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Community Service

We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions can be sent to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com with the subject header In Service to the Community.

New Troop 57 Eagle Scouts

Submitted by Marta L. Wallace



Top row, from left: Colin Friese, Cameron Hoyh, and Trevor Wallace. Bottom row, Daniel Buettner-Fourie and Brent Glowatch. Photo Provided

Troop 57, chartered by St. Marks United Methodist Church in Orinda, celebrated five new Eagle Scouts Jan. 13. This year's scouts, all of whom are current or former Miramonte High School students, include Daniel J. Buettner-Fourie, Colin Anthony Friese, Brent James Glowatch, Cameron A. Hoyh, and Trevor R. Wallace. Each Eagle Scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 12 Eagle-required badges, demonstrate leadership and scout spirit, and perform a service project for the community.

For his Eagle Scout project, Daniel Buettner-Fourie landscaped four plots behind Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. This included

clearing out debris, replacing the old soil, planting 23 new plants, installing a timed drip system, and laying down ground covering, and took a month to complete.

Colin Friese built a sandbox for Del Rey School's after school program, Dolphin Club. Colin supervised a team as they cleared an overgrown area, anchored and built the sandbox, and hauled and sifted 81 cubic yards of sand. By reclaiming the old sand, he saved the school district over \$1,200. The popular sandbox draws many children, allowing easy supervision by the staff.

Brent Glowatch solved a persistent drainage problem at Holy Shepherd Church. Water was collecting on the east side of the property due to

drainage from a retaining wall, a large hillside, and the roof. By installing a drainage system with underground piping, surface drains and a catch basin, he was able to collect and route the water to existing underground storm drains. This project eliminated very wet conditions and enabled church members to expand the church with a new extension currently under construction.

Cameron Hoyh cultivated an organic garden at Miramonte High School of herbs and vegetables and protected the planter boxes with PVC and chicken wire from pests, such as deer and raccoons. He also created a grapevine structure since there was no place for the existing grapevines to grow. This part of the project required relocating the grape plants to avoid running water lines, manhole covers and electrical lines, laying new irrigation lines for watering and marking the electrical lines.

Trevor Wallace recorded himself, his brother and his friends reading children's books aloud. For most of the stories, each participant read the voice of a particular character while Trevor took the part of narrator. Ms. Pat Sokalski, former librarian at Del Rey School and Orinda Intermediate School, graciously donated three hours of her time to read an entire chapter book for the project. Trevor donated the recordings to Children's Hospital Oakland so that sick children could hear stories on the hospital's iPads.

Soccer Club Collects Warm Coats for Charity

Submitted by Linda Sosa



Photo Greg Davis

The California Magic Soccer Club, a competitive soccer club in Orinda, had a wonderful evening playing pick-up soccer or "Pelada" for charity Jan. 20. More than 60 parents, players, and kids arrived at the new Wilder Fields with coats in hand to share in an evening of fun, food, and entertainment, and to volunteer and

collect coats for the "One Warm Coat" foundation. Playing "Pelada" under the lights, the Club was able to collect 117 warm coats for the needy and donated them to the Concord Burlington Coat Factory to be distributed throughout the county. "They were quite surprised as we kept bringing bag after bag after bag in through

the front door," said volunteer Lori Smith. "It's just nice that the Magic does these types of community outreach programs to enlighten the kids." The "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" campaign is a nationwide effort to collect and donate one million coats. For more information about the organization, visit onewarmcoat.org.

Coach Carney Goes Shoeless for a Cause

Information provided by Shane Carney



Photo provided

To raise awareness of the need for shoes throughout the world, Campolindo High School boys varsity soccer coach Shane Carney coached his team barefoot in the 40-degree weather against rival Miramonte Jan. 18. Carney is working with the nonprofit organization Soles4Souls, which provides donated shoes to those in

need across the globe. Monetary donations are also turned into shoes at a rate of one pair of shoes for every \$1 donated. Carney is collecting new and used shoes and donations toward shoes. For more information, visit www.soles4soulsfundraising.org/shanecarney or email shanebcarney@gmail.com.