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From left: Will Knox, Nick Millham, John Berg, Casey McGonigle and Nico Martinsen Photo Tracey Millham/Matt Coats Boy Scout Troop 237 conducted an Eagle Court of Honor June 14 at the Orinda Community Church. Scoutmaster Eric Jorgensen presented five Scouts with their Eagle Awards.

The Troop 237 honorees are students at Acalanes High School, Bentley High School and Miramonte High School. Sophomore John Berg built and installed owl houses for Sleepy Hollow Swim and Tennis Club leading to a safer environment at the club. Sophomore Will Knox collected used cleats for underprivileged children in Central America, supporting the Rogers' family company Fair Trade Coffee. Junior Nico Martinsen held a backpack drive, collecting backpacks, school supplies and donations for foster children of Youth Homes in Contra Costa. Sophomore Casey McGonigle built a rolling, portable merchandise cart to transport MHS gear for school sports and events, supporting the Miramonte Boosters Club. Sophomore Nick Millham built barn owl boxes and installed them at the

Lafayette Reservoir to encourage the nesting of owls and to reduce rodents in the area. Troop 237 is chartered by the Orinda Community Church, has been serving the Orinda community for over 62 years and has recognized over 210 Eagle Scouts over its history. Eagle is the highest award that a Scout can earn. Each Eagle candidate must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 13 Eagle-required badges and demonstrate leadership, outdoor skills and Scout spirit, plus successfully complete a service project that benefits the community to earn the Eagle award. For information, visit www.Troop237Orinda.org.

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