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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



TOP OF THE FOLD

Eagles Boosters recognize outstanding THS athletes

Photo Right: The November 2019 Templeton High School (THS) Athletes of the Month with THS Athletic Director Lindsay Franklin prior to enjoying lunch at Chulo's. Photo © Soaring Eagle Press 2019; All Rights Reserved



The Templeton High School (THS) Athletes of the Month were recently recognized at a special lunch co-sponsored by the THS Eagles Athletic Boosters and Chulo's Café & Cantina. The November 2019 THS Athletes of the Month in alphabetical order are: **Bella Backer, Maddie Bobbitt, Blake Mann, and Blayne Twisselman.**

The award-winning athletes were nominated for athletic excellence combined with those traits that foster excellence. Some of those qualities may include athletic leadership, work ethic, attitude, and

citizenship, coupled with how well the nominee juggles athletics with various other responsibilities and interests in their lives – including academics, extracurricular activities, work, and community service.

Junior Bella Backer was nominated by Varsity Girls Tennis Head Coach Mary K. Housinger. “Bella is a hardworking player who has demonstrated what it is to be a true team player. She gives her all every day on the court whether in match play or practice. She has been a tremendous asset to the team all season and will be a strong leader next year.”

Sophomore Maddie Bobbitt was nominated by JV Girls Tennis Head Coach Nicol Zundel. “Maddie is a first-year player for the JV Girls Tennis team, is a multi-sport athlete, and is very coachable. She helped to be a force on the court in both singles and doubles. Maddie battled her way up the ranks on the JV team and finished with a near flawless season with 39 victories and only 1 loss.”

Sophomore Blake Mann was nominated by JV Cheerleading Head Coach Lindsey Taylor. “Blake is a sophomore at THS who constantly leads with Eagle Spirit! She is an outstanding athlete as a flyer on the JV Cheerleading squad and always gives her best in the weight room, boasting a 135-pound deadlift! Beyond athletics, Blake has a good attitude, is always willing to do more, and is an excellent teammate.”

Senior Blayne Twillelman was nominated by Varsity Football Head Coach Don Crow. “Blayne is a team leader and is the heart and soul of our defense. He leads the team in tackles and his effort in practice everyday sets the example for all of his teammates to follow. He is not the biggest person on the team, but quite possibly has the biggest heart.”

The THS Athletes of the Month program is sponsored by the THS Eagles Athletic Boosters and Chulo’s Café & Cantina, nominations and athlete logistics are coordinated by THS Athletic Director Lindsay Campana Franklin, and the overall event is coordinated / published by Soaring Eagle Press and its sponsors.

Meet the November 2019 TMS Fitness Students

“Work hard, participate, and do your best!”

Photo R: The November 2019 Templeton Middle School Fitness Students of the Month. Photo © Soaring Eagle Press 2019; All Rights Reserved

Each month, Templeton Middle School (TMS) PE teachers nominate students from the 7th and 8th grade who personify the TMS Fitness Students of the Month motto, “To reach your goals, work hard, participate, practice, and do the best you can.”



The November 2019 TMS Fitness Students of the Month are: **Ariya Mathis from the 7th grade and Nikita Norton from the 8th grade.**

The students each receive a special TMS Fitness Student T-Shirt, and are treated to a delicious lunch that includes turkey sandwiches made from fresh, daily roasted turkey breast, along with baby carrots, baked chips, an apple, freshly baked cookies, and bottled water from Templeton Market & Deli – courtesy of TMS Fitness Students Sponsors Keith and Georgia Vweekend of Professional Home Inspections.

Congratulations Ariya and Nikita!

COMMUNITY

Editor's Note! While Veteran's Day was two weeks ago and the major events were covered in local news and media, there were many smaller ceremonies and events in honor of and recognizing the service of our veterans. Here are two that took place in Templeton – quietly and without fanfare.

“It was just a little white table... “

Photo courtesy of Twin Cities Community Hospital



On Veteran's Day, the staff in the cafeteria at Twin Cities Community Hospital prepared a solemn, little white table where no one would ever sit. As in so many American military mess halls on Veteran's Day, the table was set as a symbol for and a remembrance of service members who have fallen, are missing, or have been taken captive.

“Employees said it was very impactful in person and that it gave everyone who entered the cafeteria pause for reflection and gratefulness,” said Ara Najarian, Communications Specialist for Tenant Health Care. “We had a variety of recognitions [on Veteran's Day], but this was a touching reminder for all who came into our cafeteria.”

The plaque on the table read, “This table, set for one, is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone” • “It is set for one, symbolizing the fact that some are missing from our ranks” • “The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms” • “The black napkin represents the sorrow of captivity” • “The single red rose in the vase signifies the blood that many have shed to ensure the freedom of the United States of America” • “The rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith, awaiting their return” • “The red ribbon on the vase represents the love of country that inspires the service members to serve” • “The slice of lemon on the bread plate represents the bitter fate of the missing” • “Salt sprinkled on the bread plate symbolizes the tears shed by waiting families” • “An inverted glass represents the fact that the missing and fallen cannot partake” • “The Bible represents the spiritual strength and faith to sustain the lost” • “A lit candle symbolizes the light of hope that lives in hearts to illuminate the missing's way home” • “And the empty chair represents their absence”.

For more information on “America's White Table”, read ***“Our White Table is a somber reminder of those who aren't here to celebrate”*** by Lori Volkman in ***Women's Day, October 13, 2016*** (please [CLICK](#)

[HERE](#)) and watch the video on “*America’s White Table*”, by *Margot Theis Raven* who wrote in part, “It was just a little white table, but it brought tears of pride to my Uncle John’s eyes the Veteran’s Day he came for dinner...” (please [CLICK HERE](#)).

Templeton 4-H honored and gave thanks for our veterans



Above L: Members of Templeton American Legion Post 220, their Auxiliary, families, and invited friends enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner prepared and served by Templeton 4-H members, leaders, and family members on November 13. The annual event is a labor of love by the 4-H Club that both honors Veteran’s Day and celebrates Thanksgiving. Above R: Once their guests have all been served, participating Templeton 4-H Club members, enjoy a well-earned Thanksgiving dinner – fortifying them for the final desert and coffee service followed by clean up and breakdown after the evening’s festivities. *Photos © Soaring Eagle Press 2019; All Rights Reserved*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Comment period for Atascadero Water Basin GSA extended

Notice was given last Wednesday afternoon that the comment period for sections 4 and 5 of the Atascadero Water Basin Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSA) has been extended to Thursday, December 19.

Section 4 deals with the Basin Setting and 5 pertains to Groundwater Conditions. Those interested in reviewing and/or commenting on these DRAFT sections are encouraged to visit <http://portal.atascaderobasin.com> to download the sections and submit comments.

For more information on the Atascadero Water Basin and the work in progress to protect it, please visit www.atascaderobasin.com.

SLO County agriculture contributes \$2.54 billion to local economy

Update courtesy of 1st District Supervisor John Peschong

A new report released this month calculates the economic contributions from agriculture in San Luis Obispo County. Data sources from 2017 are used to quantify the economic activity, exploring direct, indirect, and induced sourced value-added processing within the County. In addition, the report quantifies the employment that is generated due to agriculture. The summary shows that SLO County agriculture generated \$2.54 billion in economic activity and 13,393 jobs in 2017. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to download the report.

JOB OPENING

Templeton Community Services District invites applications for: Customer Service Representative

The Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) is seeking a professional and personable individual to join our Administrative team. The Customer Service Representative is responsible for performing a wide variety of customer service, utility billing, and clerical functions. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- Being a receptionist and answering phones
- Picking up and processing mail
- Interacting frequently with the public on a daily basis
- Answering utility bill questions and public information requests
- Preparing utility billing including billing adjustments, processing service orders, door hangers, and shut offs
- Assisting in the monitoring of delinquent accounts
- Processing utility bill payments
- Performing administrative duties as needed including the preparation of Board and Director packets, correspondence, preparing files, keeping accurate files and records, in addition to other duties as assigned

The Customer Service Representative is expected to provide exemplary customer service to all individuals by demonstrating a willingness to be attentive, understanding, responsive, fair, courteous and respectful, while actively participating in maintaining a positive customer service environment.

HOURS: The hours scheduled for this position are during regular business hours – Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

SALARY: \$2,487.30 to \$3,674.87 per month, DOE, plus benefits.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Monday, December 16 at 9 am (postmarks will be accepted).

For more information or to apply, please [CLICK HERE](#).

2020 ELECTION

New supervisorial candidate pops up

[NOV 22] This week, the Stephanie Shakofsky for Supervisor Campaign sent out post cards inviting selected voters to a “Meet the Candidate” event on Tuesday, November 26. The post card didn’t specify which supervisorial district, however, she is the owner of Saint Marie Vineyard in West Paso Robles and is most likely planning on running against 1st District Supervisor John Peschong. More on this as it becomes available.

[NOV 25] Late this afternoon, the County Clerk-Recorder’s office confirmed Shakofsky picked up the paperwork today to run as 1st District Supervisor. The deadline to return the paperwork, nominating signatures, and complete the requirements to run is December 6. The potential candidate is a registered Democrat and has been very active with the SLO County Cannabis Watch Group.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to an interview with Stephanie Shafkowsky and Drew Van Duren of SLO County Cannabis Watch Group.

SPORTS

Editor’s Note! What a great football season! The following appeared in the THS Eagles Morning Sports Update and provides a slightly different perspective on the season than was found in the local media – providing a brief look at the future and a “thank you” to the community.

“Eagles fall to Kennedy”

From the Eagles Morning Sports Update – November 18, 2019

The Templeton Eagles football season came to a bitter end last Friday with a hard fought 28-21 loss to Robert F. Kennedy High School of Delano. The Thunderbirds were the CIF Central Section Division 5 champions last year and were moved up to Division 4 for 2019 and proved why they are a championship caliber program with a come from behind win over the Eagles. The Eagles fought valiantly but came away a little short in a year that was filled with great accomplishments. The standard of play and effort on and off the field by this year's Eagle football team will lay the groundwork for years to come. They have set the bar high for future teams to reach.

The Eagles jumped out to a 21-7 lead in the 2nd quarter but were not able to seal the victory. The team played their hearts out, but the game was controlled by Kennedy in the second half and the Eagles fell short of their 11th win. Give Kennedy credit for the win and it is more a case of them winning the game than the Eagles losing the game. For the first time that anyone can remember there was not a completed pass in the game by either team and in the end Kennedy's size and depth proved to be the deciding factor.

The Eagles wish to thank the parents, families, students, friends and community for all of their support this year. It was a great feeling to run onto Mike Erb Field on Friday nights and have that loud crowd cheer us on. THANK YOU.

THS Winter Sports have already begun

Eagle Morning Sports Update is a great way to follow sports at THS

Winter sports include both Boys and Girls Soccer and Boys and Girls Basketball. Attend the games and follow the results through the “Eagle Morning Sports Update”. Simply email mmacfarlane@templetonusd.org and ask to be added as a subscriber.

CALENDAR DIGEST

Editor’s Note! Thanksgiving week is very quiet, so there won’t be a Calendar Digest. School is out all week and Templeton Community Services District will be closed Thursday and Friday. County government is equally quiet and very few civic clubs and organizations are meeting. The next edition of the Calendar Digest will resume for the week of Dec 2-9.

BULLETIN BOARD

Editor’s Note! Holiday events kick into full gear the first week of December. Look for a Bulletin Board update later this week with an added number of events coming up next month.

POLICE & FIRE LOGS

“A new, non-toxic firefighting foam could be on the way”

Marine Times – November 15, 2019

By Meghann Myers

Under pressure from environmental groups, the Defense Department is on the hunt for an aqueous, film-forming foam – the kind it uses to put out fires after aircraft crashes and other incidents – that doesn’t contain potentially cancer-causing chemicals that leach into groundwater.

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

“California’s wildfire policy totally backfired.

Native communities know how to fix it.”

Mother Jones – November 11, 2019

By Stormy Staats

Tribes are teaching landowners and government agencies how to fight fire with fire.

When it came time to set fire to the hillside, Kitty Lynch paused. A 70 year-old retired waitress, Lynch’s job during the controlled burn of a 2,200 acre ranch in Humboldt County, California this June was to keep the fire in check by tamping down small, errant flames with a tool called a McLeod. Lynch had been attending lectures by the Indigenous tribes in her region about prescribed fires, blazes lit intentionally to control dry brush and prevent unplanned burns, for over a decade. But she was the oldest person in this group of about fifty, and she worried she wouldn’t be able to keep up.

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

ROADS & TRAFFIC

Caltrans / CHP remind motorists to drive safely and share road

From Caltrans

[NOV 26] CENTRAL COAST – Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) are reminding motorists to drive safely this Thanksgiving Day weekend by taking the following steps:

- Obey the posted speed limit and reduce your speed when congestion or hazards may occur. Motorists should maintain a safe distance between their vehicles and those in front.
- Slow down and move over for Caltrans workers, law enforcement, or when tow truck drivers are working near the roadway. The public should call 911 to report any hazardous conditions or impaired drivers.
- Be aware of electronic message boards and other road signs with information on incidents, changing road conditions, lane closures or detours.
- Make sure that the vehicle brakes, windshield wiper blades and tires are in good condition and inspect your head and tail lights for maximum visibility on the highway.
- Share the road safely with everyone, especially bicyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians. The Automobile Association of American predicts 55 million people will travel more than 50 miles from home this weekend.

Caltrans and the CHP are prepared to respond to any emergencies that may affect the state highway system.

No roadwork/lane closures are scheduled beginning Tuesday, November 26 at 3 pm until Monday, December 2 at 8 am. Due to Cave Fire in Santa Barbara County, Highway 154 remains closed from State Route 192 in Santa Barbara to State Route 246 near Santa Ynez.

FARM & GARDEN

“Illegal pot farms on California’s public land are creating an environmental hazard”

TIME – November 18, 2019

By Christopher Weber

Two months after two men were arrested on an illicit marijuana farm on public land deep in the Northern California wilderness, authorities are assessing the environmental impact and clean-up costs at the site where trees were clear-cut, waterways were diverted, and the ground was littered with open containers of fertilizer and rodenticide.

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

PURE WATER

“Expansive storm will bring rain, snow and strong winds from west to central US into this weekend”

The Weather Channel – November 25, 2019

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the article.

TEMPLETON WEATHER STATION



Above: The forecast shows the first showers of the year are due to fall on Wednesday and on Thanksgiving. Friday will be partly cloudy and then rain and/or showers will continue thru at least Tuesday. Daytime temperatures will range from a low of 50 to a high of 62 with night temperatures falling below freezing on Thursday and Friday.

This weather forecast is courtesy of the Weather Underground. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit their regularly updated 10-day weather forecast for Templeton.

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