

Swamp White Oak Tree Assembly / Planting

Thursday, October 24, 2013
1 p.m.

Starts in the Gym for Ceremony Then to Nature Trail to Plant Trees

Welcome

Michelle Weisrock, Principal

Pledge of Allegiance

Kindergarten Students

God Bless America

Jeanne Bleser, Music Teacher

Introduction of Guests

Michelle Weisrock, Principal

Student Original Works

Erica Kommer/Jillian Brown
Sidney Chaney

Sixth Graders
Sixth Grader

The Eagle Nature Trail

Jean Weedman

Video of Ground Zero

Acorn Collection & Donation

Phil Hall



Guest Speakers

Stephan Nass
Brian Derenne

State Representative
Eagles Lions Club

Swamp White Oak Information

Fischer Schneider

Fifth Grader

Student Original Works

Sage Sequoia
Kazimira Beth

Sixth Grader
Fifth Grader

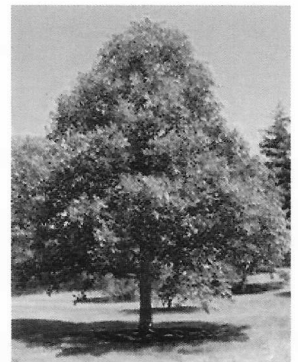
The Tree Song

Jeanne Bleser, Music Teacher

Closing Remarks

Michelle Weisrock, Principal

Outside to Water Trees



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A piece of the 9/11 memorial in Eagle

Students care for trees from Ground Zero Memorial acorns

By Shannon Venegas
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EAGLE - After traveling in the pockets of former Eagle resident Phillip J. Hall from the September 11 Memorial back to Wisconsin, eight acorns have grown into young trees and will be planted along the Eagle Nature Trail and cared for by Eagle Elementary School students.

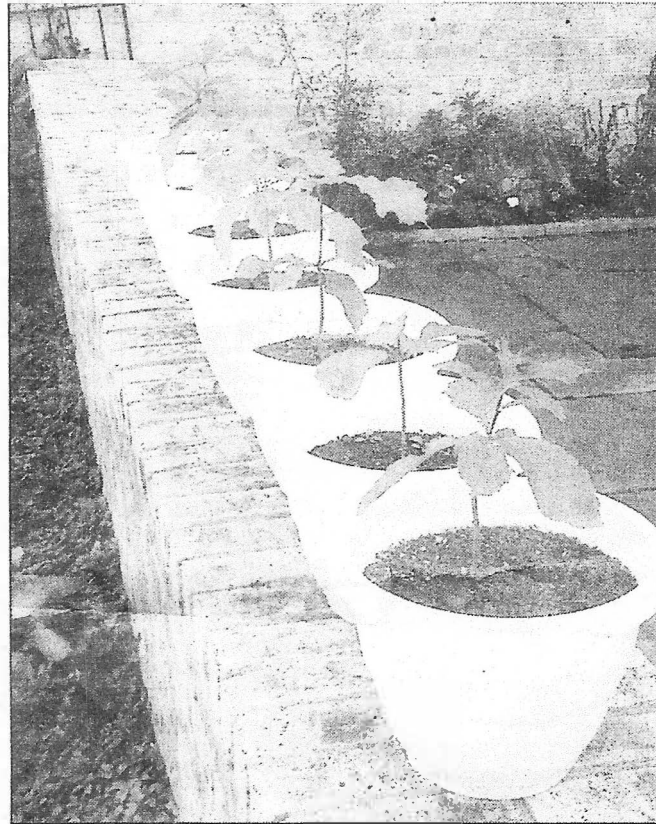
Hall visited the memorial last October and picked up acorns from the swamp white oak trees that were planted prior to the 10th anniversary. Hall said it is a habit of his to pick up acorns and help them grow.

Hall was able to research a way to preserve the acorns over the winter and plant them in the spring. Eventually, eight trees sprouted.

Hall knew he wanted the trees to be placed in Eagle, so he donated seven of them to the Eagle Lions Club to help find a forever home. The Lions Club members knew the Nature Trail would be the perfect spot.

According to Jean Weedman, president of the Nature Trail, swamp white oak trees are native to the area.

"That's important to me at the trail," Weedman said. "We are concerned with planting things that would have been here."



Submitted photo

These young swamp white oak trees were grown from acorns that former Eagle resident Phillip J. Hall picked while visiting the September 11 Memorial. They will be planted on the Eagle Nature Trail and watered by Eagle Elementary School students.

Students at Eagle Elementary School have committed to water the trees for the next two years, even throughout the summer. They will also write letters to local officials about the upcoming dedication ceremony. Weedman said it will be good practice for the children in letter writing and learning about civic responsibilities.

"Part of the reason for doing this is the idea that

the events of 9/11 should be remembered," Weedman said. "This is a way to bring that back for kids, but in an age-appropriate way, about the courage of people when they have to use it, the resilience of people when they face something unimaginable."

The dedication ceremony will take place on Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. in the gym at the school, 810 E. Main St., followed by a walk to the trees.