

Martin & Valerie Cotanche 2007-2008 Eagle Class

Michael Haydell, Troop 76, Bellaire, October 9, 2007

Michael did his Eagle Project for the Central Lake Schools. He built a sidewalk around the local track at the football/track field. It included leveling, putting up the forms, and leveling the cement.

Eric Vandrie, Troop 105, Lake Ann, October 26, 2007

Eric built two berms for the Almira Township Veterans Memorial for his Eagle Project. The berms were also landscaped with indigenous vegetation and they are maintenance free and erosion proof.

David Andrews, Troop 229, Traverse City, November 1, 2007

David did his Eagle Project for the Traverse City Seventh Day Adventist Church. David built, painted and installed three separate park style benches around the playground.

Michael Rozyski, Troop 31, Traverse City, November 9, 2007

Michael did his Eagle Project for the West Junior High School in Traverse City. He restored music stands at the school by, bending, brushing, painting, and putting logos on them. He restored 82 stands and saved the school district \$45 a stand.

Gabe Lucas, Troop 27, Long Lake, November 28, 2007

Gabe did his Eagle Project for the American Cancer Society. He raised the funds and built a working life sized replica of the Operation Board Game. It was presented at the Benzie County Relay for Life and played to raise money for research in fighting cancer. His Aunt Lisa is a breast cancer survivor.

Ren Brabenec, Troop 131, Suttons Bay, December 12, 2007

Ren did his Eagle Project for Bingham Township in Leelanau County. He fixed up and cleaned up the cemetery. Then project included, cleaning and fixing gravestones.

Glen Paul Stolt II, Troop 11, Charlevoix, December 17, 2007

Paul did his Eagle Project for the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club. He renovated a pond at the club which was small, had erosion, and did not sustain pond life. He landscaped around the pond to protect it from erosion, put in shelters and picnic tables, and turned it back into an active fishing/wildlife pond.

Kevin Dick, Troop 76, Bellaire, December 18, 2007

Kevin did his Eagle Project for the Grass River Natural Area Bluebird Sanctuary near Bellaire. The project including, building new houses, taking down the current bluebird houses, repairing them, moving them to better locations, building a sign for the head of the trail, and clearing the trail of debris.

Jeremy Brown, Troop 32, Traverse City, January 4, 2008

Jeremy did his Eagle Project for Kid's Kove at the Grand Traverse County Civic Center in Traverse City. He did two repair jobs on the slider and the tire swing and re-wood chipped the entire area.

Colin Ford, Troop 30, Traverse City, January 17, 2008

Colin did his Eagle Project for Silver Lake Park in Traverse City. He created a new trail, a quarter mile in length, covered it with wood chips and erected signage.

Zachary Olsen, Troop 27, Traverse City, February 9, 2008

Zach did his Eagle Project for the Wings of Wonder local rapture rehabilitation center in Leelanau County. He wrote a grant and coordinated construction of a 40x16 foot flight enclosure for owls that are being nursed back to health.

Clyve Lagerquist, Troop 63, Onekama, February 10, 2008

Clyve did his Eagle Project for the Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club near Brethren, Michigan. He constructed a trail through the lower area of the club. The work consisted of measuring the trail, building a bench, putting in bird houses, building a foot bridge to span a wet spot, and putting up signage.

Ryan Brummeler, Troop 5, Petoskey, February 27, 2008

Ryan did his Eagle Project for the United Methodist Church in Petoskey. He planted pine trees on the right side of the main entrance and he redesigned the landscaping near the emergency exit to help with drainage.

Dylan Box, Troop 28, Traverse City, March 5, 2008

Dylan did his Eagle Project for the Goodwill Inn in Traverse City. He organized a small library for each of the community rooms at the Inn. He led the building and staining of book shelves and organized a book drive to fill the new shelves.

Justin Green, Troop 74, Reed City, March 6, 2008

Justin did work at Cedar Township Community Park for his Eagle Project. He built a picnic table and replaced a sign at the park.

Curtis Walters, Troop 31, Traverse City, March 7, 2008

Curtis did his Eagle Project for the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department. He mapped and serviced 36 fire hydrants in the area. This included marking underground lines, entering the location into a GPS, identifying each with tags, and performing flow test on each hydrant.

Steven Tondreau, Troop 30, Traverse City, March 10, 2008

Steve did his Eagle Project for Trinity Lutheran Church in Traverse City. He did a beautification project at the church that included planting flowers, putting down landscaping stone and mulch, increasing the stability of walkways, and cleaning up dead or dying trees and shrubs.

Darren Ruhf, Troop 125, Cadillac, March 10, 2008

Darren did his Eagle Project at the Missaukee Humane Society. His project included mowing down the tall grass, creating a rock garden around the sign out by the road, clearing a few trees, and putting together some small dog houses to be used for collecting donations at local businesses.

Joel Lints, Troop 31, Traverse City, March 17, 2008

Joel did his Eagle Project for the Grand Traverse Conservation District. He led a group that built two erosion walls, two brush barrier piles, and a fence along the Boardman River near Beitner Park in the Grand Traverse Natural Education Reserve. His project will help with bank erosion and keep visitors from walking up and down the bank.

Kerry Palmer, Troop 30, Traverse City, March 27, 2008

Kerry did his Eagle Project for the Traverse Area Recreation Trail (TART). He fixed up an intersection by erecting a bench and a bulletin board. He landscaped the area and planted wildflowers.

Trevor Kirt, Troop 30, Traverse City, March 27, 2008

Trevor did his Eagle Project for the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Empire. He led a group that did restoration work on the Olsen Farm. They recreated a fence, an arbor, and a garden that are all historically accurate.

Michael Roskelley, Troop 34, Traverse City, April 9, 2008

Michael did his Eagle Project for the Department of Natural Resources. It involved a trash cleanup in a 12 square mile area of state land in Grand Traverse County. He was responsible for inventorying trash which included large items such as refrigerators and sofas. He also had to learn how to spot meth labs and report any such findings right away to law enforcement.

David Sattler, Troop 30, Traverse City, April 10, 2008

David did his Eagle Project for Central Grade School in Traverse City. He led a team that cleaned up and thinned the garden in the courtyard that had been ignored for the last few years and looks like a jungle. His project turned the courtyard into a useable and enjoyable place again for the school and the community.

Matthew Elliott, Troop 30, Traverse City, April 10, 2008

Matt did his Eagle Project for the Traverse City Central High School. He led a group that constructed and installed two twelve foot long benches at the tennis courts. They also did some landscaping and planted some trees.

Chris Newlun, Troop 30, Traverse City, April 10, 2008

Chris did his Eagle Project for the VASA trail cross country ski race. He organized a team that passed out water, Hot Chocolate, and Gatorade. They also inspected racers for frostbite. The project included setup, tear down and clean up.

Alan Potts, Troop 180, Manistee, April 10, 2008

Alan did his Eagle Project for Penny Park which is a campground, boat launch and playground located in the village of Eastlake, Michigan. He put in a new cedar log fence, scraped and painted two sets of swings and 17 barriers, with donations purchased a grill on a stick, 2 benches and a tether ball court, and put up a new wood sign at the entryway.

Kevin Wroblewski, Troop 7, Petoskey, April 10, 2008

Kevin did his Eagle Project for the St. Francis Xavier Pre-School playground area in Petoskey. The improvements included adding a sandbox and a teaching garden, re-mulching the area, adding plants, and painting the garage.

Bradley Lacki, Troop 61, Wellston, April 16, 2008

Brad did his Eagle Project for Clay Bank Park in Stronach Township near Manistee. He built another pavilion at the park so that more picnic table could be undercover. He also stained the new shelter.

Steven Oakley, Troop 1, Gaylord, May 5, 2008

Steve did his Eagle Project for the Gaylord Alpine Workshop. He planned and built a 24' x30' garden area. The areas were wood chipped and furnished with two garden tables and two benches.

Sean Clark, Troop 125, Cadillac, May 12, 2008

Sean did his Eagle Project for the Episcopalian Church in Cadillac. He replaced and built a set of doors for storage shed at the church and he painted the walls throughout the church and stained the trim around the windows.

Thomas Earle, Troop 34, Traverse City, May 28, 2008

Tom did his Eagle project for the DNR at Sand Lakes Quiet Area in Grand Traverse County. He added gravel and spread gravel on the trails, graded a parking lot, built a rail fence and two information centers on concrete pads, and he replaced direction/map posts at trail crossings.

Brandon Fortin, Troop 167, Manistee, June 3, 2008

Brandon did his Eagle Project for the City of Manistee. He built a sign to replace the rotted sign at the Manistee River Harbor entrance. It included getting the site ready for landscaping, planting flower beds, and the actual construction of the sign.

Blake Mikesell, Troop 33, Traverse City, June 12, 2008

Blake did his Eagle Project for Saving Birds Thru Habitat in Suttons Bay. He cleared out the side of a pond so that shore birds can get to the pond for food and to raise their young. He transplanted seedling willow trees and built a ledge for a bird called the Cliff Swallow. Shore birds in this area are becoming endangered.

Anthony Weinke, Troop 105, Lake Ann, June 18, 2008

Tony did his Eagle Project for Burnett Park in downtown Lake Ann. He built an artificial pond in the park and put shrubs and flowers around it. It included a waterfall that will create a nice sound for visitors.

Hazen Remus, Troop 1240, Cheboygan, June 23, 2008

Hazen did his Eagle Project for the St. Tomas Lutheran Church in Cheboygan. He stained a fence, and added a door to the side of the church and added a 4' x 4' cement slab at the entrance of the new door.

Dustin Schoenith, Troop 5, Petoskey, June 30, 2008

Dustin did his Eagle Project at the Habitat for Humanity house in Alanson. He and his troop members built a ramp for the disabled owner. He also built a retaining wall and put in some trees and shrubs.

Alan Hejl, Troop 10, Benzonia, July 1, 2008

Alan set up an exhibit for the Benzie Historical Museum for his Eagle Project. In a vacant pavilion he set up an agricultural equipment exhibit. He arranged the equipment so that tours could be given and the guides are able to demonstrate how the equipment is used. A large part of the project was finding names and functions for the equipment.

Michael Sutton, Troop 55, Harbor Springs, July 5, 2008

Michael did his Eagle Project for the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society in Harbor Springs. He removed pea stone from around the kennels and replaced it with four yards of new stone. He also filled holes in the dog play area with top soil and re-seeded the area.

Timothy Siciliano, Troop 34, Traverse City, July 7, 2008

Tim did his Eagle Project for the Grand Traverse Pioneer and Historical Society. He moved 130 bound volumes of the Traverse City Record Eagle to a climate controlled storage area. The project included clearing space for the volumes at the Heritage Center, obtaining shelving for them, and cleaning and organizing the historical newspapers.

Casey Riley, Troop 11, Charlevoix, July 28, 2008

Casey did his Eagle Project for the First Baptist Church of Charlevoix. He installed irrigation and put in a dumpster pad with an arborvitae cage around the dumpster pad. This included boring across the parking lot of the church for the irrigation and raking, seeding and mulching.

Justin Ray, Troop 22, Traverse City, July 30, 2008

Justin did his Eagle Project for the Traverse City State Park. Under his leadership they raked leaves, picked up sticks and trash, cleaned out the fire pits, and swept the sand off the parking lot by the beach.

Brian Stoops, Troop 41, Benzonia, August 12, 2008

Brian worked with the VFW in the area for his Eagle Project. Under his leadership care packages were sent over to Iraq for our soldiers serving there. He organized everything from funding to packing.

Justin Zupin, Troop 63, Onekama, August 14, 2008

Justin did his Eagle Project for St Joseph's Catholic Church in Onekama. He painted three buildings, and put in two flower gardens and landscaped them with bricks for the church.

Scotty Zimmerman, Troop 27, Traverse City, August 14, 2008

Scotty did his Eagle Project for the Munson Medical Center's Infusion Clinic. Scott raised money as well as collected donations of gameboys, games, movies, books, activity books, toys, stuffed animals, gas cards, over night supplies for families, clothing etc. for Munson's Infusion Clinic as well as: Built two heavy duty weather resistant wooden picnic tables that also turn into benches for the infusion clinic for the patients to enjoy outside while they wait for their appointment and for the family members. This project was geared toward the children that have blood diseases and cancer that come to the Infusion Clinic for their treatments and this will help bring a smile to their faces as they receive their treatments. They are able to take home w/ them a stuffed animal, watch a movie, play games or do activities while they receive the treatment, making the "treatment" perhaps not as bad and perhaps make it a little more bearable and pass the time quicker. The overnight supplies are for when the families have to rush to the Infusion Clinic at a moments notice, many times from all over the state and they do not have time to grab the overnight items needed for their families. Gas cards offer the families help financially, they are able to buy gas at a station that has a quickie mart as well so they can buy other needed items - so many times they cannot afford the travel that is required while having to miss work and take other siblings out of school to travel with them, etc.

Seth Schneider, Troop 106, Bear Lake, August 18, 2008

Seth did his Eagle Project for the Manistee County Fairgrounds. He made four signs with arrows and text on them. The signs have a white background of primer so they are weatherproof and red vinyl lettering. The project also included installing the signs.

Jason Gniposky, Troop 41, Benzonia, August 19, 2008

Jason did his Eagle Project for the Benzie Area Animal Shelter. He organized a food drive of dog, cat food and other items for pets and created barrels for people to donate into. Under his leadership the shelter collected a lot of items it needed.

Christopher Coale, Troop 1, Gaylord, August 26, 2008

Chris rebuilt 25 blue bird houses and replaced them on a Bluebird Trail in Sparr, MI near Gaylord. The trail was started by the Audubon Society of Gaylord. He purchased all the material, cut the lumber and then had the local Cub Scout Den assemble the houses at one of their meetings and then his Venture crew helped put them back out on the trail.

Thomas Turkette, Troop 30, Traverse City, September 3, 2008

Tom did his Eagle Project for the Grand Traverse Conservation District. He constructed an elevated boardwalk and closed off two trails on the Brown Bridge Quiet Area property. The boardwalk was built on a section of the trail that floods and the trails were closed by piling lumber across the trails.

John Evans, Troop 106, Bear Lake, September 11, 2008

John did his Eagle Project for the Pleasanton Township Park in Bear Lake. He repainted the pavilion floor, the gable ends, the wooden play structure behind the pavilion, the parking posts surrounding the parking area, and the gate. He also replaced two broken parking posts, removed a stump near the pavilion and got debris off the changing house roof.

Adam Card, Troop 48, Cadillac, September 15, 2008

Adam did his Eagle Project for the Kenwood Heritage Park in Cadillac. It consisted of improving the discus golf course by replacing old wooden firing lines with new concrete pads.

Joshua Kaskinen, Troop 10, Benzonia, September 28, 2008

Josh did his Eagle Project for the Memorial Park in Benzonia. He painted a new shed at the park, and built shelves for the shed. He organized all of the equipment according to the coaches needs and put up a plaque on the outside dedicating the shed to the memory of a long time baseball coach from the area.

Joe Ostrander, Troop 5, Petoskey, September 18, 2008

Joe did his Eagle Project for the Petoskey United Methodist Church, his troop's chartered organization. Under his leadership a trail was constructed through the Celebration Gardens at the church. He enhanced access to the garden and built the trail with concrete stone on a permanent under-base of sand.

Dillon Vanderbie, Troop 61, Wellston, September 30, 2008

Dillon did his Eagle Project at the Marzinski Campground near Wellston. He built a fence around the well and installed 6 hitching posts for horses. The fence will keep people from bringing their horses right up to the well. Dillon worked with the US Department of Agriculture –Forest Service for his project.

William Wahr, Troop 180, Manistee, October 5, 2008

William did his Eagle Project for the East Lake Township Hall. He repaired the hall by replacing all of the rotten boards he then scraped, caulked, primed and painted the front porch section and the lower 4 foot section around the building.