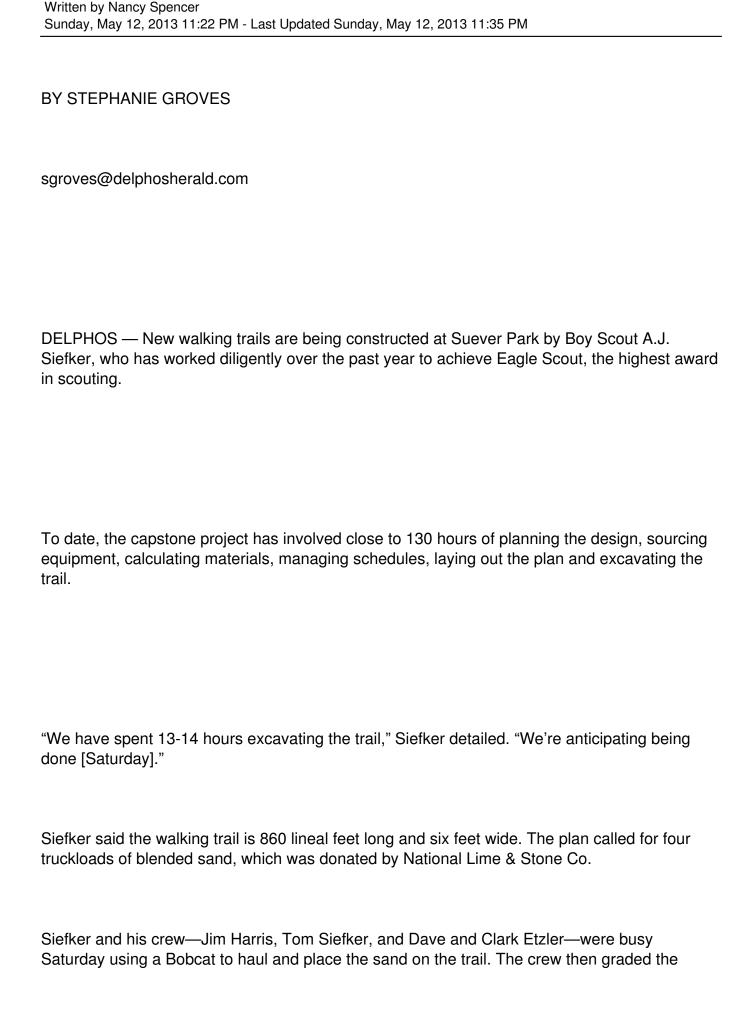
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3-4-inches-deep sand close to level with the existing grade (soil). This stage of the project will take a day to complete.

"Most Eagle projects are over 100 hours," Harris said. "It helps development of leadership skills."

"The big thing you learn is project management," Tom Siefker stated. "Getting approvals, sourcing materials and funds."

The group expressed concerns they had after last summer's storm felled two huge trees across the planned pathway. Removal of the trees was a huge obstacle.

"It was something we were not equipped to deal with," Tom Siefker said. "The city came in over the winter and took care of it."

Many businesses and individuals have been instrumental in the success of the project. Beining Contractors owner, Ron Beining, donated the time and equipment to deliver the sand and the Bobcat rental was donated by Delphos Rental Corporation.

"I want to thank the Scouts, leaders the city officials and everyone else who helped with the project," A.J Siefker said earnestly. "Without them, it would not be possible."

In the past, Eagle Scouts Mitchell and Matthew Antalis, who were Boy Scouts at the time, designed and installed projects for Suever Park to earn their distinguished rank.

Almost 60,000 young men received the Eagle Scout award in 2012. It is the highest number of Scouts to receive this prestigious award in 100 years. To date, more than 2 million Boy Scouts have earned the rank.

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To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills. There are a variety of options available to demonstrate proficiency in these areas; however, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks — Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. To advance, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges.

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