

# Scout troop has big plans for cookie earnings

CARLSBAD — As successful cookie entrepreneurs, the members of Carlsbad-San Marcos Girl Scout Troop 1942 are having fun while working to earn funds for upcoming adventures, which include returning to Girl Scouts San Diego's Camp Whispering Oaks this summer.

Led by Hannah Lockhart, the troop has three Daisies, two Brownies, and 11 Juniors. The scouts are working cookie booth shifts at local markets and other North County sites. The Girl Scout Cookie program ends March 8.

"This spring, we will be making dog and cat toys for the county of San Diego Department of Animal Services shelter in North County as well as donating back to La Costa Heights Elementary School, which two of our girls attend."

The troop has used earnings for a gardening project for a science garden at La Costa Meadows Elementary (where most of the girls attend), purchased supplies for the school's music and art classes, and paid for fabric that the girls used to make blankets for the Adoption Center of San Diego.

The girls are heart-felt supporters of Operation



**GIRL SCOUTS** Isabelle Faris, Emma Pickering, and Kayla Newton, and Kayla's mother Melissa Newton, greet cookie customers while hosting a cookie booth at Stater Bros. in Bressi Ranch. *Courtesy photo*

Thin Mint, through which deployed U.S. military personnel and local veterans receive Girl Scout Cookies and notes of support.

"One of our Juniors, Lily, has a cousin in the Army who recently returned from Syria. She is very proud of him. And it's

exciting for the girls to know of someone receiving cookies. He inspires us to collect even more donations," Lockhart said.

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for a week or two, but then, only needing it for occasional mending or costume making, I would ignore it for months. I didn't so much as replace the thread color, but when I went to use it again, disaster followed.

I would scour the manual trying to find the right combination of tension,

stitch-length and such to make it just sew a simple seam. It apparently spoke another language ... the language of women who sew. It would not respond to my sewing-impaired pleadings, and I swear I could hear it laughing.

So, while I am sad to part with something that was such a part of my mom, I finally admitted it needed a good home. It needed

to live with someone who has the gift and would love tinkering with this 60-year-old beauty. I dragged it into work and to my delight, the first teacher I shared it with was a seamstress, and fell in love with it. It made my heart happy, and I know it made my mother smile, knowing it would again be used with skill and joy.

Meanwhile, I am about to sit down with my most

basic of Singer sewing machines and see if we can be friends. Since I am its first owner, I'm feeling optimistic.

Do you train a sewing machine, or does it train you?

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# \$1.5 million grant to help Oceanside conserve water

OCEANSIDE — A \$1.5 million federal grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will help the city of Oceanside complete its \$4.5 million project to replace more than 11,000 water meters to help conserve water and better monitor usage, it was announced on Feb. 24.

According to the city's water utilities department, the upgrades will save 784 acre-feet of water, or more than 255 million gallons. It will also reduce Oceanside's dependence on imported drinking water, 85% of which comes from the Sacramento Bay Delta and the Colorado River, hundreds of miles away.

The advanced meters also provide residents with insight on abnormal usage, patterns associated with leaks and breaks.

"The implementation of advanced metering infrastructure will allow Oceanside to provide increased efficiency and upgraded services to the city's

water customers," said Water Utilities Division Manager Rosemarie Chora.


"Automation will allow information to be available in real time, enabling customers to better manage their water needs."

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Water Utilities Division

The grant is part of the WaterSMART program, which provides water and energy efficiency grants to water districts to allow them to conserve and use water more efficiently.


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*In loving memory of*  
**Charles David Nelson**  
March 10, 1968 -  
January 6, 2020



Charles David Nelson, 51, of Encinitas, California, passed away on January 6, 2020. Charlie was a loving son, a caring brother, and a devoted father. He was born on March 10, 1968, in South Bend, Indiana, the son of Robert Nelson and Sue Nelson. After attending Indiana University, Charlie lived in Oregon, Seattle, New York, Connecticut, Saint Paul, Pittsburgh, and Encinitas. He was keenly interested in politics and worked as a clerk in the Minnesota senate, where he served under Senator Paul Wellstone. He then earned a paralegal degree from Duquesne University and moved into a career in law, most recently with Fisher and Philips in San Diego. Outside of work, Charlie loved good books, great music, and movies both hilarious and profound. He was a lifelong fan of dogs, fitness, and the Fighting Irish. No matter where he was, Charlie found a way to connect with the outdoors, whether on annual family canoe trips or regular weekend hikes. Charlie was a devoted father to each of his children, Cooper, Rowan, and Naomi, spending valuable time reading with his daughter, hiking with his sons, and throwing a football in the backyard with all three. Besides his children, Charlie is survived by his mother, Sue Nelson, his father and stepmother, Bob and Pat Nelson, his brothers and sisters, Cynthia Nelson, Mike Nelson, Laura Nelson (Steve Pearlman), and Matt Nelson (Erin), and 14 nieces and nephews. He will be sorely missed by all. The family requests any memorial gifts be sent to Autism Speaks or World Literacy Foundation.



<i>James Benton Archer, 86</i> Oceanside February 16, 2020	<i>David Bruce Riddle, 66</i> San Marcos February 1, 2020
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