

The Hawk's Nest



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A Quarterly Newsletter to our Investors

March 2022

A Hawk Mountain Scout in "Action"

On February 20th, Gage Fecera was presented the National Medal of Merit for his quick thinking and actions which saved the life of his grandfather, Richard Swavely (Pop).

On August 24, 2021, Gage was in the kitchen with Nan and Pop. Pop was going to mow, and Gage would follow him shortly.

About 30 minutes later, Gage heard yelling outside his door and his dad comes bursting through the door saying, "Hurry up Gage, Pop cut off his arm!" Gage got up and rushed out the front door and by the time he reached the driveway, Gage had almost taken off his belt. He took a few seconds to survey the scene. The tractor was down by the creek and there was a significant amount of blood loss from this horrible injury. Following his Scouts Skills and listening to his grandfather, he took his Boy Scout belt and fashioned it as a tourniquet around the top part of the left shoulder and around the armpit. Gage had to step on his grandfather's shoulder to tighten the belt enough to ensure the bleeding would stop. The ambulance arrived and Gage stayed with his grandfather until he left for the ER.

Sandi (Nan) shared "This is something I'd rather not think about. It was the worst day of my life. Dick was mowing and hit a rock which threw him off the mower. The mower came down and he tried to push away from the tractor, but his arm got caught underneath the mower. Gage arrived and used his Boy Scout belt to stop the bleeding. Before surgery, we went into his room and the whole medical team was waiting to take him into surgery. The doctor explained that the medical team was unsure how all this would work out for Dick, but whoever the Scout was who used his belt had saved Dick's life and should be very proud of himself for knowing what to do in an emergency like this."

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Upcoming Happenings

April 2 nd	Frontier District - Pinewood Derby
April 22 nd	8 th Annual Sporting Clays Classic
April 23 rd	Black Rock First Aid Meet
May 13 th	3rd Annual Tent-In
May 21 st	Frontier District Fishing Rodeo
May 22 nd	Council Recognition & Gathering of Eagles Celebration

For information on these activities & events please contact us at (610) 926-3406

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Dr. Amir Baynam, a plastic surgeon with Tower Health wrote a letter regarding Gage’s actions. He said, “If it was not for his grandson, without question, Mr. Swavely would have died; Gage’s quick and expert thinking and action to use his Boy Scout belt as a tourniquet frankly saved his grandfather’s life.”

Sandi also shared, “A few days after this all happened the doctor came into Dick’s hospital room and handed me a plastic bag with Gage’s Scout belt. I explained how Gage had just become an Eagle Scout. The doctor told me to tell him that he should think about the life he saved every time he puts on his Scout belt. This is now the only belt Gage wears.”



The Hawk Mountain Council is pleased to present the National Medal of Merit to Gage Fecera for his outstanding actions.



2022 Silver Beavers Selected

The Silver Beaver Award is the Council level distinguished service award. It is awarded to volunteers who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication and many years of service. The 2021 Hawk Mountain Council Silver Beaver Award recipients are:

Chuck Faust – Black Rock District

Kurt Freer – Frontier District & Council

Anne Girard – Black Rock District

Dennis Harman– Cacoosing District & Council

An award ceremony will be held on May 22, 2022 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. This will be held in conjunction with our Gathering of Eagles Event.

On Behalf of the Youth & Volunteers of the Hawk Mountain Council Thank You!

As an investor in the Scouting Programs of the Hawk Mountain Council, BSA you are changing Lives!

“Leave A Legacy” - Ask how you can support the next generation of Scouts