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Troop 219 names four new Eagle Scouts

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Lafayette Boy Scout Troop 219 honored four young men who have achieved the Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, at 6 p.m. on July 26 in Lafayette.

Troop 219 is led by Co-Scoutmasters Chris Hunter and Kevin Bates. "We are incredibly grateful to have these dedicated volunteer leaders supporting Troop 219 which has developed a solid curriculum of activities to teach boys outdoor skills and leadership. Our leadership allows the Scouts to actively lead all the events, and this supplements what they learn through academics and sports," said Scott Finegold, a Troop 219 Boy Scout community volunteer.

To attain the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn the scouting ranks from Tenderfoot to Life Scout. As a Life Scout, he must be active in the troop for at least six months, earn at least 21 merit badges, serve in a Leadership position, show Scout Spirit, and plan, develop and offer leadership to others in an approved Eagle service project helpful to any religious institution, school, nonprofit organization or the community. As part of earning their Eagle rank, the following service projects were completed by each Scout: Kade Finegold designed and constructed a garden at Burton Valley Elementary School. This new garden will give children the opportunity to learn about growing organic fruit and vegetables and healthy eating within the school's new garden. Derek Kotarba constructed and installed four planter boxes around the buildings of Shelter Inc. in Fairfield, and planted plants to give the residents a place to de-stress and garden. Luke Watson made two large LEGO walls made of two pieces of plywood, eight planks of wood and 32 LEGO brand base plates that were hung at Burton Valley Elementary School. Children will be able to build and create on the LEGO walls during recess if they choose. Garrett Siegel built and installed owl nesting boxes at Lafayette's Buckeye Fields. The owl boxes will eliminate the rodent problem, keep the fields in pristine condition and prevent the use of rodenticides, which are harmful to our owl population.

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