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## Orinda Boy Scout Troop 237 Honors Three New Eagle Scouts

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From left: Tucker Fife, Bryce Hummer and Stephen Schmidt Photo B. Hummer

large ski racks for use by the patrollers.

Bryce Hummer's project improved a sports facility at Miramonte High School, where he is a senior. A four-year member of the school's varsity tennis team, Bryce noticed that the match viewing area for players and spectators featured a large area of weeds and bare dirt. He and his team of volunteers installed borders and drought tolerant plantings, and crushed granite hardscape under the stands.

Stephen Schmidt's project benefitted Sleepy Hollow Elementary School. Passionate about school safety after learning that his cousin's elementary school principal was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School disaster, Stephen met with Dr. Ken Gallegos, the principal of Sleepy Hollow, and discussed ways to make the campus safe in case of a natural disaster or unwanted intruder and installed directional compass rose markers on campus. He is a sophomore at Miramonte High School.

Three Scouts, Tucker Fife, Bryce Hummer, and Stephen Schmidt, with Boy Scout Troop 237 of Orinda have achieved Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout and will be celebrating their Eagle Court of Honor Sunday, Nov. 16 at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church.

To become an Eagle, the candidate must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 13 Eagle-required badges, demonstrate leadership and scout spirit, and successfully complete an Eagle service project that benefits the community.

Tucker Fife's project benefitted the volunteer national ski patrol at Squaw Valley. A senior at Bentley School and an avid skier, in December 2012, Tucker was swept from the KT-22 chairlift by an avalanche, and the ski patrol jumped into action to save him. He chose to help the helpers who helped him and so many others. To increase ski patrol headquarters ski storage, Tucker built two

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