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Scouts complete Woodlands projects

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By **Michael Molaison**

Boy Scout Troop 64, sponsored by the St. Andrew the Apostle Knights of Columbus, recently volunteered to complete several major projects at Woodlands Trail and Park. Scoutmaster Dan Brett and Scoutmaster Connell Vallette suggested the Scouts complete the projects to earn their Eagle awards.

Jeffrey Merritt led a group of 16 Scouts to build a kiosk that required more than 261 hours of labor. Ron Scheurmann III led seven Scouts to complete a bridge over a drainage swale, donating 130 hours of effort.

Possibly the dirtiest task was taken on by Travis Pendergrast. Pendergrast took the lead as he and eight other Scouts invested 81 hours of effort to clean a drainage swale of Katrina debris. The debris removal stretched one mile from the newly constructed bridge past the park entrance.

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Michael Boutte led 12 fellow Scouts to clear overgrown foliage, branches and other debris from the beginning of an equestrian trail to the bridge, requiring almost 110 hours of work.

Thanks to these young men for their display of leadership in the community. You can view their work and enjoy a peaceful walk in the woods by visiting Woodlands Trail at 449 F. Edward Hebert Blvd. in Belle Chasse.

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Boy Scout Troop 60, chartered through St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Algiers, recently held an Eagle Court of Honor for Brandon M. Thornton, son of Kerry and Kim Thornton. Brandon, who earned 42 merit badges, completed an Eagle project benefiting Pittman Elementary School in Harvey, of which he is an alumnus. Brandon is 17 and is a member of the prestigious Order of the Arrow.

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The Kiwanis Club of Algiers - Morning Edition meets every Thursday from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Aurora Tennis and Swim Club on Gen. Meyer Ave. Guests are always welcome. Today's speaker is Henderson Lewis, principal of the new Algiers Technology Academy.

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