

# One Eagle Scout community service offers a big bang

Community service obligations is a common theme for high school students, whether through schools, or as part of a Scout program.

Various lessons are learned, all valuable for the youngsters performing those community services.

Giving, organizing, planning, directing, all are a part of some programs, especially in fulfilling Eagle Scout requirements.

Taggart Lohman, a Waubonsie Valley High School sophomore, chose to do a good job in fulfilling Eagle Scout requirements. Instead of the routine, he wanted a memorable experience. Instead of just getting by with the minimum, he chose a worthy project which would take planning and work. The Eagle Scout community service project requirement is that the Eagle Scout must organize a plan of action, receive authorization and approval at several council levels, and, recruit volunteers to help with the project.

The Scout, in essence, directs with his plan, rather than performs all of the work.

Taggart Lohman saw a video of a Scout who restored a cannon in Texas. He thought that would be a worthwhile experience. He made calls to various VFWs (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and came with his father, Steve, to the Montgomery VFW Post 7452 to look at the cannon in front.

"I thought the cannon at the VFW in Montgomery would take some work and was what I wanted to do" he said. "I talked with Mr. (John) Behnke (commander of the Post) and he was helpful.

"I want to be sure to thank all the volunteers who helped me," young Lohman said more than

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once. Without their help I could not have done it."

Commander Behnke invited Taggart to the Sunday, Nov. 10 Veteran's Day ceremony at 11 a.m. and invited him for a little ceremony shortly thereafter to celebrate the completion of his project. There was a color guard and Bill Clark sang with his clear voice, even at 90 years-plus

A few fitting remarks by commander Behnke and a few fitting remarks by the young Mr. Lohman followed. The Lohman party of parents, grandparents, sister, fellow Boy Scouts, shared the famous

Post 7452 turtle soup, eaten on special occasions such as Veteran's Day and Memorial Day.

One of the side benefits for Taggart Lohman is that he did research on the cannon, its history and its manufacture by the Goss Printing Company.

There will be good memories of a fun and productive project. See photos on page 25.

One story he may remember. "During the afternoon on our first Saturday of work," he said, "a family stopped by (on River Street) and gave us hot chocolates. The mother said her older son was in the Navy, and that they were proud of the work I had been doing. This as a very unexpected and exciting event, which I think really helped to boost our morale, as well helping us to realize the impact of the project. It was very touching to see that everyone was touched and that people cared about what we were doing (in the restoration)."

Youth is served and the future is bright.

## Memorialized name of James Monroe included

**November 15, 2013**  
**Dear editor;**

I picked up a copy of your special edition (in the October 31 issue of *The Voice*) saluting our veterans with information on the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall which was at West Aurora High School November 7-11. On page 2 of the section there was a listing of names of local service members whose names were on the Wall, but I noticed that at least one name

was missing. I was just curious as to why James Monroe from Wheaton was not among the ones honored?

it in order to save the others who could not be moved. A middle school in Wheaton is now named after him.

14 in the listing from Wheaton), and I all were classmates and graduated in 1962. I have since moved from Wheaton to Oswego.

**Rhea Hunter**  
**DAR Veteran's**  
**chairperson**  
**AMOS Kendall Chapter**  
**Oswego**

### READER'S VOICE

He was a medic who gave his life when treating the wounded under his care in the field and an explosive device landed in their midst. He threw himself upon

I do appreciate that your paper created this edition, though, to honor our vets, past, and present.

James Monroe, John Pooler, (among the

*Editor's note: We did not have the information on James Monroe and regret the omission. Thank you for helping to complete the record.*

## A voice important for all of us

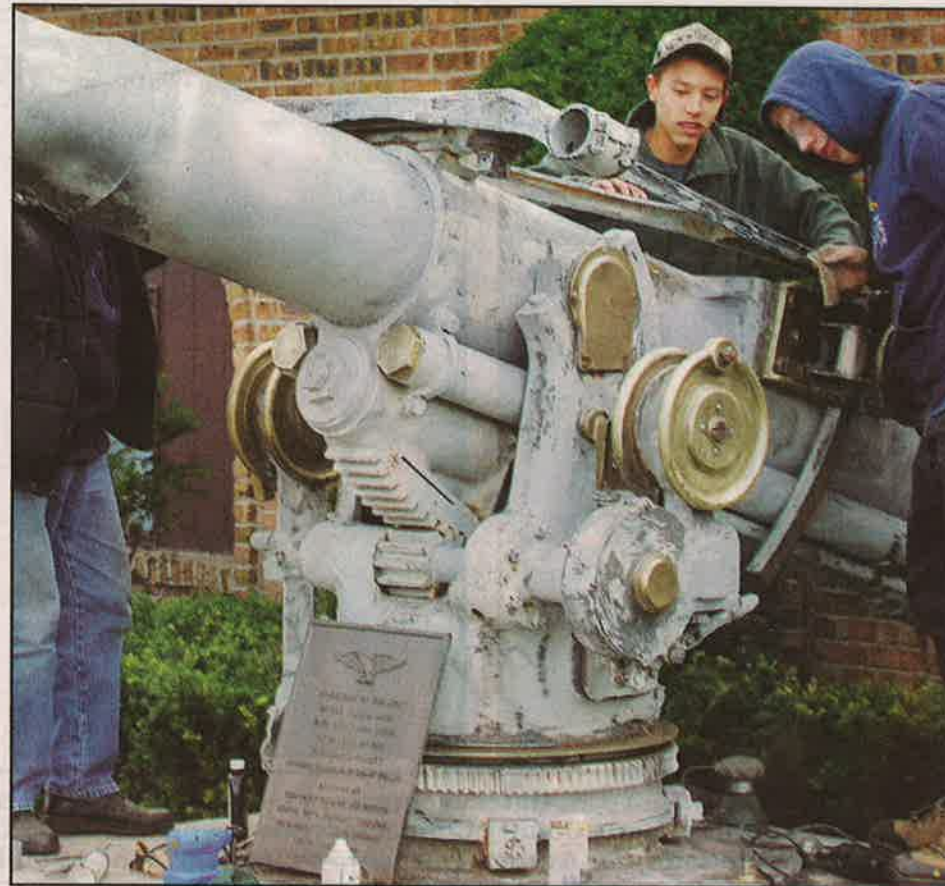
We all have a need to be heard in some way and at some time in our lives.

We need to have a voice.

Whether it is a conversation between two, a situation in a

## Question on cholesterol name impact





## Eagle Scout project: VFW Cannon

Eagle Scout Taggart Lohman of Naperville ended his search for a special Eagle Scout project for Troop 889 when he saw the cannon outside of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7452 in Montgomery recently. His special project was to refurbish the cannon and improve the landscape around the cannon. He and a volunteer group of 20 friends and family performed the main work fixing up the cannon the first week with volunteers, including his father, Steve Lohman, Julius Smith, Quinn Draz, Norris Lohman, and Rick Lohman. He did the landscaping the second week. The crowning glory was a nice ceremony at Post 7452 by commander John Behnke following the Sunday, Nov. 10 Veteran's Day service at Riverside Cemetery. Taggart Lohman gave remarks of thanks to his volunteers who followed his plans. In the photos above, he inspects the cannon, performs landscaping with his father, and poses for the many cameras with commander Behnke who presented a plaque, and gives brief remarks in front of William Clark who offered a song.

—Carter Crane

