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## REMINDER



**April is WEED ABATEMENT month** • Prepare to be fire safe throughout fire season!  
Time to get out those weed wackers, mowers and loppers in preparation for this spring ritual

## TOP OF THE FOLD

### TEMPLETON EAGLES ATHLETIC BOOSTERS PRESENT THE APRIL 2019 THS ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

The Templeton High School (THS) Athletes of the Month were recognized Wednesday at a special lunch co-sponsored by the THS Eagles Athletic Boosters in conjunction with Chulo's Café & Cantina.

The April 2019 THS Athletes of the Month in alphabetical order are: **Faith Giordano, Braden Lawrence, Grace Thayer, and Cole Woulbroun.**

These award winning athletes were nominated for athletic excellence combined with those traits that foster excellence. Some of those qualities may include 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.

**Senior Faith Giordano** was nominated by Swim Head Coach Karen Neil who said, “Faith has been an awesome team captain and was amazing during our swim league championships. She really stepped up as team leader!”



**Sophomore Braden Lawrence** was nominated by Varsity Boys Volleyball Head Coach Ben Schaner, “Braden is one of the most respectful, hard-working, focused, and empathetic athletes I’ve ever had the privilege to coach!”

**Junior Grace Thayer** was nominated by Varsity Softball Head Coach Keith Swank, “Grace is the definition of a team player; she is dedicated and plays with so much heart every day. Her commitment to the team – even though she is battling her illness each day – is inspirational to everyone in the program. Grace gives everything she has every day and does it with a smile.”

**Senior Cole Woulbroun** was nominated by Varsity Boys Tennis Head Coach Mary K. Housinger, “Cole is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year varsity player that has really stepped up his game this season. We all know what a focused student Cole is, but this year I saw him put the same effort and determination into his tennis game. Cole came ready to learn and practice hard each day, absorbing all lessons and utilizing them in every match. Win or lose, Cole never gave up, pushing himself hard through each match whether it was as our #4 singles player or #1 doubles team with Chris Murray.”

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 Franklin, and the overall event is coordinated / published by Soaring Eagle Press and its sponsors.

*Above Photo: THS April Athletes of the Month at Chulo’s Café courtesy of THS Athletic Director Lindsay Franklin*

## **TMS APRIL 2019 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 April 2019 TMS Fitness Students of the Month are: **Emmy Floberg and Nikita Norton** from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and **Elyse Black** from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



The students each receive a special TMS Fitness Student T-Shirt, and are treated to a delicious lunch from Templeton Market & Deli 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 – courtesy of TMS Fitness Students Sponsors Keith & Georgia Vreeken of Professional Home Inspections.

*Photo Above: TMS April 2019 Fitness Students photo courtesy of Anne Cline, TMS teacher of World History, U.S. History, and Publications*

*\*This month, only one 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who hadn't already received the award was eligible*

## **DECISION 2019**

***After several years of searching for solutions to save Templeton's Fire Department, time and options have run out. One option remains. Vote for an assessment or close the Fire Department.***

*Attend to hear a thorough overview and get your questions answered*

### **SHOULD TEMPLETON VOTE ON A SPECIAL TAX LEVY TO FUND TEMPLETON FIRE?**

On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Directors for Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) will consider the adoption of a resolution that will call for a special, all mail election on August 27, 2019. The purpose of the election is to determine if voters living within TCSD's boundaries are willing to levy a special tax on real property to provide 7/24 staffing for Templeton Fire & Emergency Services.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend, participate in the discussion, and get your questions answered.

#### **RESOURCES FOR "DECISION 2019"**

- ***"Our Growing Fire & Emergency Services Dilemma"*** – Please [CLICK HERE](#) to download
- ***"Frequently Asked Questions"*** – Please [CLICK HERE](#) to download
- A ***PowerPoint presentation*** on the challenges facing Templeton Fire & Emergency Services – Please [CLICK HERE](#) to download
- ***"Twin Cities Community Hospital Shines a Spotlight on Emergency Care"***, Templeton Magazine, Spring/Summer 2019, page 4
- ***"Save Your Templeton Fire & Emergency Services Department"***, Templeton Magazine, Spring/Summer 2019, page 6
- ***"Templeton Fire Department races to a cure for cancer"***, Paso Robles Magazine, April 2019, page 33

***If a vote fails and Templeton Fire is disbanded, what will the County do?***

#### **SUPERVISORS POSTPONE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE UPDATE & DECISIONS**

**[Apr 23]** Due to morning agenda items that ran into today's afternoon session, the Board of Supervisors directed administrative staff to reschedule agenda item 35 which included (a) an update from the Ad Hoc Fire Committee evaluating fire protection service by special districts within the unincorporated areas of San Luis Obispo County, (b) adopt a policy regarding the funding of independent special districts, (c) approve the approach to development of any "plan for service", (d) send out a letter requesting service level data from special districts providing fire protection, and (e) provide direction to staff as necessary. The date to bring this item back has not yet been set, but those interested in following what direction the County is taking regarding fire issues, are encouraged to [read the staff report](#).

***Editor's Note!*** *The staff report is very clear that the County will not help current fire services in terms of additional funding and is considering to what degree and how it will provide a safety net WHEN/IF those services fail.*

The following is an excerpt from the staff report and is recommended by the Ad Hoc Fire Committee (Peschong and Gibson) for adoption by the Board of Supervisors:

- **Funding for Independent Special Districts:** *As independent special districts are autonomous government agencies fully independent of the County in governance, the provision of services, and funding, the County shall not subsidize an independent special district with County General Fund monies nor should any property tax exchange result in a net fiscal loss to the County.*

**Editor's Note!** The above statement is erroneous. Special Districts are NOT “fully” independent of the County.

For example, Templeton’s Community Services District (TCSD) has ALL the LATENT powers of an incorporated city – with the notable exception of zoning and land use – which by law, remains with the County.

Zoning and land use is arguably the granddaddy of all LOCAL government powers; it impacts every other power exercised. This power alone, gives San Luis Obispo County a very significant degree of control over the town of Templeton.

Taxes are directly related to zoning and land use. The County assesses properties and collects both property and sales taxes within the TCSD’s boundaries. Only 8.4 cents of every property tax dollar collected is returned to the town of Templeton to provide for necessary public services. None of the town’s sales tax dollars collected by the County are shared with the community. These amounts can only be changed IF the County is willing to negotiate. It is not.

Secondly, while TCSD can take on all the other powers granted to a city, it CANNOT activate ANY power without the approval of LAFCO\* and the **CONSENT of the County Board of Supervisors**.

A third example is Templeton’s Cemetery District. Also a special district, its Board of Directors is NOT elected, but APPOINTED by the Board of Supervisors.

To say that special districts are “autonomous government agencies fully independent of the County” is both misleading and disingenuous. Using this argument as the backbone in support of the County’s decision to withhold any further sharing of property taxes as it relates to fire services in unincorporated areas is specious.

To learn more about special districts, access the state publication *“What’s So Special About Special Districts”* online through your preferred search engine.

\*LAFCO – *San Luis Obispo County’s Local Agency Formation Commission – two Supervisors sit on LAFCO*

## **RECREATION**

### **SUMMER FUN • TEMPLETON REC EXCITED ABOUT NEW PROGRAM**

*Fun and entertainment for months... Memories to last a lifetime!*

Templeton Recreation has created a new summer youth sports opportunity for elementary and middle school age youngsters – Templeton Recreation Flag Football.

“Flag Football is going to be awesome this year and we’re encouraging all interested participants heading into 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades to check it out,” said Melissa Johnson, Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) Recreation Supervisor. “It’s during the summer and teams will be built to be large enough not to hinder the already scheduled family vacation or busy fair season while still offering the

players enough play-time to enjoy the game, learn the fundamentals, and have a blast competing against their friends.”

Registration runs through May 17<sup>th</sup>. Drop by the Templeton Recreation office at 599 S. Main from 9 am to 6 pm Tuesday thru Friday, or register online at [www.templetoncsd.org](http://www.templetoncsd.org). The cost is \$120 for TCSD residents (town of Templeton), \$15 more for those living outside of town or \$25 more for those living outside Templeton school district. Anyone registering after May 17<sup>th</sup> will be waitlisted.

“We’ll play through the NFL Flag program in a 5 x 5, fast-paced, age-appropriate setting that really focuses on learning the fundamentals of the game,” continued Johnson. “If your child is interested in football, but you are concerned about the safety of game play, this is going to be a great introduction to the sport for them!”

Practices will start after Memorial Day, the 8 game season kicks off on June 22, and the last day of games will be held on August 10. Games will be held on Saturdays at times that avoid the hottest part of the summer day and team roster sizes allow for absences – no need to change summer vacation plans for games!

For more information, please contact Templeton Recreation at (805)434-4909 or drop by the office 9 am to 6 pm Tuesday thru Friday at Len’s Place (Templeton Recreation Building at 599 S. Main).

### **VINEYARD DOG PARK TO CLOSE PARKING LOT FOR MAINTENANCE**

The parking lot at Vineyard Dog Park will be closed at 7 am on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and will reopen for use at 7 am on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

“We are repairing, resealing, and restriping the parking lot,” said Paula O’Farrell of Parks 4 Pups. “The additional days are to allow the asphalt to completely dry and set. This important park maintenance is paid for by your memberships and donations. Thank you!”

It is important to note that ***the Dog Park will remain open during this period*** and visitors are asked to ***park on the street and walk their dogs on a leash to the park entrance.***

### **STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR DOG JOG 2019**

*From Parks 4 Pups*

Calling all dogs! There is still time to sign up for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Paso Robles DOG JOG event. This is an insanely fun 4K/2K fun run or easy walk through the beautiful vineyards of Vina Robles winery.

It’s a great way to strut your stuff, let your owners munch, sip and groove to the great music of the Rag Bone Saints, win some awesome silent auction items, and support your local dog park. All with a Cinco de Mayo theme!! How cool is this!!!

Sign up now and take advantage of our early bird rate of \$30 per dog. Register online at [www.parks4pups.org](http://www.parks4pups.org). Registration is also available at the event for \$35 per dog.

Event registration includes lunch and wine tasting (21 and over). You can purchase additional lunch vouchers (\$12) and a glass of wine (\$6) at the event. Participants will receive a racer’s goodie bag, a snazzy dog bandana (thank you Lemos!), and a finisher’s medal.

Race day check in begins at 9 am followed by the start of the 4K/2K run/walk at 10 am. For more information, please contact Larry Miller at (805) 239-9326 or [info@sherwooddogpark.org](mailto:info@sherwooddogpark.org).

## FARM & GARDEN

### DEVELOP A CARBON FARM PLAN: US-LT RCD OFFERS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

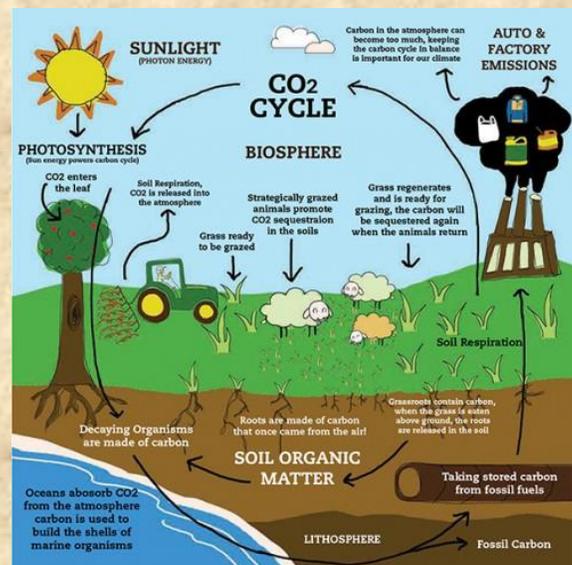
Are you interested in technical assistance in developing a Carbon Farm Plan for your farm or ranch? The Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (US-LT RCD) is currently seeking interested landowners to determine the future of carbon farm planning in our area.

Why develop a Carbon Farm Plan? It will help you plan for carbon sequestration and climate adaptation while improving the health of your soil.

What are some of the practices that can be a part of a Carbon Farm Plan?

- Compost Application
- Anaerobic Digester
- Silvopasture/Shrub and Tree Establishment
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt/Hedgerow
- Filter Strips
- Forage and Biomass Planting
- Rangeland Management
- Nutrient Management
- Prescribed Grazing and Range Planting

For those who are interested, please contact Andrew Johnson at (805) 536-3175 or email him at [andrew@us-ltrcd.org](mailto:andrew@us-ltrcd.org).



## COUNTY GOV

### *A San Luis Obispo County Fire in cooperation with Cal Fire* NEWS RELEASE **FIRE STATIONS OPENED AS FIRE ACTIVITY INCREASES** *Provided by 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Debbie Arnold's office*

[SLO] Due to warm, dry conditions and a rapidly curing grass crop, CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire has increased staffing of fire engines and opened several more fire stations.

Seven additional wildland fire stations were opened for a total of nine, each staffed with one wildland fire engine. Paso Robles Air Attack Base is scheduled to open Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, with one air attack plane and two air tankers. Additional firefighting resources in place include four hand crews at Cuesta Conservation Camp, three hand crews at Camarillo Fire Center, and one bulldozer based at Parkhill Fire Station.

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 marks both the beginning of fire season and the end of open burn season. Burning authorized under Backyard Burn Permits issued by the Air pollution Control District (APCD) will be suspended until further notice. In addition to an APCD burn permit, all other types of burning will now require a CAL FIRE Burn Permit to be issued by CAL FIRE Stations.

Residents within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) are required to maintain 100 feet of defensible space around all habitable structures on their property. In addition to maintaining adequate defensible

space, residents are encouraged to be vigilant and avoid activities that could spark unwanted fires such as moving dry vegetation during warm, dry, or windy weather.

For additional fire prevention information, visit "[Ready-Set-Go!](#)" and "[One Less Spark – One Less Wildfire](#)".

## MID-STATE FAIR

*In case you missed it...*

### CMSF CANCELS 2019 YOUTH POULTRY SHOWS

Due to ongoing concerns regarding the outbreak of Virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) in California, the CA Mid-State Fair (CMSF) announced that it "regrets to announce the cancellation of the Youth Poultry Shows (all fowl species) for 2019."

According to the press release, "this difficult decision was based on a variety of factors including recommendations from the CA Department of Food & Agriculture, Animal Health branch regarding poultry show, and exhibitions throughout the state." Additional concerns included the continued expansion of quarantine areas in Southern California and a recent case of vND in Alameda County.

Since May 2018, staff from the California Department of Agriculture (CDFA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have been working in joint incident command to eradicate vND in Southern CA. The highly contagious virus has resulted in the euthanasia of more than one million birds in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties.

"The California Mid-State Fair joins numerous other fairs and poultry organizations in the state in cancelling their poultry shows and exhibits. Although this decision is disappointing for our exhibitors and fair guests, it is in the best interest of the community and the California poultry industry."

## WEATHER FORECAST



SAT 70/45, SUN 69/45, MON 66/45, TUES 66/45, WED 70/44, THUR 74/45, FRI 73/45  
Mostly sunny to partly cloudy all week • Warming into 70's toward the end of the week

## RAIN GAUGE



**PRECIOUS RAINFALL • SLOW IT DOWN AND SOAK IT UP**  
*Help replenish our water resources • Design landscaping to limit runoff and soak up rainfall*

THE RAIN GAUGE – **28.6"** for the season as the morning of March 28 (Measured at Meadowbrook)

## PURE H<sub>2</sub>O

*Parallels to Paso Basin?*

**Farmers and Imperial Irrigation District (IID) fight for water rights**

[KYMA News Exclusive](#) – April 25, 2019

By Roy Dorantes

El Centro, CA – A growing number of Imperial Valley residents said the area is in serious danger; threatened by a possible change in how water rights are implemented locally, giving just a few people the power to do with the water as they please.

To read more, please click on the link above.

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Its Mission Statement is “First and foremost to let readers know what’s coming up so they can remain informed and involved, secondly to highlight our youth’s achievements because they are both the focus and the future of our community, and finally, deal with the adult shenanigans when there is time and space.

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