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Templeton Education Foundation is in dire need of board members by March 15

Good Evening!

Reports have been coming in all day from various law enforcement agencies, county roads, Caltrans, and PG&E regarding downed trees, power outages, numerous accidents, impassible streets, at least one sewage release, and damaged homes. The combination of wind and already saturated ground can be deadly in a relatively heavy rainstorm.

The current weather forecast for Templeton is calling for varying degrees of rainfall with a small respite Saturday night thru Sunday afternoon and then picking up again through Wednesday.

Please stay safe, warm, and dry – and drive carefully if you’re going anywhere this weekend!

The following information is included in this FRIDAY UPDATE:

- The Rain Gauge – Rainfall measured from last night to about 3 pm today
- The Rain Gauge – Toad Creek floods again
- Around Templeton – Softball field at Evers to be named “Shelby’s Field”
- Roads & Traffic – One lane roundabouts proposed for the Main Street/Hwy101 interchange
- Community Service – SLO County Food Bank names new CEO
- Mid-State Fair News – Fairgrounds to host National Swine Show
- Reminder – Templeton Education Foundation needs board members
- Reminder – TAAG Online Candidate Forum for March 2<sup>nd</sup> election

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## THE RAIN GAUGE

- As of 3 pm Friday, Templeton had received 1.60 inches of rain since last night according to measurements taken at Templeton’s Meadowbrook Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Right: Toad Creek floods once again at Salinas and Eddy Streets. According to Elaine Mattson, this is the 5<sup>th</sup> time this season the street and parts of properties in the area have been flooded. Photo courtesy of Elaine Mattson.

*Editor’s Note! Previous TAAG Chair and long-time TAAG delegate Dorothy Jennings and a team of knowledgeable, hard-working committee members worked two years to produce a thorough study of Toad Creek along with options for various solutions to flooding. It was presented to the County and was effectively put on a shelf. Now that the rains have come back and Toad Creek is flooding again, the County Public Works has plans to submit the report to the Board of Supervisors sometime this spring.*



## AROUND TEMPLETON

- **SOFTBALL FIELD AT EVERS TO BE DEDICATED AS “SHELBY’S FIELD”** – Templeton High School senior Shelby Sudbrink passed away in a car accident on January 6th, 2017, at the age of 17. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, at the request of Templeton Recreation, the Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) Board of Directors unanimously approved the naming of softball Field One at Evers Sports Park in Shelby’s memory. It is now named “Shelby’s Field”.

“The family is involved in so many activities throughout Templeton and the news of her passing shook our little community to its core,” said Melissa Johnson, TCSD Recreation Supervisor. “Shelby was “one of ours” – she’s on every wall of fame in the Recreation Department.”

Johnson went on to say that not only did Shelby play all of the sports offered by Templeton Recreation, but her dad Michael coached Shelby’s teams and continues to coach her little brother’s and sister’s teams, while her mom Emily has served on the Youth Softball Advisory Committee for more than 5 years – and remains a member to this day. In addition, her grandfather also coaches for Templeton Recreation.

“As Shelby began to age out of our programs, she continued to help coach teams with her family, train players, and prove both her skill and work ethic,” continued Johnson. “While we wish the circumstances were very different, and that there was no need for this, Templeton Recreation Department is proud to announce the dedication of Field One at Evers Sports Park to our very own Shelby Sudbrink.”

Lindsay Campana, the Director of Athletics at Templeton High School (THS) worked with Shelby during her high school sports career. Like Shelby, Campana “came up through the ranks” in Templeton Recreation on her way to a stellar performance on the THS Lady Eagles Softball team that won three CIF Championships in a row. Many of her fellow teammates had also played Youth Softball with Campana.

“On behalf of the THS Athletic Department, I commend TCSD for their efforts to make sure Shelby’s legacy continues,” said Campana. “Future softball athletes will now be given the honor and privilege to play on “Shelby’s Field” and be entrusted to carry on what Shelby represented – hard work, hunger for competition, a positive attitude, being the best teammate possible, and having the time of her life in sports.”

“Shelby’s Field” will be formally dedicated on March 11<sup>th</sup> during the Opening Day Ceremonies for Templeton Youth Softball & T-Ball. The event starts at 8:30 am and will take place at Evers Sports Park. Templeton Recreation has coordinated with Templeton Baseball (opens the same day) to ensure the community is able to attend the dedication regardless of the program their child is participating in.

“Forever and from now on, Field One will be referred to as “Shelby’s Field,” concluded Johnson.

## **ROADS & TRAFFIC**

- **ONE LANE ROUND-ABOUTS PROPOSED FOR MAIN/101 INTERCHANGE** – The County is exploring various alternatives to improve operations at the Main Street/US 101 Interchange. According to the County, the project would provide congestion relief and multimodal connectivity while better accommodating cyclists and pedestrians. The project alternatives range from \$10 to \$16.5 million in current dollars and would be paid through a combination of local and federal funding sources.

All four options include “single-lane” roundabouts and affect local property and business owners as all four alternatives will require additional land to build. Depending on the option, businesses and homeowners may also be disrupted or displaced to build the project. In addition, given the significant number and increasing number of large trucks and vehicles using Ramada Drive, concerns regarding “single-lane” roundabouts have been raised.

The County will host a town hall meeting to discuss the Main Street/US 101 Interchange project on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm in the Templeton Community Center (Women's Clubhouse at 601 S. Main). According to the County, the town hall is being held in order to provide a general project update and gather public input.

*Editor's Note! This is a must attend for property owners, business owners, truckers, and companies who use large trucks in that area. There is an information flyer that was made available to TAAG showing the four options, but the photos of the options are not easy to read and would not have translated well if copied or scanned for this edition. I'm looking for a readable PDF that can be posted online for those who are interested in learning more, and will let readers know when and if that's available. Two questions that haven't been answered to my satisfaction are (1) why are Templeton property owners, businesses, and homeowners bearing the brunt of the need to offset traffic that has arguably been generated to an even greater degree than Templeton by the expansion of Paso Robles into the 101 corridor between 46W and Main Street; and (2) why didn't Paso Robles and the County plan ahead for the traffic impacts Paso's growth in that corridor have caused?*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **FOOD BANK NAMES NEW CEO** – On Wednesday, the San Luis Obispo County Food Bank Coalition Board of Directors announced the selection of Kevin Drabinski as their new CEO.

“We were impressed with [Kevin's] experience, education, and leadership skills and are confident he will help advance the mission of the Food Bank while working with its many agencies and community partners to alleviate hunger in the County,” said Board Chair Jeff Mercer.

To learn more about the Food Bank Coalition and how you can help, please visit [www.slofoodbank.org](http://www.slofoodbank.org).

- *Editor's Note! Also in this arena, the February 16<sup>th</sup> TAAG agenda included as a “Report from the Public” a presentation on plans for a homeless rescue mission in Atascadero. According to the agenda, the presentation was to be given by Tim Harness of Tunnel Vision Homeless Outreach. More on this, if and when, more information on both the project and the organization proposing it can be obtained. A cursory internet search didn't turn up any answers.*

## MID-STATE FAIR NEWS

- **FAIRGROUNDS TO HOST NATIONAL JUNIOR SWINE SHOW** – On Wednesday, the California Mid-State Fair (CMSF) announced that the 2017 National Junior Swine Association Western Regional show will be held at the Paso Robles Event Center on November 30<sup>th</sup> thru December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

“We are honored to host this significant and important livestock event for youth from throughout the nation,” said Michael Bradley, CMSF CEO.

The show will include purebred Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, and Yorkshire barrows and gilts, in addition to crossbred barrows and gilts. Youth will participate in showmanship, skill-a-thon, and sweepstakes contests, along with a Barn-Yard Olympics event.

Entry is open NJSA members in all 50 states. For more information, contact Kaley Bontrager, NJSA Director of Junior Activities at (765) 463-3594 or visit [www.nationalswine.com/njsa](http://www.nationalswine.com/njsa).

## REMINDERS

- **TEMPLETON EDUCATION FOUNDATION MAY BE AT RISK** – Since 1990, Templeton Education Foundation (TEF) has benefitted Templeton students through classroom grants for needed educational tools that could not be otherwise provided by the school district’s budget. To date over \$1.3M dollars in grants have been awarded. **Unfortunately, TEF is at risk of closing down this year if it cannot add at least 5 more board members by March 15, 2017.** “Please help us keep this 27 year old nonprofit organization from disassembling! Sign up to become a board member today,” said a TEF press release. For more information or to sign up, please visit [www.templetoneducationfoundation.com](http://www.templetoneducationfoundation.com).

*Editor’s Note! With a looming \$1M plus budget deficit facing Templeton schools in the upcoming school year, the role Templeton Education Foundation (TEF) plays is more important than ever. Please consider serving.*

- **TAAG CANDIDATE FORUM NOW ONLINE** – The four candidates vying for the three voting seats on the Templeton Area Advisory Group were all invited to participate in an online forum to give voters from throughout TAAG’s area of coverage an opportunity to get to know them prior to voting. The forum is now live and available for review at [www.soaringeaglepress.com](http://www.soaringeaglepress.com). The election will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Editor’s Note! It is unfortunate that only one candidate out of the four running for a seat on TAAG contacted Soaring Eagle Press to both reply to the invitation to participate in the Online Forum, and meet the deadline to return the questionnaire – Christopher Cobey. What does it say about the other three candidates who are asking for your votes, but decline to make their views known to the very residents and businesses they will be serving – particularly when one of the primary requisites for TAAG to be recognized as a County Advisory Council is to reach out to and interact with the folks in their area of coverage? Much more on the current and potential TAAG board in upcoming editions...*

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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***