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