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COMMUNITY

TEMPLETON YOUNGSTERS EARN BEST OF SHOW IN SEWING & QUILTING (AUG 8) –

Yesterday, the California Mid-State Fair (CMSF) announced the “Best of Show” winners for the 2018 Still Exhibits. The numerous categories included a number of participants from Templeton (please keep in mind that many who live throughout the greater Templeton area have Paso or Atascadero addresses and won't appear to be from Templeton unless showing for Templeton 4-H or FFA). Among the “Best of Show” winners are Bella Bowen of Templeton 4-H for her sewing project, Katelyn Rosilez for her Open Independent Youth Quilting (Elementary School), Linda Hicks for her First Show – Planting Containers in Floriculture, and Rick Hicks for his Second Show – Planting Containers in Floriculture. For the full list of “Best of Show” winners, please [CLICK HERE](#), and for the complete results for Still Exhibits, please [CLICK HERE](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH DOG SPLASH DAYS –

Volunteers are needed to help with the 12th Annual Dog Splash Days on September 8-9 at Templeton Pool. A two-hour commitment is requested for various event tasks such as pool and gate monitors, event set up (Fri, Sept 7), take down, and dog lifeguards. Dog lifeguards are needed to help the dogs get in and out of the water safely. Wet suits are provided; minimum age is 14. Because only the shallow end of the pool is used for entry and exit, no swimming skills are required. If you are interested or know of someone who would like to help, please send an email to hello@parks4pups.org or call Paula O'Farrell at (805) 239-4437. This is a critical fundraiser for the dog park and all proceeds will benefit Vineyard Dog Park in Templeton. For more information, please visit www.parks4pups.org/splash-days/.

ELECTION NEWS

THREE CANDIDATES FOR EACH BOARD ARE NEEDED FOR AN ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE

NO CHANGE SINCE AUG 6 – STILL ONLY 2 FOR SCHOOL BOARD AND 1 FOR TCSD

(AUG 9) – As of close of business today, appointed incumbent Jan Nimick and Barby Lichti Wunsch are on the ballot as candidates for the school board – the Templeton Unified School District (TUSD) Board of Trustees. Wayne Petersen remains the lone candidate for a seat on Templeton's town council – the Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) Board of Directors. ***Please note that at least 3 candidates for each board must run in order for an election to take place.*** Two seats are up for election on both boards (TCSD and TUSD). The deadline to file to run is August 10th (if an incumbent in a seat up for election isn't running, the deadline will be extended to August 15th – for non-incumbents only).

Editor's Note! For more information, see "Please consider running for local office" in the REMINDERS section in this Update.

HEALTH REPORT

COUNTY HEALTH CONFIRMS 2 CASES OF FLU FROM EXPOSURE TO PIGS AT FAIR

(AUG 9) – Earlier today, the County Public Health Department confirmed that “two cases of influenza in San Luis Obispo County are variant influenza (H1N2v) infections”, that H1N2v is a type of flu that spreads among pigs, that both patients had extensive contact with pigs at the Mid-State Fair, and that both patients had brief illnesses and have recovered.

The report from the Health Department went on to say, influenza viruses that spread among pigs are occasionally transmitted to people who have close contact with them. When this happens, the infections in humans are called variant influenza virus infections. This type of infection is usually mild, with symptoms similar to those of seasonal influenza. However, like seasonal flu, serious illness is possible.

When the virus is transmitted from a pig to a person, it generally does not spread widely to other people. This virus cannot be transmitted by eating pork.

The Mid-State Fair officials have fully cooperated with the Public Health Department and supported this investigation. In recent years, variant influenza virus infections have occurred each summer in the United States, and most infections have been linked to exposure from pigs at agricultural events.

The Fair ended on July 29th and no new cases from contact with pigs at the Fair are expected. Additional influenza tests conducted by the Public Health Department as part of this investigation have been negative. While additional cases associated with this situation might be identified, the risk to the public is very low.

The SLO County Public Health Department collaborated on this investigation with the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

MID-STATE FAIR LAUNCHES AGGRESSIVE REVIEW OF ANIMAL HEALTH PROTOCOLS

(AUG 9) – Late Thursday, California Mid-State Fair (CMSF) officials launched a self-initiated review of all health protocols and procedures related to swine and other species during the popular livestock exhibitions at the Fair.

“Once we learned the one hog out of 562 exhibited at this year’s fair was confirmed to have the variant influenza A (H1N2v) virus, and that two exhibitors with extended contact with the hogs were infected, we immediately launched a review of all of our protocols,” said Michael Bradley, CMSF CEO. “Today’s report from the Centers for Disease Control confirming the infections makes our review all the more appropriate and urgent. We are happy to hear those infected have fully recovered.”

In undertaking the review, Bradley said CMSF officials want to make sure all protocols and procedures related to the exhibition of hogs and other species are being followed.

“We are cooperating in every way possible with the County Department of Public Health, keeping in mind that our first priority is for the safety of the tens of thousands of people who come to the Fair every year,” continued Bradley. “We want to be sure we’re doing all that we can to keep fairgoers safe.”

He went on to say that the Fair already had protocols and that it would expand them as necessary, while working with the CMSF veterinarian and the Office of the California State Veterinarian.

“I cannot overemphasize how seriously we take this situation,” said Bradley. “As always, we want to be sure that we have the safest environment possible for our fairgoers, our exhibitors, the animals, and our staff. Their safety and well-being are our primary focus every year.”

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

NEWS FROM 1st DISTRICT SUPERVISOR JOHN PESCHONG – Every Friday, 1st District Supervisor John Peschong sends out an update with news from San Luis Obispo County to share with his constituents. Here is an item from last Friday’s report.

COUNTY ASSESSMENT ROLE INCREASES BY 5.8 PERCENT (AUG 3) – The San Luis Obispo County Assessment Role has increased by 5.8 percent over the prior year due to the continued market strength demonstrated by both increased construction and increased property values. The County Assessor completed the Assessment Role on July 6 and turned it over to the Auditor Controller – Treasurer – Tax Collector to apply the correct tax rate and create property tax bills which are typically mailed in October. The Assessor sends assessment notices to property owners each year advising them of their property tax value and their right to have the value reviewed. The first mailing was done in May with a final mailing in July. Property owners are encouraged to contact the Assessor if they have any questions regarding their assessed valuation. The role of the Assessor’s Office in county government is to discover, inventory and value all real and personal property in the county, and then place that value on the county’s Property Tax Assessment Role. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

FIRE NEWS

Editor’s Note! I’ve been asked why a Templeton publication would print news regarding a fire out of the area, and why this fire. Four reasons – (1) the Ferguson Fire is the closest of some 18 major fires currently being fought in CA, (2) Yosemite National Park is not just a national treasure, but is near and dear to many Californians, (3) following the fighting of this fire both informs and reminds us of the costs – human lives, the environment, structures, and animals – in addition to the tremendous amount of money and resources necessary to fight these fires, and (4) hopefully, provides a reminder to all of us as to how important it is to make certain that our homes and properties are weed abated and fire safe – whether we live in town or in the rural regions of the greater Templeton area and beyond.

FERGUSON FIRE THREATENS YOSEMITE VALLEY (AUG 8 @ 7 am) – The Ferguson Fire has been burning for 28 days, continues to grow, and has consumed 95,104 acres as of 7 am this morning. Containment is at 79 percent (up from 43 percent yesterday). Overnight, crews took advantage of higher relative humidity and initiated a burning operation in the Grouse Creek drainage. Firefighters burnout vegetation in front of the main fire to weaken the intensity of the flame front and manage the spread of the fire. Today, firefighters will have a presence on all portions of the fire, however resources will be focused on the tunnel area of Big Oak Flats Road, Grouse Creek Drainage, and containment lines leading away from Badger Pass. Suppression repair efforts are ongoing in many portions of the fire. This includes using heavy equipment to build water bars, while bringing in berms and vegetation to conceal signs of suppression activity. Yosemite Valley – including Wawona Road, the Mariposa and Merced groves of giant sequoias, and Hetch Hetchy – remain closed. There are currently 135 engines, 18 water tenders, 14 helicopters, 22 crews, 23 dozers, 5 masticators and a total of 1,889 personnel

dedicated to the Ferguson Fire. To date, there have been no civilian injuries or fatalities, but 14 firefighters have been injured and 2 lost their lives fighting the fire.

“The misunderstood reality of climate and fires in California”

Technocracy News & Trends – August 8, 2018

By Dr. Tim Ball

I won't comment of the general political actions of California's Governor Brown. I will say that he is doing what all environmentalists are doing, and that is taking natural and normal events and portraying them as unnatural and abnormal. Of course, this means they are trying to blame humans for every single change that occurs in nature.

What is happening is natural and well within the normal pattern for the region.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

Editor's Note! It is always good to compare and contrast differing points of view. I hope readers will find something both interesting and of value in the above article.

WEATHER & AIR QUALITY

COOLER TEMPERATURES IN TEMPLETON FORECASTED THRU NEXT WEEK (AUG 9) – If the forecast holds, Templeton should see cooler temperatures, dropping to 90 or below into the high to mid-80's beginning Saturday (Aug 11) and running through the following week.

SMOKE FROM WILDFIRES IMPACTING NORTH COUNTY AIR QUALITY (AUG 9-12) – A “Better Breathers” alert has been issued by the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) for the area surrounding the towns of Paso Robles to Atascadero. Very sensitive individuals such as infants, as well as children and adults with existing respiratory or heart conditions may experience adverse health effects. Health impacts of air pollution can be minimized by reducing strenuous activities and staying indoors. For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

TALKING TRASH

Editor's Note! This article is interesting and peripherally ties in to current local events – including issues surrounding plastic bags, plastic straws, and Styrofoam – in addition to the current fraud investigation by the District Attorney into the management of the County's Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA).

“A giant floating trash collector will try to scoop up the Great Pacific Garbage Patch”

USA Today – August 7, 2018

By Elizabeth Weise

SAN FRANCISCO – On September 8, an ungainly, 2,000 foot long contraption will steam under the Golden Gate Bridge in what's either a brilliant quest or a fool's errand.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

WATER NEWS

PRECIOUS RAIN – SLOW IT DOWN & SOAK IT UP

Help replenish water resources - design landscaping to limit runoff and soak up the rain

“How saving Southern California steelhead trout could also help the state’s watersheds”

The Revelator – August 8, 2018

By Debra Uticia Krol

Can saving an endangered fish help heal some of California’s regional water woes?

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

NEW EVENT LISTING

AN INVITATION FROM TEMPLETON’S OLDEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION - “Come Join Us!” For more than 100 years the Templeton Women’s Civic Club – now known as a Charitable Club – has been serving the Templeton community. With the recent change in name due to tax laws, the group has also expanded its horizons to welcome women from all over the North County. After a short, summer hiatus, meetings of the TWCC (Templeton Women’s Charitable Club) will begin on Wednesday, September 5th at 1:30 pm in the Women’s Clubhouse (Templeton Community Center at 601 S. Main). Every month, the group hosts a different, interesting speaker along with working on a number of different projects. This group of “Women Working Together” provides scholarships, works with Paso Cares, Loaves & Fishes, RISE, Must! Charities, Coats 4 Kids, Pennies for Pines, they also adopt a poll during elections, and are supportive of Templeton High School Music & Drama programs. For more information, please contact Club President Ruth Peairs at (805) 462-3534.

REMINDERS

EAGLES “ALL-ALUMNI DAY 2018” & BOOSTERS FALL SPORTS KICKOFF – The Templeton High School Alumni Association in conjunction with the Templeton Eagles Athletic Boosters present, **“ALL ALUMNI DAY 2018”** on **Saturday, August 11th**. The day begins with the Annual All-Alumni BBQ from 11 am to 6 pm in Templeton Park. A barbecue lunch will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring their own drinks and provide a side dish to share. The day continues with the Annual Booster Kickoff that starts at 4 pm on Mike Erb Field in Volunteer Stadium. Meet the fall teams, participate in the Boosters Annual Membership Drive, and as members, choose your season reserved seats. Last, but certainly not least, enjoy the football scrimmage between the Templeton High School Eagles vs. McFarland (JV 4 pm / V 7 pm).

REMEMBER TO USE CAUTION WHEN TRAVELING ON LAS TABLAS NEAR THE WASTEWATER PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SITES

PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING FOR LOCAL OFFICE – The nomination period to run for a seat on either the Templeton Community Services District Board of Directors or the Templeton Unified School District Board of Trustees **begins on Monday, July 16th and runs through August 10**. Two seats are up for election on each board and a minimum of three candidates for each board must step forward for an election to be held. If two or less file, they will automatically be seated without an election. Please consider running and serving either the school board or the services district (town council). For more information, please visit the County Clerk-Recorder’s web pages on the County website.

THS FOOTBALL DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED FOR AUG 25 – Every year as school gears up and football season opens, local folks gather with friends and neighbors to enjoy a good meal and the company of fellow football enthusiasts, while prognosticating about the upcoming season, and raising funds to help support the Templeton High School Football Program. This year, the

dinner with both a live and silent auction will be held on Saturday, August 25th in Templeton American Legion Hall (8th & S. Main). The event begins with a “social hour” at 5 pm, when attendees will have an opportunity to meet the Varsity Coaches and bid in the silent auction while enjoying hors d’oeuvres and adult beverages. A delicious steak dinner (that’s right, steak!) with all the trimmings will be served at 6 pm, and an exciting live auction will start around 7 pm. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$500 for a VIP table for eight (8) – cash or check only, please. To purchase tickets, please contact Wendy Rasmussen at (805) 423-0169. For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#) for a copy of the event flyer.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON WATER & SEWER RATE CHANGES IS AUGUST 30 – The Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) provides drinking water service to approximately 2,800 accounts including homes and businesses. TCSD also provides sewer conveyance, treatment, and disposal to about 2,200 accounts. TCSD’s water and sewer utilities rely on rates paid by customers to fund the costs for operations and maintenance. These utilities do not receive any property tax revenues. After a great deal of careful study, the District has proposed an adjustment in both water and sewer rates to maintain a balanced budget. The public is invited to attend a workshop to learn more about the proposed rate adjustments on August 30 at 6:30 pm in the Templeton Community Center (Women’s Clubhouse at 601 S. Main). The DRAFT rate study can be viewed at the District’s website at www.templetoncisd.org or in the District office (5th & Crocker).

As always, please share this information with your friends and neighbors throughout the almost 100 square miles of the greater Templeton area.

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“If we can’t get it right at the local, grass roots level, how in the world can we expect to get it right at the county, state, and federal levels?” nanette fisher