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## Troop 204 Celebrates New Eagle Scouts

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Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 204 honored 12 scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at a March 19 event at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. They are led by Scoutmaster Tom Steuber, who was just honored as Lafayette's Citizen of the Year.

Christopher Anderson is the son of Steve and Courtney Anderson and a junior at Acalanes High School. Christopher built an additional compost bin for Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center which included pouring a 7-foot by 7-foot concrete pad with a drive-up concrete ramp and constructed 3-foot cinder block walls with a wooden removable front door. Xenophon is a nonprofit organization located in Orinda that provides equine-assisted therapies for children with disabilities.

Joshua Christian is the son of Darrell Christian and Kathy Trost and a junior at Campolindo High School. Joshua worked with the City of Lafayette to preserve the natural landscape around the Lafayette Community Center. He removed ivy from a number of trees to help reduce the spread of this invasive species. He also refurbished park

Back row from left: Kai Watanabe, Ethan Kuan, Christopher Anderson, W. Payson Newman, Harley McKee, W. Coleman Cronk; front row from left: Christopher Fulton, Charles Price, Joshua Christian, Isaac Evans, Spencer Spiering, Matthew Mlynek Photo provided

structures including a park bench that had been destroyed by vandals, a sign directing visitors away from poison oak, and four bollards on the bridge that had been worn by weather.

W. Colman Cronk is the son of Jeff and Jamie Cronk and a junior at Campolindo High School. Cole renovated the outdoor entry area of a Shelter Inc. homeless shelter in Martinez. He built a bench and several planter boxes, planted some unique plants, installed special fence material to hide a cluttered storage area, and created a much more appealing, relaxing entry for the residents.

Isaac Evans is the son of Jeremy and Eleanor Evans and a junior at Acalanes High School. Isaac labeled, catalogued and organized Bay Area Girls Rock Camp's entire instrument inventory consisting of over 100 instruments and hundreds of pieces of equipment. He also created a digital database to help track their inventory.

Christopher Fulton is the son of John Morgan and Katie Fulton and a senior at Acalanes High School. Chris refurbished and improved the Birthright House in Concord, which included sanding and painting the front door, replacing all the light fixtures and blinds in the building, purchasing and installing a mirror for the mothers and organizing their closets.

Ethan Kuan is the son of Jose and Patricia Kuan and is a senior at Acalanes High School. Ethan organized a collection of art and drama supplies for Camping Unlimited. He collected 11 bags of supplies and created an online crowd funding campaign to raise money to purchase a much needed Automatic External Defibrillator for the camp. Camping Unlimited is a nonprofit organization located in Santa Cruz that provides outdoor and recreation programs to people of all ages with mental and physical disabilities.

Harley McKee is the son of Jim McKee and Amy Cummings and a junior at Acalanes High School. Harley worked with St Elizabeth's Catholic Elementary School in the Fruitvale area of Oakland to help clean, restore and repair its Garden of Learning back to usable condition after years of neglect. The garden has been restored to a place for the children to learn about plants and nature.

Matthew Mlynek is the son of John and Marie Mlynek and a junior at Acalanes High School. Matthew built a message board for the Springhill Elementary School garden. The board will be used for posting messages and reminders, along with holding handouts with information about the garden.

Payson Newman is the son of Scott and Mary Newman and is a junior at Acalanes High School. Payson constructed a garden with drip irrigation and raised beds at Buchanan Field. This area is where families with underprivileged kids wait as their children fly with volunteer pilots as part of the national Young Eagles Program.

Charles Price is the son of Kent and Andrea Price and is a junior at Bentley High School. Charlie, in honor of a loved one, built a bench in their Garden of Hope at the Cancer Support Community in Walnut Creek. The bench will provide a place to sit for the patients to in the garden as they are on their road to recovery.

Spencer Spiering is the son of Mike and Carol Spiering and is a junior at Campolindo High School. Spencer assembled 25 new bikes donated by Bike for Tots and gave them to kids who have never owned a bike. He worked through Cambridge Elementary School in Concord in order to find the kids in need.

Kai Watanabe is the son of Yoshi and Mika Watanabe and is a junior at Acalanes High School. Kai created 15 knot tying kits for patients at Children's Hospital in Oakland. The kits, which include a board with rope and an instruction book, will provide hours of entertainment for bedridden children as they are being treated at the hospital.

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