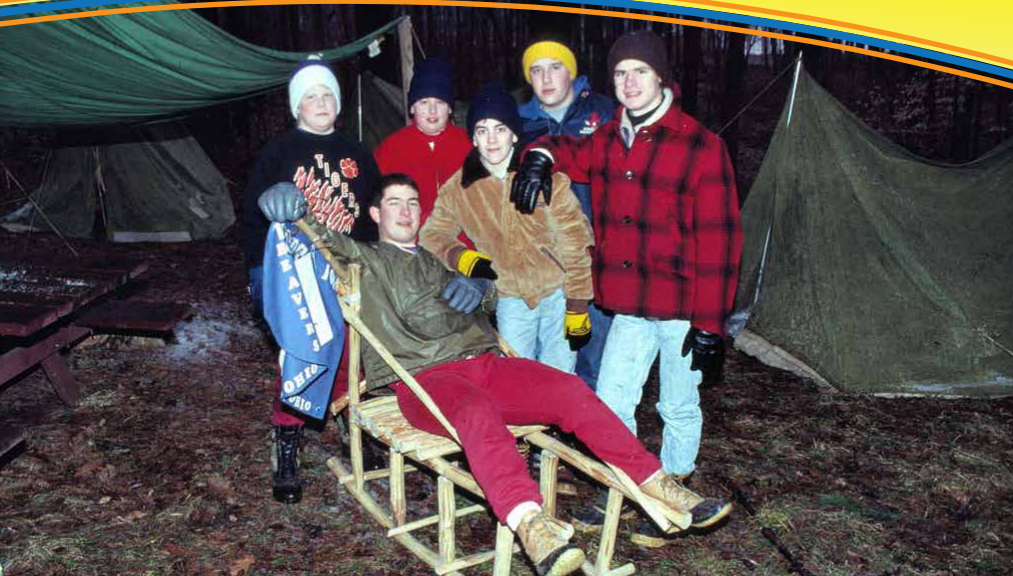




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Generations

Greg and Dan Rossi, Troop 101's First Father-Son Eagle Scouts

Greg Rossi (Eagle #18) and son, Dan Rossi (Eagle #141) will soon become the first father-son Eagles in Troop 101 history.

As this significant bit of Troop history unfolds, we had a chance to talk with Greg (who has spearheaded the Troop's Eagle First Class Camp preparations) and son, Dan about the experience.

AQ: The first father-son Eagle combo in Troop 101 history, tell us how you feel about that?

Greg - It's pretty special for our Troop and for Scouting. There are not many Troops in this country that have been around long enough and have had the success that 101 has had producing Eagle Scouts. Father and Son Eagles out of the same troop are probably pretty rare.

AQ: Dan, this must be really special for you in making Troop history with your Dad.

Dan - I honestly never thought when I started in Boy Scouts that my dad and I would be the first father-son Eagles in Troop 101 history. I think it also speaks volumes about what Mr. Potjunas has done within the Troop and Scouting. He has been a mainstay and one of the reasons the Troop is where it is today.

AQ: Greg, As a Scout parent, at some point we have all found ourselves nudging and pushing our Scout along the trail to Eagle. Was that the case with Dan? How hard was the push?

Greg - It was not nudging or pushing. It was tough love and sometimes it was a little too tough. Learning to tie a Bowline knot took our relationship in a direction that was

challenging to say the least. Having been an Eagle, I did know what he had to do, so we were on the same page most of the time.

AQ: Dan, your perspective on that tough love?

Dan - 110 percent. I needed some of it to keep me on track for Eagle but some of it was over the top. I'll probably appreciate his "tough love" 20 years from now. Being an Eagle himself, my dad expected me to be at the same level.

AQ: Was there a point where you – or he – almost quit? (I find a lot of guys won't admit it at the time, but years later, they all agree there was the notion that it was too much work.)

Greg - I never wanted to quit. I loved the camping part of Scouting and I started really late (14). I enjoyed the challenge of the long odds of obtaining Eagle. I have to thank various Eagle Scouts from my era for the motivation – they will not be named in this arena however. Let's just say, a little old school bullying from your peers isn't such a bad thing.

Dan - I did consider quitting the first few months. At the end of my first summer in Scouting there was a high adventure trip I couldn't go on because of sports. There were lots of camping trips that I missed

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out on because of school and sports. It was a hard balance between school, sports and Scouts. Ultimately, I had to choose sports or Scouts and Scouting was obviously going to be a greater benefit down the road.

AQ: Greg, you have a lot of history with the Troop and successfully dealing with our Eagle prospects. How do you keep them focused? Is there a trick to it?

Greg - Scouting and the kids have changed in the

last 20 years. The one thing that is very important to know is that most kids who are at the threshold of becoming Eagle Scouts are very motivated. There is no trick. It's the drive of the Scout to become the Eagle that has not changed over time.

AQ: The guys who achieve the rank all have one thing in common: they're glad they stuck with it. The one's who come close and did not, always regret it. You find that true?

Greg - 100 percent true. I was completely surprised the older I got how being an Eagle Scout would come up in conversations through college, my professional life and family life.

Dan - I couldn't agree more. I know a couple of people who



haven't made it to Eagle, whether they have stopped at Life or Star, and it's one of the biggest regrets of their life. The people who achieve Eagle feel it's one of the biggest accomplishments of their life.

AQ: Greg, with your longevity, you certainly have a unique perspective of the Scouting program. What are the most significant changes in Scouting from the days when you were a young man, to present day and watching Dan move along his Eagle trail?

Greg - The Political Correctness Police have had a significant impact on the message that Scouting has tried to deliver over the past 30 years for good or ill. The leaders of this fine organization from National, Regional, Council and Troop level have done an excellent job of adjusting to the changes that have been bestowed upon them to keep the message alive.

Scouting's values and visions are still incredible messages that need to be delivered to young men in the world today and into the future. I'm thrilled my son had the chance to participate in a great program with dedicated leaders who are amongst the best in the country.

AQ: With your years of service and your perspective with the Troop, are there any changes you would like make to the Scouting program?

Greg - More Snipe hunts on campouts!

Editor's Note - Dr. Ken LaPolla and son John will soon follow Greg and Dan Rossi in the ranks of Troop 101 father-son Eagle Scouts.

Troop Website Gets a New Look

complete rewrite for 15 year old website

Have you been to the Troop website lately? Maybe you should check it out!

It's been a while since the website had a complete overhaul. To be honest, all the updates Matt McCracken has been making to the site, have mostly been cosmetic over the last ten years.

This year, Matt took a larger look at the Troop website and took it back to square one!

The new look is more responsive. If you have a smaller screen, like a cell phone or a tablet, the look of the site will be different. This isn't the first time the site has changed it's look, but it is the first time the back end database has been.

The update started earlier this year, about the same time Matt moved out of the Warren area to shorten his commute to work. Over the next several months, every aspect of the database was rewritten and scrutinized to optimize the website going forward.

It's an exciting change. If You have an account, we encourage you to log in and check it out. If you don't have an account, register now! It's Free!



Update on our New Home



By now you've probably seen the campaign to build a new storage building for all that lovely Troop 101 gear. If not, be sure to check out the Troop Website and find out more about our Building Project.

The Quotes are in! The builder has all the quotes and is ready for the next step. The Alumni board will be meeting with him to review the options. There are several decisions that need to be made. Hopefully the meeting will be held in the next few weeks when everyone is back in town.

Then it is off to get permits and hopefully stick a shovel in the ground!

Alumni Quarterly wants to hear from you

We hope you enjoy reading the Alumni Quarterly.

Perhaps you have a scouting memory you want to share? Maybe let your troop know what you've been up to for the past couple years?

We love hearing from our alumni, and want to continue providing updates on our past, present, and future with Troop 101.

It doesn't take much time to send us a quick email to let us know how you are, and what you've been up to. Maybe share a fun story from Scouting. Just send us an email at newsletter@troop101.net. We look forward to hearing from you!



Trivia

1. Who was the first one to sign the 101 paddle at the new BBQ Place in Warren?
2. How many ranks are there on the trail to Eagle?
3. In what year did we celebrate our 101st Eagle Scout?
4. Do you have to be a US Citizen to join Scouting?
5. Who is the longest serving Eagle Scout in history?

Fun Facts

The Troop had 4 Eagles in 2015 and 4 eagles in 2014. In 2016 the Troop may gain 4 new Eagles in January.

David Bowie's first public musical performance was at a Scout camp on the Isle of Wight in 1958. David accompanied his friend George Underwood on the ukulele, while George played washboard bass and sang.

1. Sebastian Szweczyk
2. 7 - Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle
3. 2005
4. Citizenship is not required of youth or adult members.
5. Robert Dick Douglas Jr. Eagle Scout for 90 years.

Answers



Jim Potjunas Scoutmaster

Thanks to El Niño it is in the 40's and drizzling outside. This is a far cry from last year's never-ending cold and snow. I think that was best summed up by a Facebook post by our Alumni Quarterly editor, Ed Byers, in late March

which was a grumpy pic of him getting snowed on in downtown Cleveland labeled "90th Day of January".

We are still a couple of weeks away from Winter Event so who knows? It could be brown or white. Green is never one of the choices. This year's event is a bit different. It will be held at Perkins Park in downtown Warren and followed up with a sleepover on Saturday night at the Warren Fitness Center, formerly the YMCA. Some of you older alumni may recall a Winter Event 1980 at Hiram College which combined outdoor activities with indoor ones. So we change it up a bit this year.

As I walk out of the Church on Monday nights after the troop meeting I gaze across the parking lot to a dark patch of woods and imagine what it will look like with a nice new building standing there. Plans are back from the architect and the alumni board will meet in another week or so with him and the builder for final decisions before we apply for our permits. Then we will break ground and that dark patch of woods will change forever! This sure takes a lot longer than I had hoped, but it is moving forward. Look for a much more enthusiastic piece in an upcoming

issue once the work begins.

Meanwhile, two Scouts passed their Eagle boards last month and we have an Eagle Court of Honor in January (Dan Rossi) and April (John Eustace). When Eagle Boards come around this month there will be four more (Donavan Ray, Stavan Shah, John LaPolla, and Christian Padula.) We have two more after that who are in the process of filling out their paperwork. For those of you keeping score, that would bring us up to 147.

February and March campouts will be in Cabins (CustalogaTown and Tuscazoar) as we try to mitigate the hassles of drying tents and taking care of equipment. After that comes the Spaghetti Dinner for those of you who will be in the Warren area. Who knows? You might get to see some construction going on across the parking lot!

As I look ahead to summer, we will, of course, have Family Camp in June. You are all invited. Summer Camp in July will have some interesting changes. More on that later. For our big trips this year we are looking at two long weekends. Ken LaPolla will lead a backpacking trip to Pine Gorge as a high adventure and we will also do a Paddle and Saddle weekend up in the Allegheny National Forest. Again for those of you keeping score, 2001 was the last time we did a horseback program.

So the rain has stopped and those Christmas lights won't take themselves down. It's not such a bad job in this weather. A little snow for Winter Event wouldn't be such a bad thing though.

-Jim



Mr. Potjunas - Eagle paperwork review



Owl Patrol at the Christmas Party

Eagle's Wings Needs YOU!

If you haven't had a chance to get involved with Eagle's Wings - now is the perfect time to volunteer and help us, help your scout!

As you know, we're always looking for new volunteers (even if it's just to make a few quick phone calls) to assist us out with activities and fundraisers for the boys. This year we've had a lot of our scouts graduate and we NEED your help! Call Stacey or stop by one of our monthly meetings anytime!

Eagle's Wings Fleecewear & Gear Sale

The Eagles Wings Fleecewear sale is under way! Check out the cool stuff being offered this year by clicking here.

If you're interested in ordering anything, fill out this form and email it to EaglesWings@troop101.net

WHO ARE EAGLE'S WINGS?

The Eagle's Wings is a group of parents who may not have the time to be an ASM or a committee member but would still like to help make a contribution to our Troop. Eagle's Wings meet just once a month and help to plan and coordinate our several events throughout the year.

Help us to help your scouts - and get involved with:

- The Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and basket auction.
- Coordinating refreshments for Troop Courts of Honor.
- Planning our Annual Halloween Party for the Troop.
- Preparing the Annual Christmas Party for the Troop.
- Providing a Christmas community service project in which the Troop can participate
- Coordinating our Annual Summer Camp Picnic.
- Serve as a support group for the parents of new families that join the Troop.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

EASY! We meet the second Monday of the month during the regular troop meeting in the teacher's lounge at Blessed Sacrament. The June meeting is at the troop's annual Family Campout. Meeting schedules may vary, depending on current projects. Check the Troop Calendar for updates and details.

Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner - Did somebody say spaghetti?



Come enjoy a great meal at the 37th annual Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner, Palm Sunday, March 20th at Blessed Sacrament Church's Regan Hall, Noon to 6 p.m.!

Enjoy a delicious spaghetti Dinner with all the trimmings. \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under the age of 12.

You can buy a ticket from a Scout, get one at the door, or even stop in for carry-out! Pre-order 12 or more dinners and get free delivery! That's right, we'll deliver to your door.

But if you show up, you can bid on some really awesome gift baskets! Eagle's Wings holds their Basket Sale at the same time! Don't miss out!

This is one of only two fundraisers the Troop holds each year, and we once again, are counting on you for support!

Scouts & Scout Families:

This is our biggest fundraiser! Here are some of the ways you can help:

- Sell Tickets
- Pre-make Sauce or Pasta
- Bake a dessert / brownies
- Come help the day of the dinner
- Donate to the Eagle's Wings basket project
- Sell more tickets!

Please support it any way you can!



Troop 101 Assistant Scoutmaster Erik Hoover

Opens BBQ Restaurant in Warren



You can ask anyone who knows Troop 101 Assistant Scoutmaster Erik Hoover. He is really into competition BBQ and is certainly very good at what he does. We have been lucky to enjoy his award-winning culinary talents on many a Troop campout.

According to Erik, he started slow smoking pork out of a makeshift smoker he welded together in his backyard in 2001 and a few years later – Cockeye BBQ was born in a KCBS competition field in southern Ohio.

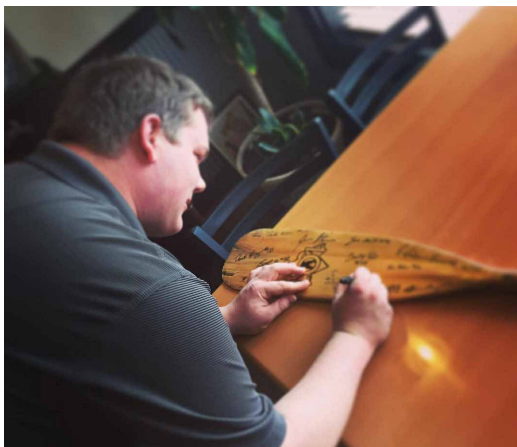
In 2015, he took his talents to a whole new level, opening Cockeye BBQ restaurant on Parkman Road near Northwest Boulevard in Warren.

You may recall it was Erik who catered both the 35th and 40th reunions for us. Incidentally, he did the 40th reunion right after opening Cockeye BBQ and while it was difficult for him to be away from the business on a Saturday, he did it anyway.

We broke a canoe paddle during the 40th at Pymatuning and Erik has it hanging on the wall of the restaurant. Any 101 Eagle who comes in is asked to sign it.



Erik - Slicing LOTS of pastrami for Smokehouse Reubens



Eagle #125 - Bryce Kuszmaul

By the way, Scouts in uniform get a 10 percent discount - something our Scout Executive, Jason Wolfe, takes advantage of when he makes a lunch run for the Scout office.

The Hoovers are Troop 101 mainstays. Erik has been an Assistant Scoutmaster for the past five years and wife, Stacey, is currently the head of Eagle's Wings. She is also the newest member of the Troop Alumni Association Board replacing Bob Staab who just retired to Florida.

Erik and Stacey's eldest son, Max, is Eagle #139, and their younger son, Ben, will likely follow this year.

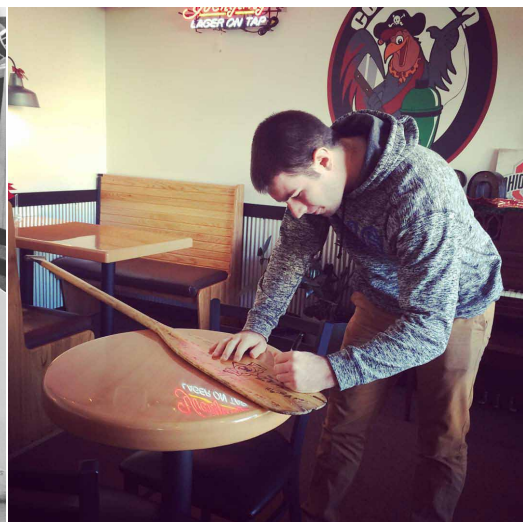
We wholeheartedly encourage Alumni Eagles to stop by and sign the paddle and grab some grub at Cockeye BBQ. Anyone who appreciates BBQ will return again and again like so many of our Alumni do.



Eagle #135 - Sebastian Szweczyk



Eagle #60 - Tom Stack



Eagle #141 - Dan Rossi

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The Troop 101 gallery now contains over **72,000** photos and videos from 1975 to the present.



Spaghetti Dinner - 1991



Chickagami - 1991



Winter Event - 2009



Spaghetti Dinner - 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• January

January 23 - 24 - Winter Event

• February

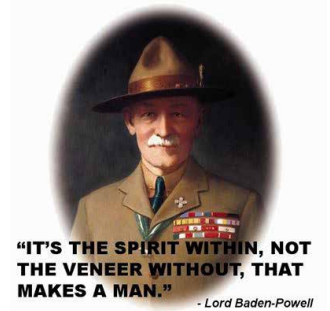
February 6 - Peak N Peak Ski Trip

February 19 - 20 - CustalogaTown

• March

March 4 - 6 - Tuscazoar

March 20 - Spaghetti Dinner



FOR MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE TROOP CALENDAR AT <http://Troop101.net/calendar.asp>

What the Troop has been up to since our last issue



Oil Creek Backpacking Campout October 25, 2015

The colors of the trees, and laughter along the trail. The troop just got back from hiking around 8 miles around Oil Creek State park. There were many steep climbs, but they conquered them all and got back to camp before the heavy rains.



Halloween Party November 2, 2015

There was something spooky going on tonight! Check out the photos from our annual Halloween Party!

Special thanks to Eagles Wings and the Owl Patrol for putting everything together. Excellent costumes everyone!



Seven Ranges November 15, 2015

It was a pretty windy weekend, but the sun was out, and the good times were plenty! We just wrapped up the November camping trip at Seven Ranges. We built a tower, traversed a mine field, built fires, practiced first aid, and more!



Christmas Party December 6, 2015

It was a fun evening of games, snacks, and 3D Printing & Scanning. The evening was concluded with a court of honor, and slideshow.

Salvation Army Gift Delivery December 19, 2015

Scouts took some time during the holidays to give back. Families helped gather gifts for the Salvation Army for families that didn't qualify or missed the deadline.