

Lafayette residents raise money for hard-hit Maui

Submitted by Rachel Kemp

Casey Thornton, Tristian McGinley, Eloise Kemp and Sydney Tumilty of Lafayette raised \$768 for Maui Humane Society and Royal Hawaiian Surf Academy in Lahaina in the wake of the recent tragic fires with a lemonade and bake sale on a very hot Sunday afternoon.

Photo Julie Thornton



Moraga Valley Kiwanis Club donates 100 school backpacks



Photo provided

Volunteers from Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley, Target, and the Monument Crisis Center pose with a colorful range of 100 backpacks on July 13.

Submitted by Steve Woehleke

The Moraga Valley Kiwanis Club has, once again, partnered with Target to assemble and provide 100 backpacks with back-to-school supplies

that were distributed through the Monument Crisis Center in Concord to some eager children preparing for the next school year. This has become a beloved annual event and a great example of a nonprofit and company partnership to provide a vital

service to our communities. The work was done by eight Kiwanis volunteers and several Target volunteers, assembling the backpacks at Target and then delivered to the Crisis Center for distribution to participating Contra Costa County families.

Troop 243 honors four new Eagle Scouts



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Submitted by Michael Strittmatter

Troop 243 of Lafayette came together for an Eagle Court of Honor on Aug. 12 at the Lafayette Christian Church to honor and celebrate four scouts: Cole Mason, Miguel Strittmatter, Tyler Gough and Brady Quinn, each of whom were recognized for earning BSA scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. To achieve the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout, these young men completed a rigorous set of requirements, including earning at least 21 merit badges, holding various leadership positions within their troop, and executing a significant community service project to benefit the public or a nonprofit organization.

The Eagle Court of Honor not only celebrates the accomplishments of these exemplary young men but also highlights the dedication of Troop 243 and its commitment to shaping the leaders of tomorrow. Troop

243 has a long history of producing Eagle Scouts since 1964, and it continues to foster a nurturing environment for personal growth and community involvement.

As part of Troop 243, these Scouts have been on a transformative journey, gaining practical life skills and outdoor survival expertise through various adventures and activities. From summer camp at Camp Wolfboro to overnight camping and backpacking trips, leadership and public speaking training, along with opportunities to give back to their community through service projects. They have each grown into well-rounded and capable individuals.

The Eagle Scout service projects undertaken by these exceptional young men showcased their commitment to making a positive impact on their community and beyond. Cole Mason, for the Thacher School, designed and built an elevated scorekeeper chair, with a built-in table, as well as

hosting a gun range cleanup. Miguel Strittmatter repaired and restored the Acalanes High School Water Polo display case. Tyler Gough partnered with Kids Against Hunger to supply ingredients and pack over 40,000 meals for Ukrainian refugees. Brady Quinn cleaned and repainted dugouts and score tables at three baseball fields for the Junior Optimist Baseball League.

Scouts BSA is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The organization provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of citizenship, participating in their community, and developing personal fitness.

Troop 243 meets weekly at the Lafayette Christian Church at 535 Glenside in Lafayette. For more information on joining the Scouts, you can email the troop at Troop243CA@gmail.com

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In Memory

Nancy Taylor Chenoweth

May 2, 1936 – Aug. 13, 2023



Nancy Taylor Chenoweth, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, friend, and garden enthusiast, passed away on Aug. 13, at age 87.

Nancy Ellen Taylor was born in Effingham, Illinois on May 2, 1936, to parents Harold J. Taylor and Elsa C. Kugler Taylor. She was the youngest of three children. Her siblings were Marilyn J. Taylor (deceased 1931, age 4) and Thomas F. Taylor (deceased 1983, age 47).

She earned degrees from University of Illinois and University of Florida and then worked as a high school English teacher and an editor. She loved gardening and being a grandmother.

She was active in the Orinda community for decades serving on the boards of the Montelindo Garden Club (charter member), Friends of the Orinda Library, and the Orinda Association. She also volunteered at Hospice of the East Bay and Lamorinda Adult Respite Center.

Nancy is survived by her two daughters Anne Binnie and Amelia Chenoweth, their spouses Alec Binnie and Nic Anastassiou, grandson Neil Taylor Binnie (age 24), and step grandson Alex Anastassiou (age 25).

Her remains will be interred in her family's plot in Effingham, Illinois. There will be a private service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the Orinda Library or your favorite garden.

In Memory

Nancy K. Rogers

May 24, 1955 - May 28, 2023



Longtime Lafayette resident Nancy Rogers passed away on May 28, 2023. She faced a number of chronic health issues, but her death was sudden and unexpected. Nancy is survived by her children, Megan and Eric, as well as siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Jeffrey and husband Mark.

Her family and friends would like to invite you to her memorial service that will be held on Sept. 16, at 10:30 a.m. with reception to follow at St. Perpetua Catholic Church, 3454 Hamlin St., Lafayette.