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Troop 303 Honors Five New Eagle Scouts

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From left: Razmin Riahi, Nicholas Latimer, Alex Levin and Kyle Kirk Photo Kate Hayner

Shelter Inc., an independent nonprofit organization serving Contra Costa County to help prevent homelessness, end the cycle of homelessness and provide affordable housing. Additionally, Nick led a bilingual class on emergency preparedness.

Alex Levin renovated the horseshoe pit and restored the benches at Orinda Oaks Park. He weeded the area, dug out the old sand from the two pits, placed fiberglass cloth and then filled them back up with new sand, removing the old deteriorating backboards and replacing them with redwood planks as well as adding a 4 by 4 foot redwood cross beam to each side for extra support. Lastly, he sanded and stained the nearby bench and planks and laid gravel over the middle area.

Kyle Kirk, in cooperation with Principal Langer from Glorietta Elementary School, renovated numerous picnic tables and benches at his former school. The project, which consisted of just under 200 hours of work, helped restore the benches and repaint them to match Glorietta's light blue color.

Ben Hoxie painted a map of California on the Wagner Ranch Elementary School playground, showing the regions of our great state. He also built nine folding signs that can be used by Wagner Ranch staff to convey messages at various points on campus. The signs are easy to set up, store, and can be marked like a white board when conveying temporary messages.

Five Boy Scouts, Razmin Riahi, Nicholas Latimer, Kyle Kirk, Alex Levin and Ben Hoxie from Troop 303 of Orinda have achieved Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout and will be celebrating their Eagle Court of Honor at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Orinda. All five Scouts are currently seniors at Miramonte High School.

To become an Eagle Scout, 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.

Razmin Riahi's Eagle Project built a cabinet for the numerous lost and found items at Glorietta Elementary School, which had often overflowed on hanging racks and bins in the entrance of the gym.

Nick Latimer completed fundraising to make emergency preparedness kits for the clients of



Ben Hoxie Photo John Wolfe

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