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From left: Spencer Pugh, Alex Linney and Blake Severson Photo Marci Nelson Photography Boy Scout Troop 249 honored three scouts for earning their Eagle Scout Award on Feb. 28.

For his Eagle Scout project, Miramonte High School junior Alex Linney interviewed U.S. veterans, mostly from World War II. Their recordings were sent to the Library of Congress and are available for anyone to view. The project included recording different time markers in each veteran's account, so people can look up certain stages of the war and instantly find relevant firsthand accounts from the veterans who served. He enjoyed getting to hear stories from veterans serving in Europe, the Pacific Islands, and even Alaska. At least two of the veterans have since passed on, including Alex's Grandpa Doug. He is grateful to have chronicled their war experiences for the benefit of our nation's history, and he is thankful for their courageous service.

Miramonte junior Spencer Pugh has an uncommon hobby - speedcubing (solving a Rubik's cube as fast as possible) and his record is 10.77 seconds. For his Eagle project, Pugh organized a peanut butter drive for the Contra Costa Food Bank. He was assisted by scouts and family members, who collected over 1,000 pounds of food from fellow church members and customers at six different Lamorinda grocery stores.

Blake Severson, a junior at Miramonte High School, chose to repair and improve his local LDS Chapel retaining wall and yard for his Eagle project. He planned with the local facilities management of the LDS church to cut back a significant amount of vegetation in order to expose a retaining wall needing repair and repainting.

BSA Troop 249, sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Moraga, is led by Scoutmaster Craig Anderson.

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