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Good Evening!

My apologies for not being able to produce a full Calendar Digest this week. Thursday's line up of meetings will be a part of this UPDATE along with several additional items of interest. Please note that the Templeton Area Advisory Group or TAAG meets Thursday night prior to their March 2nd election.

A reminder that the "Editor's Notes" are the opinions of Soaring Eagle Press (SEP) Editor/Publisher Nanette Fisher, and not necessarily those of SEP's sponsors.

This UPDATE contains the following:

- Meet the February 2017 TMS Fitness Students of the Month
- Templeton Education Foundation may be at risk of closing
- TAAG Candidate Forum for March 2nd election is now online
- Flower sales raise \$5,000 to fight cancer
- Daulton and friends work to save Templeton oaks
- DNA kits now available for animals shown at the Mid-State Fair
- What's on the calendar in Templeton for Thursday, February 16?

ABOVE THE FOLD

- **TMS February 2017 Fitness Students recognized**
“Work hard, participate, and do your best!”

Each month, Templeton Middle School (TMS) coaches Suzanne Forzetting and Don Crow nominate a boy and a girl 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 February 2017 TMS Fitness Students of the Month are: ***Kylee Dougherty and Diego Benitez*** from the 7th grade, and ***Kat Mikulics and Elijah Esparza*** 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 Phil and Diane Keohen.



TEMPLETON NEWS

- **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.

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.

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...

- **\$5,000 RAISED TO FIGHT CANCER** – Templeton Fire Captain Brandon Wall confirmed today that the “Firefighters fight cancer with flowers for Valentine’s Day” event was a tremendous success. He said that he was blown away by the support shown by the community and that the results exceeded his greatest expectations. “We sold out our entire inventory around 4:30 on Valentine’s Day,” said Wall. “And after expenses we should net about \$5,000 that will be donated to fight cancer through the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb on March 12th.” He went on say that the success of the event was a community effort – from the folks who brought the flowers through the local business who provided funding to purchase the flowers, to the loan of a walk in refrigerator to keep the flowers fresh, and a host of helpful volunteers. “This is a great community!” said Wall. *For more on this and the upcoming Stairclimb, please see “Firefighters help fight cancer with flowers for Valentine’s Day” on page 4 of the February 3^d FRIDAY UPDATE posted on www.soaringeaglepress.com.*
- **DAULTON & FRIENDS WORK TO SAVE TEMPLETON OAKS** – When she heard that the legacy oak tree on the NE corner of Seventh and Crocker Streets was in danger of being removed, Templeton resident Kelly Reed Daulton sprang into action. She found that concerns that the tree might fall on the child care center across the street, had prompted the County to take a serious look at the condition of the oak tree. An arborist for the County inspected the tree and found interior decay with a cavity filled with water, wood ant activity, and birds storing acorns in the bark. His recommendation was to remove the tree. But, with the help of several other community members who also believed removing the tree was premature, Daulton was able to convince the County to consider ALL other options first. As a result, the oak was trimmed and the County is keeping a “weather eye” on the tree’s progress. In the meantime, Daulton hopes to find an arborist who will give a second opinion on both the condition of the tree and any other options that might be available to protect and possibly heal or stave off any further degeneration. In the meantime, she is also considering starting a non-profit group to save and protect Templeton’s heritage oaks. *More on this in upcoming editions...*
- **DNA KITS NOW AVAILABLE FOR MID-STATE FAIR** – The California Mid-State Fair (CMSF) now requires all Replacement Heifers and Market Animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Meat Goats) designated for entry into the 2017 CMSF to have a hair sample taken prior to ownership deadlines. None of these animals will be eligible for official entry in the Fair unless a hair sample is obtained and a DNA Registration Form has been completed. Kits are available for pick up during the week at the Fair Administration office from 9 am to 4 pm. *For more information on this please see the full press release at www.midstatefair.com.*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

LAFCO – San Luis Obispo County Local Agency Formation Commission
9 am / Supervisors Chamber in the SLO County Government Center (1055 Monterey)

- [A-1] Proposed Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District

TAAG – Templeton Area Advisory Group
7 pm / Templeton CSD boardroom

- The full agenda is posted at www.soaringeaglepress.com

Templeton **LIONS CLUB** – CANCELLED

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2

Meet with 1st District **SUPERVISOR John Peschong**

- The Supervisor's regularly scheduled office hours for this week are cancelled
- For an appointment with Supervisor Peschong, please call 1st District Legislative Assistant Vicki Janssen at 781-4491 or email her at vjanssen@co.slo.ca.us

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