

Dakota Porter, age 14 with Troop 115, has been working on his Boy Scout Eagle Project. His project was redoing the baseball field at Grace Macdonald Park. This has been a huge project with approximately 400 service hours logged. He has raised over \$10,000.00 in products, services, donations, and advertising signs to complete this baseball field.

He started by removing 30 yds. of old diamond dust from the infield with the help of Great Lakes Outdoor Services, Ray Reamer, Tom McCafferty, Jave Excavating and many volunteers. After the diamond dust and 6 inches removed from the infield Elmers donated 70yds of topsoil to fill the area and clay to put in the pitching mound. Wade Trim helped with surveying the bases and outfield fence line. Launter Irrigation donated and helped put the irrigation system to the infied area. Ludema and Boyink Sod Farm of Clarksville sold the sod at a discounted rate for instant grass. Tri-Turf donated and dicounted pallets of the red diamond dust. TC Rental donated a Bobcat, posthole diggers and trailers to pick up the sod and outfield fence. The Hitchens family donated the majority of the outfield fence which was purchased from Charlevoix Fence Co., Alpple Fence sold the rest at a discounted rate and helped install the posts. LC Redi-Mix discounted and delivered the cement. Grand Traverse Fence company helped with the fence stretching. Tri-Turf donated and discounted pallets of the red diamond dust and TOMS Total Outdoor Maintenance help with the product spreading and leveling. Brown Lumber, Home Depot, Seven's Paint, Sherwin- Williams donated materials for the scoreboard. Roy's General Store, Ace Hardware and Office Depot donated necessary supplies.

So far, I have sold several signs that will be made by Fast Signs to be placed on the outfield fence. Pearls New Orleans Kitchen and Little League purchased \$500.00 signs. Kosco Energy, Bayside Doc's, Bill Marsh, Great Guns, Epiphany Salon & Spa's, and Alphabet Soup Preschool & Child Care Center have purchased \$250.00 signs. This is a great way to advertise your business. For more information about signs: Contact Dakota Porter at (231)946-0025

This project will be ongoing adding more diamond dust and hopefully a storage shed, donations are still being requested and appreciated.

A special thanks to all of those who volunteered their time: Troop 115, Rick & Travis Peck, Scott & Logan Griswold, Scott & Tim Thomas, Justin Woodcox, AJ Otto, Grant Winters, Mark Gunderson, Kris Early, Scott & Ethan Schuh, Adam Boomer, Chase Egeler, Fletcher Reyher, The Westman Family, The Sepanik family, Rainbow Maintance, Ryan Stout, Moises & Emily Rojo, Mitchell Wessell, Sawyer Bak, Linda Ranta and The Porter Family.