

## Community Service

### LCF Gives Generously to Local Organizations

Submitted by Rhonda Andronico



From left, back row: Beth Montgomery, Beth Needle, Mike Gilson, David Morales, Janet Thomas, Lia Nelson, Sereta Churchill, Mary Bruns and Ruth McCracken; middle row: Susie Falk and Sandra Patterson; front row: Erica Hom, Dan Houge, Kathy Merchant Photo provided

The Lafayette Community Foundation's Spring Grant Recipient and Major Donor Event took place at Town Hall Theatre May 11. LCF gave out almost \$14,000 to the following organizations: California Shakespeare Theater, Contare Con Vivo, Early Alert Canines, Girl

Scouts-Twin Canyon, Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation, Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center, Lamorinda Adult Respite Center, Lamorinda Spirit Van, Lamorinda Village, Las Trampas and Town Hall Theatre.

### Girl Scouts Host Free CPR and AED Training Event

Submitted by TJ Kirke



Lafayette Girl Scout Troop #31881 members with their moms (Jordan Lum, Sam Lum's sister, in the purple sweatshirt) Photo provided

Hands-only CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) can double or even triple the chances of survival for a cardiac arrest victim, according to the American Heart Association. Thanks to Lafayette Girl Scout Troop #31881, the public can learn hands-only CPR and get Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training at a free event from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 31 at St. Perpetua Church, 3454 Hamlin Road in Lafayette. The training facilitated by Contra Costa County EMS only takes 15 minutes, and no reservations are required. The Girl Scouts decided to host the event in honor of Stanley Middle School eighth-grader Sam Lum, who is

the brother of one of the Scouts, Jordon. Sam was saved when a bystander used an AED to revive him after he collapsed during a CYO basketball tournament. "Luckily there was a nurse at the game who immediately performed CPR and, ultimately, used a defibrillator machine to revive him," said one of the Girl Scout's moms, TJ Kirke. "Sam and his family are well-loved in this Burton Valley community and we were all touched by this crazy occurrence. We all learned that we need to stop making excuses and get trained in case of an emergency. St. Perpetua is graciously letting us use their facilities and trainers are donating their time."

### New Troop 212 Eagle Scouts

Submitted by Lauren Woolsey



From left, back row: David Cushing and Walker Franklin; middle row: Noah Bagley, Ian Franklin, Alexander Horst, Kevin Atkinson and Derek Ludwig; front row: Tristan Westernoff, Dylan Thomas, Grant Bartis and Nicky Erickson Photo courtesy Karen Drinkwater

Boy Scout Troop 212 conducted their 52nd National Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, April 26 at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, which sponsors the troop, to celebrate 11 outstanding young men earning the Eagle Award.

This year's Troop 212 Eagle Scout honorees from Campolindo High School and Acalanes High School are: Nicky Erickson, who painted new blacktop games at Camino Pablo Elementary School; Kevin Atkinson, who installed a bench at the Saint Mary's College cross in

memory of Reed Whittaker, fellow Troop 212 Eagle; Grant Bartis, who built a collapsible container to hold a generator for the MVPC Mission Trip; David Cushing, who built three custom-sized bookshelves and rolling planter for a special education classroom; Noah Bagley, who built and replaced old shed doors at Harbor House Ministries; Walker Franklin, who built risers for the choir program at Harbor House Ministries; Derek Ludwig, who built a storage shed for Campo Cabana Club; Dylan Thomas, who rebuilt the Rheem Elementary School marquee; Ian Franklin, who refurbished the courtyard of Las Trampas Inc.; Alexander Horst, who built eight backless benches for Camp Timberwolf; Tristan Westernoff, who rebuilt and replaced the baseball cubbies in the dugouts at Joaquin Moraga baseball fields.

Eagle is the highest award that a Scout can earn. Nationally, only about 4 percent of all boys who enter the Scouting program earn the award. Troop 212 has an active program of campouts, summer camps, and high adventure activities. The Troop currently has 79 youth actively involved in its programs. Troop 212 has awarded this special honor to 397 scouts since 1961.

### Event Helps Junior Girl Scouts Bridge to Cadette

Submitted by Merrylee Landau



Junior Girl Scouts pose at Golden Gate Bridging event

Photo provided

More than 6,000 Girl Scouts from around the country May 2 participated in Golden Gate Bridging, an event exclusively for fifth-grade Junior Girl Scouts to bridge to the next level, Cadette Girl Scouts. Some girls from the Los Perales fifth-grade troop 30576 participated in the event. The girls and adult chaperones/leaders were shuttled from the Presidio to

the Marin Vista Point. They then walked back across the bridge to Crissy Field, beginning the bridge walk as Junior Girl Scouts and ending the walk as Cadette Girl Scouts. As they meandered down the path from the bridge to Crissy field, the girls were greeted by older Girl Scouts and complete the bridging ceremony with a pinning and the Girl Scout handshake.

### CP Read-A-Thon a Huge Success

Submitted by Melanie McCauley and Laura Osteen



Camino Pablo Student Council members with Principal Tom Rust and Kaela Blasen from Reading Partners. Photo provided

Camino Pablo Elementary School in Moraga held its annual Reading Round Up (Read-A-Thon and book drive) and student involvement was at an all-time high, with some classes reaching 100 percent participation. The money raised during the Read-A-Thon has already benefitted the Camino Pablo campus with the installation of two murals representing the current students and their commitment to the Life Skills program. The CP community collected gently used book donations to benefit Reading Partners, (www.readingpartners.org) a local, nonprofit literacy program in the East Bay. The over 1,000 books donated will be used

to help children enrolled in a one-on-one tutoring program build their home libraries. Student Council representatives brought the donated books to Allendale Elementary School and learned more about the Reading Partners Program at the school from Kaela Blasen, the Reading Partners - Americorps site coordinator. Principal Tom Rust explains, "It's great to have a community-wide activity that engages students in reading, raising money for a common goal, and a way for students and families to give back to others. That is what the Read-A-Thon and book drive provides our community."

### Kitten and Cat Adoption Days

Submitted by Billie Cummings



"Boo," a high-energy 8-week-old kitten rescued from the middle of a busy street by a Lafayette woman who brought her to the pet store. A kind store staffer has been fostering her.



"Fanny" is a very sweet 10-month-old black and white tuxedo who was rescued after being caught in an auto fan belt. She had to have her left front leg removed but does very well. She can climb, run, tackle other kitties, and still have a good time like there's no tomorrow! She's about 6-7 months old. Fanny will only be shown on Saturday.

Free kitten and cat adoptions will take place the weekend of May 30-31 at the following Community Concern for Cats adoption sites: PetFood Express Lafayette and Pleasant Hill and Petco Walnut Creek. Hours are Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. This adoption event is the Fifth Annual Maddie's® Pet Adoption Days, sponsored by Maddie's Fund. CC4C hopes to place dozens of its rescued kittens and cats in the arms of qualified adopters for free, and has over 200 pictured on its website, plus many kittens too young for adoption that are now being nurtured in their foster care program. Last year on Maddie's® Pet Adoption Days, 170 of CC4C's cats found good homes.

"Pumpkin" is a 7-year-old female longhair orange tabby with big jade-green eyes. She had to be surrendered by her heartbroken adopter, who developed a severe allergy. Pumpkin is very affectionate and people-oriented. She should be the only cat in the home.



"Tia" has been homeless since a wee kitten when she was rescued from near-death. She is now a 10-month-old little spitfire even though she is a small kitten-like cat. She is lots of fun and very sweet, but takes her time with new people.



"Izzy" (Isabella) is a real lover ... of people and of food. She loves cuddling close to your chest no matter what cat is already there. She also knows when food is being dispensed as she is by your feet and moves with your every step. Izzy is active and loves the company of other cats. She doesn't let her missing eye slow her down.

CC4C is a 29-year old all-volunteer cat rescue organization that works directly with the community in Contra Costa County, helping homeless cats. "We rescue from the streets and rely on the people in the community to be our foster caretakers," explains Gemma Osendorf Boyd, CC4C president. CC4C provides whatever the cat needs - vaccinations, all medical care, medicines and socialization; fosters provide food and a loving environment. Together they help frightened rescued cats grow into happy, healthy kitty companions. If you see a cat on the CC4C website (communityconcernforcats.org) that you are interested in meeting, please call the contact person named in the posting to ask where the cat will be on view.