



Your Invited!

Calling all Cold Spring Soccer Club Players!

Come say thank you to Alex for rebuilding our soccer rebound wall at Chestnut Hill

Dedication Ceremony starts @ 1:00pm

When: Saturday, April 7th

Where: Rebound Wall Chestnut Hill Community School

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Alex Morley, Eagle Scout candidate, is seen with his father, Scott, in front of the newly finished soccer wall.

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Eagle project helps kids with kicks

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BELCHERTOWN – Alex Morley of Belchertown Troop 57 has been a Boy Scout since he was 7 years old, and after years of hard work and dedication, he is close to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest attainable level in the organization. Only four percent of Scouts get to this rank, all of which are subject to a lengthy review process.

Morley says it all started when, as a child, he saw Scouts competing in the Pinewood Derby. In this event, Scouts build pocket-sized wooden racecars to race against each other.

"I saw how many kids were having fun making and racing these little cars, and I thought the

badges were really cool too," said Morley.

Morley said that his dad, being a former Scout, helped motivate him to go this far.

"I didn't know he did Scouting until I was already in Scouts, and I was like, you know what, I'm going to outrank him by getting the Eagle," he said.

To achieve the Eagle Scout rank, Morley said he still needs four merit badges.

"I already have 17 merit badges, but I need 21 for Eagle Scout," he said. Morley explained that each merit badge has different requirements and tasks, depending on its subject. The subjects he has yet to master are personal management, personal fitness, family life, and cooking.

But the biggest tasks are

already out of the way, one of them being the service project requirement.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Morley recruited the help of friends and family to reconstruct the soccer wall outside Chestnut Hill Community School. The wall is used by kids of surrounding schools and the Cold Spring Soccer Club. Morley was a member of the club.