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What's Happening Here In Days Ahead

Mexican dinner

The Old Station Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department will hold a Mexican dinner Saturday, 5-7 p.m., at the fire hall. The menu will consist of chips and salsa, enchilada, Spanish rice, refried beans, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$6 adults, \$4 for children ages 10 and younger. All proceeds benefit the fire department.

Golf tourney

Mayers Intermountain Healthcare Foundation will hold its fifth annual golf tournament Saturday at the Fall River Valley Golf and Country Club. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Tee time is 9 a.m. for the shotgun start. Cost is \$75 per golfer and includes green fees, cart and lunch. Telephone 336-5511, ext. 1202 for more information.

Parking lot sale

The deacons of Burney Presbyterian Church will hold a parking lot sale at the church on Main and Marquette streets Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables at \$10 each will be available for those wanting to sell items. Telephone Ellie Halter at 335-3549 for more information.

Skate park event

A fundraiser for the skate park in Burney is set for Saturday, 5-9 p.m. at Washburn Bue Park. The bands Attempted Failure and A Day Late will perform at the free concert. Donations accepted. Telephone Marolyn Quinn at 335-5447 for more information.

After school begins

The Acorn in Montgomery Creek is offering an after-school program starting Aug. 18, on Mondays through Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The program is open to all children, grades K-12, from any school district or home school program. The program is free, although donations - and parent volunteers - are welcome. Bill Watson and Anne Brown are the primary staff. For information, call 337-6736.

WEATHER

FORECAST

Today, partly cloudy with highs 82 to 89. Tonight, partly cloudy with lows mid 40s to lower 50s.
Thursday, partly cloudy in the morning, then clearing. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s.
Friday, dry with lows in the 40s and highs in the 80s. **Saturday**, dry with lows 45 to 55 and highs in the 80s. **Sunday and Monday**, dry with highs i85 to 95 and lows 45 to 55. A current forecast is updated about 4 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily on The News web site at im-news.com.

TEMPERATURES

| | Hi | Low | Rain |
|-----------|----|-----|------|
| August 5 | 77 | 52 | |
| August 6 | 78 | 48 | |
| August 7 | 78 | 44 | |
| August 8 | 82 | 42 | |
| August 9 | 83 | 43 | |
| August 10 | 85 | 41 | |
| August 11 | 83 | 42 | |

Courtesy of Darryl Jones in Burney

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Separate crashes same area, same morning injure 4



California Highway Patrol traffic officer John Cannon cuts away fencing in photo above from vehicle that crashed west of Hatchet Mountain summit Monday at 11:25 a.m. In photo below, rescue workers assist at another vehicle accident nearby that occurred about two and one-half hours earlier. Two persons were injured in each crash.



Monday wrecks keep rescue workers busy

Four persons sustained injuries in two separate solo accidents Monday just a few hours apart and both just west of Hatchet Mountain summit.

Tamara Weldon, 34, of Burney was driving her Honda Civic about 50 miles per hour on Highway 299 at 8:50 a.m. when she took her eyes off the roadway, the California Highway Patrol reported.

Entering a moderate left hand curve while traveling east, she over corrected and headed into the west-bound lane.

Weldon over corrected a second time, causing the vehicle to lose traction and it began to spin. The

Honda, now out of control, spun off the highway and launched itself off an embankment and into a pond below, the CHP said.

Tamara and her two children were flown by helicopter to a Redding hospital. Tamara and son Caleb, 4, sustained moderate injuries. Bethany Weldon, 1, was not injured.

At 11:25 a.m., a second vehicle crashed less than a mile away when the driver apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

Michael Marengi, 53, of Santa Cruz was on his way to Cassel for a two-week vacation when his vehicle

crashed into a chainlink fence.

Marengi and his daughter Kristen Marengi, 24, were part of a three-vehicle family convoy when the accident occurred.

Michael left Santa Cruz after very little sleep the day before, the CHP reported.

The Ford Explorer went over the fence and climbed a steep embankment before hitting a large boulder.

The impact caused the vehicle to roll on its side. Michael was taken to Mayers Memorial Hospital for minor injuries. Kristen was flown by helicopter to Redding with moderate injuries and complaining of back pain.

Election will see 3 seek 2 seats to school board, 5 for fire district

Val Lakey, of Glenburn, Kathy Klein, of Burney, and incumbent Nancy Sisk, of Fall River Mills, have filed for election Nov. 4 to the two four-year openings on the Fall River Joint Unified School District school board.

The other incumbent, Dr. Bob Hatcher, did not file for re-election.

The filing period was extended to 5 p.m. today for the board openings where all of the incumbents did not file.

The filing period has closed for

the Burney Fire Protection District, where five people are running for the two four-year vacancies on the board.

Incumbents Donna Sylvester and Ann Walker have filed, as have Penny Rodgers, Larry Armstrong, and Roger Valinoti

The filing period for the Burney Water District has closed.

April Bertain and Andrew Urlic are running against the incumbents, Jackie Young and Randy Stevens, for the two-four year seats.

In the Fall River Mills Fire Protection District, two of the three incumbents - Harold Bassett and Kathy Ontano - have filed. Rich Hall did not file and the filing period for the three four-year terms remains open.

The filing period also remains open today for the Fall River Community Services District, where no one, including the incumbents Jim Halvarson and Terrence O'Neill, has filed for the two four-year

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Schools spending again with fewer cuts

BY MEG FOX

With state budget cuts less drastic than anticipated and some money saved by cutting costs and staff, Fall River Joint Unified School District Supt. Eric Newton told the school board that they could afford to do some spending.

At the Aug. 6 board meeting, the trustees allocated about \$60,000 in unappropriated general fund monies to hire an additional alternative education teacher to meet increased caseloads in that program.

They agreed to spend another \$20,000 in unappropriated funds (about \$42,000 total) to retain the Resource Safety Officer through the Shasta County Sheriff's Office.

The district had already budgeted about \$22,000 of the approximate \$82,000 cost for the deputy's salary, benefits, vehicle and related expenses. The Sheriff's Department is funding the other half.

"Can we afford this?" asked trustee Ron Poli.

Newton said yes, as long as the board kept a close eye on the district's cash reserve.

"We can afford this and still have money left," Newton said.

Chief Budget Official Roger Borkey said the district could spend this money and maintain its five percent reserve for economic uncertainties.

The trustees went into the deferred maintenance budget to put another \$36,600 towards the resurfacing of the Fall River Elementary School playground and supplement the \$30,000 cap that they agreed on in April.

Newton said that the bids on the project were "extensively more" than the playground committee had estimated.

"We could scale back the project, stop the project, or add \$36,600 to it," Newton said.

The district is now paying \$66,600 of the \$80,000 total project cost.

The additional funds would pay for the resurfacing and the cost to repair deteriorated cement walkways, dilapidated fencing, and a drainage problem.

Trustee Connie Sebastian said that their change of mind was not without thought.

The playground condition is a safety issue, she said. "The blacktop is being eaten away and the fencing is a danger.

"There are practical and safety factors (in our decision) and we're very supportive of doing the job right."

Fall River Elementary School is contributing \$15,000 from playground project fundraisers towards the resurfacing, rather than for play equipment as originally planned.

The FRE Playground Committee is reportedly re-submitting a grant proposal to the McConnell Foundation, and would perhaps seek other funding sources, to pay for playground structures and basketball hoops.

In their decision to add a Special Education position, the school board said that the new teacher's time would be divided.

Part of the time would be in the combined Fall River Elementary School classroom for students in the Resource Specialist Program and the Special Day Class (RSP/SDC).

The teacher would also manage the Individual Education Plans (IEP's) of the 20-plus students in the Alternative Education program.

Newton said that the hiring decision was not only to keep in compliance with rigid state and federal requirements, "but is simply the right thing to do for our students."

Trustee Nancy Sisk was concerned that adding teachers would put the district back where they were when they had to cut staff.

Fall River Education Association

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New teachers hired to Fall River district

Several new teachers are joining the Fall River Joint Unified School District this school year.

Kenneth Howes will be teaching English at Fall River Junior-Senior High School, as Michelle Corder has taken a leave of absence.

Jeanne Utterback is teaching seventh and eighth grade social studies at Fall River and replaces Terrie Berry, who retired in June, and Cindy White was approved to teach Special Education.

At Burney Junior-Senior High School, Christine Rodgers has been hired to teach English and replaces Mary Lou Schmidt, who retired in June.

Teri Queznell was hired as the half-time counselor and half-time teacher and

replaces Janet Cooper, who has retired.

Gerald Pusch, Jr. was hired as the resource teacher in Special Education.

Principal Larry Hutchings has also hired a math teacher to replace Lori Cottingham, who resigned, and has made an offer to a social sciences teacher to replace Ron Schmidt, who retired.

The school board has not yet approved these two positions.

At Burney Elementary School, Ronny Garrett was hired as the resource specialist and replaces Vicki Moss, who has moved out of the area.

Donald Baggott was hired to work with the severely handicapped at the Mount Burney Center.



New computers for school

Andrea Wilkins, 17, a senior at Mountain Christian Academy in Cassel, (seated) tries out one of the five new Gateway 2000 computers and accessories that Tri Counties Bank, Bieber/Fall River Mills, donated to the school. Standing, from left are Tri Counties Assistant Branch Manager Violet Diaz and Branch Manager Debbie Noel with Mountain Christian Principal Mark Munshausen. The computers were installed in time for the start of school Aug. 18 and for the 55 students already enrolled.

District short groundworker

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President Ellen Sugg-Forbis said she thought the goal of the spring layoffs was to have money to provide the teachers with a decent benefit plan.

"I'm getting the sinking feeling that (staff) is once again going to be at the end of the line," she said.

Classified School Employee Association Presi-

dent Larry Goza reminded the board that they were still short a groundworker.

The board tabled one other funding request.

Due to changes in the Independent Study Program policy, the trustees are waiting for ISP enrollment figures before approving a request for \$12,000 to increase that teacher's contract from half-time to three-quarter time.



Camper treat

The Burney Fire/EMS Association hosted a taco dinner Aug. 6 for the 24 children attending Camp Eagle Flight, sponsored by the Northern California Burn Foundation in Red Bluff for burn surviving children, traumatized firefighters, and emergency responders. Campers were spending the night at the Sierra Pacific wilderness campground in Burney, but will soon have their own camp on 52 acres near Viola on property donated by S-P. The children, ages 6 to 18, had two days of house boating on Shasta Lake and had plans to visit the Subway Caves on Highway 89 before doing more camping near Viola. Pictured are Burney volunteer firefighter Larry Armstrong holding a young camper, and, from left, Erin Gallagher, 13, of Sacramento, Beau Rollings, 13, of Sebastopol, Kevin Daly, 17, of Sacramento, Cody Smith in fire suit, Brenda Ballentine, Camp Development Director, and Eugene Allen, 7, of Sacramento.

State budget cuts limit stops at border inspection stations

Unless someone coming into California has a carload of oak trees and sweet potato plants, they probably won't have to stop for inspection at one of the state's 17 Border Inspection Stations.

As of July 1, the state's border stations stopped inspecting private vehicles for fruits, plants and vegetables.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's

inspection program absorbed a \$1.37 million budget cut and as a result stopped hiring seasonal employees for the inspection stations, according to Steve Lyle of the department's public affairs office.

The department is refocusing the program on RV's, moving vans and commercial vehicles.

"We have found, his-

torically, that they introduce exotic pests into California," Lyle said.

Passenger vehicles still have to pass through the stations and are still subject to being stopped "if an inspector feels the need to."

The nearest inspection station in the Northstate is on Interstate 5 at Hornbrook near the California-Oregon border.

Tickets on sale for school district fundraiser

Tickets are now on sale for the school district's Cow Chip Bingo fundraiser taking place Aug. 30 in McArthur.

The Fall River Joint Unified School District is hosting the event to generate funds in support of the district's athletic program.

The fun begins at the Fall River High School baseball field following the Fair Bowl — a pre-season football game between Burney and Fall River that starts at noon.

Tickets for Cow Chip Bingo are \$10 each and there is no limit on the amount that can be purchased, although a total of only 2,500 tickets will be sold.

For each ticket, the buyer

receives a designated block of space on a large field where three champion steers will be set free to roam, one at a time.

If a steer leaves a "chip" on the square you have purchased, you're a winner.

A chip from Steer #1 brings the first place prize of \$3,000.

If its Steer #2 who leaves a chip, it's for the second place prize of \$1,500.

Steer #3 is the third place prize of \$500.

Tickets can be purchased from any Burney or Fall River junior high-senior high school athlete or coach, and from members of the Burney Boosters, the Fall River

Boosters, and the Bulldog Sports Foundation.

Tickets will also be available at the Intermountain Fair and from Boosters on the day of the game.

For more information, call Supt. Eric Newton at 335-4646 or Athletic Directors Greg Hawkins, 336-6277, or Peggy Snelling, 335-4576.

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SHERIFF'S LOG BOOK

Deputies arrested Daniel James Whitney Sunday at 10:04 p.m. in Fall River Mills on a Texas warrant.

A 4- to 6-year-old dialed 911 from the 21700 block of Vallejo Street in Johnson Park reported her brother was hitting her friend Sunday at 4:18 p.m. Then she said "never mind" and hung up the telephone.

A caller reported Sunday afternoon his 46-year-old wife had walked away from a Hat Creek store and he wanted to report her as missing. The husband reporting her as missing is an ongoing problem, deputies determined. The woman is never actually missing, she goes to visit friends. The caller was dropped off at a Burney motel by deputies.

An uncooperative subject was reported at the

swimming area of McArthur Burney Falls Memorial State Park Sunday at 2:17 p.m.

Brian Harrison reported Sunday two slashed tires on his pickup parked at the 37000 block of Orchard Way in Burney.

The California Highway Patrol requested deputy assistance Sunday at 12:07 p.m. with a traffic stop near Tri-Counties Bank in Fall River Mills.

A vehicle was reported Sunday vandalized at the 20100 block of Hudson Street in Burney.

A woman reported Sunday at 9:33 a.m. her girlfriend had locked her out of a residence on Stoneage Drive.

Virginia Lebo reported while walking her small dog near Roff Way in Burney

Saturday evening she was attacked and bitten by a large dog.

Deputies arrested a 38-year-old man Sunday at 6:39 p.m. after a Burney caller reported he had exposed himself and made sexual gestures in front of children. His name was censored on the logbook.

A verbal disturbance between two women was reported Saturday at 6:02 p.m. from the 20200 block of Tamarack Avenue in Burney.

Fred Bertsch reported Saturday his locked vehicle was broken into while parked at the rim overlook near Old Station. Camping equipment and a backpack were taken.

A disturbance between a man and his ex-girlfriend was reported Saturday at 1:35 p.m. at the 20500 block of

Ontario Avenue in Burney.

A woman hailed a deputy Saturday at 2:12 a.m. at the 37100 block of Main Street in Burney and said she had been assaulted by a 25-year-old known suspect.

A 1-year-old was in the emergency room Friday at 10:47 p.m. being treated for a dog bite near Bridge and Highway 299 in Fall River Mills.

Deputies assisted in searching for a man who drove his pickup into at least three vehicles on Arrowood Street in Burney Friday at 10 p.m.

Elizabeth Carter reported Friday at 4:35 p.m. the theft of a butcher knife and black leather coat from the 29400 block of Highway 299 in Round Mountain.

A disabled boat was reported on Lake Britton Friday at 3:08 p.m. near the state park beach area. The boat was located and pulled to shore.

A caller reported the driver of a grey pickup almost hit his son while they were in an apartment complex parking lot on Superior Avenue in Burney Thursday afternoon.

A caller reported a subject was acting strangely and calling himself "Jesus" Thursday afternoon in Big Bend.

A suspicious subject was reported Thursday at 10:12 a.m. at the 20200 block of Arrowood Street in Burney.

A caller reported a man and woman fighting Aug. 6 at 9:48 p.m. at the 24800 block of Fort Crook Avenue in Fall River Mills.

A Carberry Street caller in Burney reported Aug. 6

a neighbor was continually harassing him and his family.

A Burney caller reported Aug. 6 at 1:11 p.m. a neighbor in his 80s was possibly dead. The caller could see the man sitting in a chair and that he had been there a few days.

A caller reported Aug. 6 an ongoing problem with juveniles jumping on a cyclone fence and tearing it down near Highway 299 and Mountain View Road in Burney.

Bonnie Knight reported Aug. 5 vandalism to a reader board sign in front of the Valley Baptist Church, 44022 Highway 299, Fall River Mills.

Total incidents handled by the Shasta County sheriff's office throughout the unincorporated areas of the county:
 August 10 - 138
 August 9 - 123
 August 8 - 146
 August 7 - 130
 August 6 - 130
 August 5 - 122
 August 4 - 134



Bumper cars in Burney

California Highway Patrol officers were still looking Tuesday for the driver of a pickup who rammed three vehicles Friday about 10 p.m. on Arrowood Street in Burney. The driver fled the scene after his truck sustained a flat tire and broken radiator.

Embezzlement case dismissed

The case against the former office manager for Intermountain Family Practice (now called Mountain Valleys Health Center) has been dismissed, although charges may be re-filed at a later date.

Shasta County Deputy District Attorney Bryan Popkes said he reviewed the case against Elizabeth "Beth" Brustad, 48, of McCloud, for her Aug. 5 preliminary hearing and decided there was insufficient evidence to go

to trial. Popkes, who took over the case from District Attorney Keith Cope, said his office needs additional bank and credit card company documents before they can go forward.

"This is a complex case involving bank and credit card records. They are the focus of the case. I'm expecting we will refile, it's just a matter of getting the records together," Popkes said.

Brustad kept the books

for the offices in Burney and Fall River Mills for about 10 years before she was let go in October 2000.

The charges against her included grand theft of \$56,500 and embezzlement from the medical practice.

Popkes said he would advise Brustad's attorney "if and when" new charges are filed.

Mountain Valley's attorney was not available for comment. Brustad and her attorney had no comment.

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OBITUARIES

Gerard 'Rod' K. Taylor

Dept. of Transportation, 51
Services for Gerard 'Rod' K. Taylor of Burney are scheduled for today at 11 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Father Tamayo of the church will officiate.

Mr. Taylor died at Redding Medical Center August 5, 2003. He was born March 15, 1952 in New Orleans, Louisiana and moved to Shasta County in 1996 from Alturas.

He was a leadman with the Department of Transportation in Burney.

He is survived by spouse Cindy of Burney; sons Jason and Justin both of Burney; daughter Lindy of Burney; brothers Terry of Biloxi, Miss., Richard of Murphys and John of Burney.

He was affiliated with Fort Crook Masonic Lodge F & Am. Memorial contributions may be made to Trust Fund for Children at US Bank 37131 Main St., Burney, CA 96013.

McDonald's Chapel in Burney handled the arrangements.

Mary Joyce Armstrong

Registered Nurse, 83

No services will be held for Mary Joyce Armstrong of Fall River Mills.

She died at Mayers Memorial Hospital in Fall River Mills Aug. 7, 2003.

She was born March 5, 1920 in Port Arthur, Texas and moved to Shasta county in 1978 from Pacific Palisades.

She is survived by husband Philip of Fall River Mills and Loma Linda and son Daniel of Burney and Colma, and two grandchildren.

McDonald's Chapel in Burney handled the arrangements.

Alfred W. Lung

PG&E powerhouse, 76

No services will be held for Alfred W. Lung of Burney.

He died Aug. 6, 2003 at his residence.

He was born Nov. 15, 1926 in McCloud and moved to Shasta County in 1965.

He is survived by sons Fred and Dennis Valentine both of Burney; daughter Linda Joiner of Redding; and brother Lloyd of McArthur and 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was affiliated with the US Coast Guard in WWII and Mount Shasta Masonic Lodge #297 F & Am.

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- Aug 13 - Farmers' Market, 3-6pm, VFW Hall Main St. Burney, 472-3303
- Aug 13 - Oscar movie, free showing, 7 p.m., Burney Library, 335-4317
- Aug 16 - Mexican dinner 5-7pm Old Station Fire Hall, Wanda 335-7306
- Aug 16 - Free car wash 10-2pm & burgers 11-1pm, lot sale 8-2, Int. Bapt ch. 335-5414
- Aug 16 - Parkinglot sale 8am-2pm. Presbyterian Ch 299&Marquette, 335-3549
- Aug 16 - Skatepark fundraiser, 5-9pm, Washburn Prk, FREE concert, 335-5447
- Aug 16 - Mayers Golf Tourny, reg. 7:30am, play 9am FRCountry Club 336-5111
- Aug 17 - Frt Crk Soc. tape on historical bldgs in area 2pm Christian Science Ch 6-7308
- Aug 20 - Farmers' Market, 3-6pm, VFW Hall Main St. Burney, 472-3303
- Aug 20 - Oscar movie, free showing, 7 p.m., Burney Library, 335-4317
- Aug 27 - Farmers' Market, 3-6pm, VFW Hall Main St. Burney, 472-3303
- Aug 28 - Modoc Hunt Work Group meets 6pm Refuge headquarters, 233-3572
- Aug 28 - Sept. 1 - Inter-Mountain Fair, McArthur
- Aug 30 - Karaoke contest at Inter-Mountain Fair 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Aug 31 - Intern. Fair Parade, noon, starts at FRHS McArthur, 336-5695

- SEPTEMBER**
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New restrictions proposed for independent study; district wants to make home school less appealing

BY MEG FOX

The school board wants high school students to think twice before enrolling in the district's Independent Study Program and is proposing policy revisions that would make the move less appealing.

Enrollment numbers jumped last year from the usual 20 maximum to 30.

Part of the increased enrollment was a result of the eight Burney High School students who reportedly moved into home study rather than to risk failing an economics course in their senior year.

Under new policy, students interested in home study would first have to enroll at Mountain View High School.

They would then not be eligible to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities offered at Fall River or Burney High School because they weren't enrolled there, said Supt. Eric Newton during a first reading of the new policy Aug. 6.

At graduation, ISP seniors would walk at the Mountain

View ceremony.

"They won't be able to walk with their class, or go to Sober Grad Night without an invitation, or go on their senior trip, and they'll receive a different diploma," said Fall River High School Principal Liz Kyle.

"Is there a difference in the value of the diploma?" asked Ellen Sugg-Forbis, a teacher and president of the Fall River Education Association.

Burney High School Principal Larry Hutchings said that both are California high school diplomas and have the same value when applying for a job.

However, the district's comprehensive high schools have received Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation and home study has not gone through that process, Kyle said.

WASC accreditation "is very specific and very defined," said Trustee Connie Sebastian. "Continuation and Home Study meet different criteria," she said, although

both meet state standards.

A continuation high school diploma "would not get you into a UC," Hutchings said, referring to the University of California system, and probably not the state university system either.

Continuation high school students only need 200 credits to graduate, while comprehensive high school students are required to have 260.

Newton said the policy revisions are also related to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Another factor is that the NCLB Act requires every classroom to have "highly qualified teachers" by 2006 and also that high school teachers have a major or minor degree in the subject they are teaching.

The home study teacher would not have a degree in each subject, Hutchings said.

But basically, the ISP policy revision is because the district doesn't want students to freely drop out for one semester because of a

teacher or a course and then drop back in to play football, Sebastian said.

"It makes it difficult for the high schools to plan effectively if it's so easy to drop in and out at will. We want parents to reflect seriously about what the ramifications are," she said.

Administrators said they also want "to maintain the integrity" of a Burney and Fall River High School diploma.

In another policy change, the district plans to add Algebra I as a requirement for graduation.

Beginning in the 2003-2004 school year, students would need at least one mathematics course, or a combination of two, that meet or exceed the state academic content standard for Algebra I, Newton said.

In response to earlier community suggestions that the district could reduce its PE class sizes and trim the budget by offering PE credit to students who participate in interscholastic sports, Vigil said they discovered that

policy was already in place.

Athletes are eligible for five PE credits per season on an individual basis "when there exists a legitimate reason to do so."

However, students first have to petition for the credit, have their counselor prove a scheduling conflict, and arrange a conference with the school counselor, the PE Department head, and a parent.

The district's revised policy is set for final adoption at the board's Sept. 10 meeting.

Anyone with questions about the policy changes should contact school board

members prior to the meeting.

In other business, the school board

-- Approved an application for a \$14,085 Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant and noted that it is less than they usually request because, due to budget cuts, the program is no longer available at Burney High School;

-- Reported that Burney High School students interested in the Vo-Ed and Ag programs could enroll at Fall River High School and that transportation would be provided for the daily commute.

Football following grows for Wilson in his last season as Cal Berkeley Bear

Fans of Fall River High School grad Mark Wilson, described in the Aug. 8 issue of the Contra Costa Times as "one of the most talented and durable offensive linemen in the Pac-10," are gearing up for his last season of football at Cal Berkeley.

Wilson is starting in his fourth straight season and he's had a loyal and growing group of local supporters since the Bears redshirted him his freshman year.

About 50 friends and family from McArthur were on the Cal side of the field that season to watch the 6-foot-6, 295-pound lineman play.

Last fall, the group had grown to 160, a number that was newsworthy enough for a mention in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Trout plants listed

The following lakes, reservoirs and ponds will be restocked with catchable-size trout from state Department of Fish and Game hatcheries through Saturday, Aug. 16.

SHASTA COUNTY - Baum Lake, lower Burney Creek, upper Burney Creek, Grace Lake, middle Hat Creek, upper Hat Creek, Keswick Canal between Grace and Nora lakes, Nora Lake, Sacramento River above Sweetbriar, Whiskeytown Lake.

SISKIYOU COUNTY - Antelope Creek, Butte Creek, McCloud River at Fowlers, McCloud River at Lakin Dam, Orr Lake, Medicine Lake, Squaw Creek

Trout will be planted the following week, Aug. 17-23:

SHASTA COUNTY - Baum Lake, lower Burney Creek, upper Burney Creek, Grace Lake, Middle Hat Creek, upper Hat Creek, Sacramento River.

His parents, Jack and Terese Hayes, of McArthur, are hoping for an even bigger turnout Oct. 4 when their son's supporters head to the Bay Area for the Bears' versus the Oregon State Beavers.

"Mark said this was going to be his year. I hope that comes true for him," his mother said.

A few locals will also be cheering for offensive lineman Aaron Merz (No. 65), of Wasco, who joined the Bears in 2001 as a walk-on and is the nephew of Tim and Katie DeCoito of Fall River Mills.

Linda Corr, of McArthur, is handling the group ticket sales, at \$15 per ticket, and is placing the order Friday. Call her at 336-6883.

If you can't make the game, you can watch Wilson (No. 63) on ESPN when the Bears play Kansas State on Aug. 23 and Utah on Sept.

11. In the Contra Costa Times feature on Wilson and "the little town of McArthur," reporter Jay Heater describes him as "the Cal Ripken of Cal, the guy who shows up every day and plays."

Wilson, starting in his fourth season, is the only Cal offensive lineman to start all 34 games over last three seasons.

Not surprisingly, Wilson has had an impressive career, since he was red-shirted in 1999, his first season at Cal.

In 2000, The Sporting News named him third team Freshman All-American and Football News selected him as a first team All-Pac-10 player. Cal picked him for Freshman All-American.

At the end of the following season, Wilson earned two team awards: the Andy Smith Award for most playing time and the Big Hit Award for

most big hits in the season.

In 2002, after moving from the right to the left side of the field, Wilson received an All Pac-10 Honorable Mention.

Wilson, 22, is earning his bachelor's degree in American Studies. When his mother asked him what he planned to do with his degree, he replied, "Play football."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Food Group coalition

Editor:

The Food Group coalition would like to thank the local residents and businesses that participated in our third annual Summer Food Drive on July 15.

The nine drop-off locations throughout Shasta County brought in a total of more than 9,600 pounds of food and \$1,400 in cash donations.

A special thanks goes out to the City of Redding employees and the Shasta County employees who competed in a challenge to collect the most food.

The County employees were declared the winners, bringing in over 1,100 pounds of food. The City of Redding employees collected a generous 600 pounds of food.

-Stacy Most
Redding

“Would you believe? a \$5000 Car Wash

Editor:

On Sunday, August 2, the Modoc High School football team had scheduled a car wash to raise money for game uniforms because of the reduction in the athletic program funds due to budget cutbacks.

For whatever reason, the team decided to cancel the car wash and reschedule it for another day. Imagine head coach Shawn Woods' surprise when he received a phone call from Wendy DelRosa insisting that she wanted her car washed! After a few frantic phone calls to the coaching staff and team members, Shawn showed up with a crew at Holiday Market.

When everyone was finally there, Wendy then handed Coach Woods a check from herself and her brother, Phillip DelRosa, for \$5,000 to buy game uniforms for the football squad. A stunned Shawn Woods said it was the largest single donation ever given to the Modoc High School Athletic Program.

Wendy told those present that the Alturas Rancheria believes sports are a very important part of our educational system. “Our parents and our people who attended Modoc High School benefited greatly by participating in sports activities.

They helped keep us in school and gain the education that is so important in our world today. We also believe in supporting our community and its youth whenever we can. The Tribal members of the Alturas Rancheria are proud to be able to help the Modoc High Football team with the purchase of new game uniforms.”

Wendy DelRosa is the Chairperson of the Alturas Rancheria Tribal Business Committee and also a pharmacist at the Susanville State Prison.

Phillip DelRosa is a member of the same committee and owns a successful trucking firm in Medford, Oregon. Both are graduates of Modoc High School with many fond memories of growing up in Alturas.

-Alturas Rancheria
Alturas

A big thanks

Editor:

We would like to thank the McArthur and Fall River Vol. Fire Dept. for their rapid response to the recent lightning fire on our property.

We would also like to thank CDF for helping contain and monitoring the fire through out the night.

A very special thanks goes to the Oilar family for being there just minutes after the fire started. Without their help the outcome could have been very different.

We appreciate everybody's efforts in saving our homes and protecting our property.

-Don & Steve Barber
family

Fort Crook hears story of local wild rice co-op

BY FORT CROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Fort Crook Historical Society heard Kathy Mathys of Fall River Wild Rice relate the history of wild rice development in the area at its July meeting.

Fall River Wild Rice is a grower owned cooperative of members from Burney through Alturas, controlling their product through harvest to sale.

Fall River Wild Rice is sold in bulk to be packaged or combined in other products as well as being successful marketed under the Fall River Wild Rice label as consumer products ranging from raw wild rice, cooked wild rice, snack chips, and pancake flour, with more products under development.

A great crop for water rich Fall River Valley, the 4000' elevation enabled it to be grown without pesticides, not the case in lower elevations.

The processing plant is now in full operation as the wild rice is being harvested and brought in for processing. General manager Hiram Oilar attends food trade shows and visits food companies in every genre to expand the market for both

Fall River wild rice and the Fall River Wild Rice label.

While “our” wild rice is in many products, Fall River Wild Rice is being placed in national grocery chains such as Safeway and Albertson's specialty grocery chains like Trader Joe's, as well as health food stores. You will soon be seeing Fall River Wild Rice in Costco and Wal-Mart's Sam's Club.

Kathi prepared a delicious and refreshing salad with the pre-cooked Fall River Wild Rice product at the end of her presentation and shared it with those who stayed for the potluck following the meeting.

The Fort Crook Historical Society meets the third Sunday from May to October at the Fort Crook Museum. The Society is planning a walking tour of Fall River Mills in early August, weather permitting. For more information and reservations, call the Fort Crook Museum at 336-5110 between noon and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The tour will be recapped at the general membership meeting on August 10, at 2 p.m. Fort Crook Museum was

Acorn Community Enterprises lists its news on web site

BY MARGARET JENSEN
Program Coordinator
Acorn Community Enterprises

Hello, all you Acorn supporters: In our news for August, which can be found on the web at <http://acorncafe.org/monthly/august.html> and <http://acorncafe.org/monthly/august-news.html>, you'll find news about:

- Job Search Resources are available on the Internet at the Acorn Café: as organizations in the Intermountain area try to fill the gap left by the closure of the Burney PIC office, Acorn is one of the sites—trying to help job-seekers access as many local resources as possible.

- Acorn's After School Program starts August 18: all K-12 youth are welcome, but parents must fill out a permission form. The program runs M-Th, 2:30-5p.m.

- In the Family Corner, supported by First 5 Shasta, we've got a toddler play date scheduled for Monday, Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

at Cedar Creek Head Start; the Family Place Library Program in Burney has a wonderful series of workshops for parents scheduled in August; the Rocking Chair Project is available and other services to pregnant women in our service area (Oak Run to Big Bend), and we've got some resources for fathers of young children.

- Acorn's next Open Mic and Jam Night will be August 15. There were lots of great musicians in July—thanks, everyone!

- Acorn is one of the many sponsors of a 5-A-Day Campaign youth Poster contest that shows why Farmer's Markets are fun and healthy places to buy California-grown fresh fruits and produce. For more info., pick up a flyer at the Acorn, the Burney Public Health office, or the Burney Farmer's Market (Wed., 3-6pm.). The contest is for youth 6-15, with entries due by Sept. 17. Lots of prizes; great for school classes or other youth groups to do.

New scholarship available at Simpson College

The Shasta Regional Community Foundation (SRCF) is pleased to announce the 2003 recipients of the Lawson Family Scholarship.

Malia Coloma and Christopher Prigmore, both of Burney, will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship towards their higher education.

Ms. Coloma plans on attending the University of California, Berkeley, while Mr. Prigmore plans on attending Azusa Pacific University.

Joe and Esther Lawson

Fall River Valley library open Monday evenings

BY PHYLLIS FUNK

The Fall River Valley Library is now open Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Come enjoy the cool surroundings and some great books.

It takes only a minute to become a new patron so that you are able to take books home. The library has seen a surge of new patrons lately who are enjoying the facility and what it has to offer.

For those avid gardeners

or want-to-be gardeners, the library recently received a complete set of Time-Life books on gardening. The 15 volumes cover subjects ranging from annuals to wildflowers which includes a monthly chart on what should be done. This set is housed in the reference section but the volumes may be checked out.

The Intermountain area has several books groups meeting monthly and after a

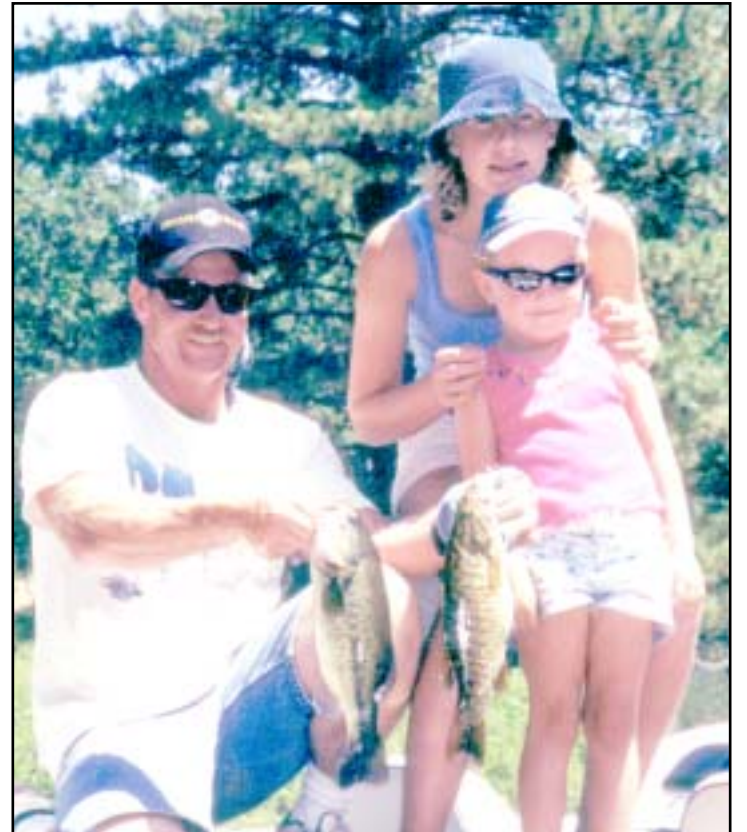
book has been read and discussed, a copy of the book is usually donated to the library by one of the group members.

The library can offer such books as Seabiscuet, Memoirs of a Geisha, The Red Tent, Cadillac Desert, Poisonwood Bible, The Morning the Sun Went Down, Ya-Ya Sisterhood, and the Mitford series. These can all be found in the paperback section.

The museum currently consists of the main building with pioneer and Native American artifacts; the James Showcase with vignettes representing rooms from the home of an early settler of Adin; the mechanical barn with blacksmith forge, print shop, dairy equipment, vehicles from horse drawn to horseless; two log cabins, one set up as it would have been used.

The Pittville schoolhouse with pony shed; a two-cell jail; and the round building housing early farm equipment that so many think is the museum. Work is underway to obtain funding to erect a building to house artifacts and displays of the electrical history of the Intermountain area.

The Museum is located in Fall River Mills at the corner of 299 and Fort Crook Road (and Glenburn Road). The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., from May 1 to October 31 or by calling 336-5110 for group arrangements.



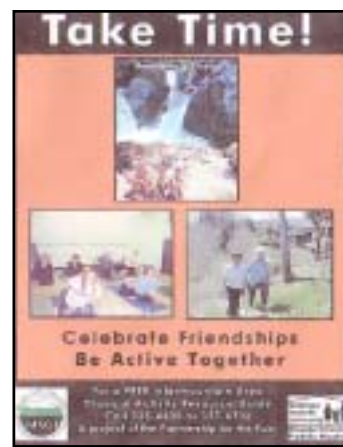
Look what we caught

Pictured is Sabrina Cantu, age 5, along with her fishing partner Brandi Hinkman, age 11, took first place in both their age groups in the annual Intermountain Bass Team Kid Tournament held on Lake Britton July 20. The two also caught the two biggest fish of the day. Sabrina with a Large Mouth Bass at 2.24 lbs. and Brandi with a Small Mouth Bass at 1.74 lbs.

Posters display positive messages

BY LAURA THOMPSON

...to take a break
...to spend quality time with your kids
...to be active together
...to strengthen your family



...to improve your health!!
Have you noticed posters around town that display these positive messages?

The “Take Time” posters feature families of all types from all over the Intermountain area. Have you ever wondered what they are about?

These posters are a part of a Physical Activity Campaign to increase Intermountain area residents' awareness of the lifelong physical, mental and emotional benefits of exercise.

There are many reasons to engage in some sort of physical activity every day. Anything from yard work to hiking, biking, playing tag with kids, dancing to our favorite music or going to the gym; exercise is important, especially in a world that has an increase of death and illness due to chronic disease.

We see and hear health

messages all the time on the news, in magazines, at the doctors office; “The Surgeon General recommends physical activity for 30 minutes five or more days per week for better health.”

But how often do we “Take Time” for what we know we should be doing? All of us are busy' life doesn't stop for us to take the time. It's important to find ways to incorporate exercise into our everyday routines.

There are many ways to be active and even involve our loved ones, spending quality time together and getting the benefits of exercise all in one shot!

“Take Time” to dance with the kids for 30 minutes after a shared meal together.

“Take Time” to work out to a short exercise tape with your partner before starting the day.

“Take Time” for a 20-minute power walk with your co-workers at lunch.

“Take Time” to involve the whole family in the outside chores of raking, mowing or digging your vegetable garden.

Your family maybe different than a mom and dad with kids. You may not have kids, or your kids may be all grown up. Your family may be your special friend or a single parent raising kids or grandparents raising grandchildren; no matter what your family looks like, you can find way to be active together for better health!!!

So, love yourself, love your family and friends every day and “Take Time, Be Active Together!!!”

Lawson family scholarship awarded to 2 local students

The Simpson College Foundation is proud to announce the Teaching Timothy Scholarship.

This award, funded by a \$200,000 endowment will be presented to eligible students enrolled in the Simpson college Graduate School of Ministry which includes the Alliance Theological Seminary branch campus programs.

The scholarship provides full tuition for one class per fiscal year per student with a maximum award equivalent to three classes for any one student.

The Teaching Timothy Scholarship is available to those students who are from Washington, Oregon, Idaho or Alaska. First preference will be given to a C&MA (Christian & Missionary Alliance) pastor or a person training to be a C&MA pastor.

However, the scholarship committee may award this benefit to a graduate student in need who has demonstrated serious commitment as a pastor or is training to become a pastor or missionary.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Back-to-School Game to Do

Safety Rules Match-a-Roo



The Game



The Rules!

- You'll need:**
- One reader (adult or older kid), one or two players
- What to do:**
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 2. Make two piles, one for pictures, one for rules.
 3. Spread the pictures out face up.
 4. A reader reads a rule.
 5. When the player finds the matching picture, a match-a-roo is made.
 6. When a match is not made, it is the other player's turn. If there is only one player, keep playing until all matches are made.

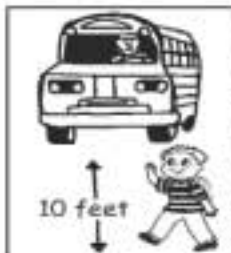
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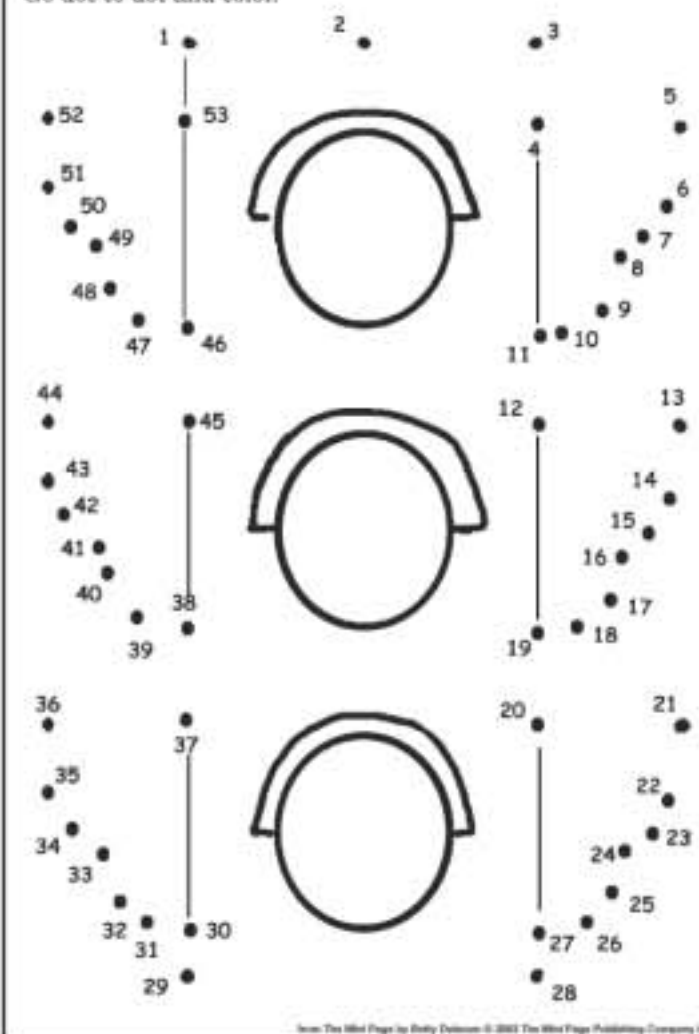
Thanks are due to more than 500,000 school patrol boys and girls across the country who set good examples and help to keep other students safe.

The patrols are usually selected by teachers and principals. They are often fifth-grade students.

School patrols give their time to be at their post early in the morning, after school in the afternoon, and in all kinds of weather.

They often raise and lower the school flag as well.

Go dot to dot and color.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Wiggly Jiggly Muffin Pan Treats

- You'll need:**
- 1 (3-ounce) package gelatin (flavor of your choice)
 - 3/4 cup boiling water
 - 1/2 cup cold water and 4 ice cubes
 - 1 (10-ounce) package frozen strawberries, sweetened
 - 1 (12-ounce) package whipped topping
- What to do:**
1. Lightly spray muffin pan with cooking spray.
 2. Combine gelatin with boiling water, stirring often until gelatin is dissolved.
 3. Add cold water and ice cubes, stirring until ice melts.
 4. Add frozen strawberries.
 5. Pour mixture into muffin cups about two-thirds full.
 6. Place in refrigerator for about 2 hours or until gelatin is firm.
 7. Dip bottom of muffin pan in warm water to help loosen gelatin. Remove treats, then spoon whipped topping on top of each cup. Makes 6 to 8 treats. You will need an adult to help you with this recipe.

Meet Jennifer Lopez

Jennifer Lopez has found success as an actress, songwriter and singer. Known as J-Lo, she was born in the Bronx in New York City. Her father was a computer technician and her mother was a teacher. She has two sisters. When she was 5, she began taking singing and dancing lessons. She attended Catholic schools and enjoyed sports, including softball, tennis and gymnastics. At 18, Jennifer left home to pursue a show business career. Her break came in 1990 when she was picked to appear on the television show "In Living Color." Today, at 33, she has had her own hit movies, such as "Maid in Manhattan" and "The Wedding Planner," as well as popular albums, including her latest, "This Is Me... Then." She likes lots of different types of music, including salsa, hip-hop and R&B. She also likes musicals, such as "West Side Story" and "Gigi."

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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Craig Krenzel

Height: 6-4 Birthdate: 7-1-81
Weight: 225 Hometown: Sterling Heights, Mich.

In the football-crazed state of Ohio, Craig Krenzel is the object of almost king-like admiration. The smart, efficient quarterback earned that status by leading Ohio State to a 14-0 record and national championship last season. Krenzel completed more than 59 percent of his passes and capped the perfect season by being voted Offensive Most Valuable Player of the Fiesta Bowl. Success didn't come instantly for Krenzel. He spent most of his first three seasons as a reserve. But he kept working hard, got his opportunity to play, and made the most of it. Krenzel is equally adept in the classroom. He is an A student majoring in molecular genetics and plans to go to medical school. But this fall, the future doctor will try to help lead the Buckeyes to another healthy, happy season ... as he did last year.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Winston: Who do mice see when they are sick?
Sue: Hickory Dickory Doc!

Destiny: What sign did the real estate agent put in the yard of the old woman who lived in the shoe?
Seth: Soled!

Quincy: Where does Mother Goose leave her trash?
Wanda: At the Humpty Dump!

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Basset Brown
The News Hound's

School Safety TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of school safety are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward, both up and down, and diagonally. Some letters are used twice. See if you can find: SAFETY, PATROL, LOOK, LISTEN, OBEY, BELT, VEST, BADGE, BUS, TRAFFIC, SCHOOL, RULES, CAREFUL, ATTENTION, DEDICATED, STOP, HELP, CROSS, POLICE, RESPECT, SIGN, SAFE, BOY, GIRL, DUTY, RIGHT, WAY.

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K E Y T E F A S Y U O P X R O
B A D G E J O A F B O Y N A I
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O T T P C S R E S P E C T F N
O H Y N E A X T V O F I S I E
H G G L C F T S B U S L I C T
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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is a crossing guard at her school. See if you can find: • word MINI • elephant face • caterpillar • puppy

- mushroom
- cat
- football
- bell • fish
- funny face
- duck
- ladder
- number 2
- kite
- bandage
- shoe
- pig's face
- cherry

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When riding in cars:

- Fasten your seat belt.
- Sit quietly and don't bother your car driver.
- Always get out on the curb side of the car.

When walking to and from school:

- Unless other plans are made with your family, go right home from school.
- Cross only at intersections. Walk, never run.
- Obey the school safety patrols, police and crossing guards.
- Look in all directions before crossing the street.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Walk facing the traffic if there are no sidewalks.
- Watch for turning vehicles.
- Avoid crossing between parked cars.
- Beware of strangers and avoid them.

When cycling to school:

- Wear a helmet.
- Use a knapsack to carry books. Keep your hands on the handlebars.
- Walk your bike across busy intersections.
- Stop and look both ways before entering a roadway from a driveway.
- Go with the traffic and obey the rules of the road.

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Fall River still flowing backwards, Pit One shut for 6 days due to flooding

By MEG FOX

Pacific Gas and Electric Company said it would take at least three weeks to rebuild the road before they could even get equipment out to the levee that was breached Aug. 3.

The 70-yards-long breach has flooded about 3,000 acres in the McArthur Swamp, where 11 local cattlemen are leasing grazing for several thousand head of cattle.

The breach also meant PG&E had to close the Pit One hydroelectric powerhouse for six days, from Aug. 4 to 10.

"There is enough water now to run Pit One," said Lisa Randle of the PG&E News Department in Chico.

The utility would not say how much money PG&E is losing as a result of the broken levee or how much was lost when Pit One was off line.

In the meantime, McArthur rancher Don Martin said the swamp is just about filled and Fall River is starting to rise again.

"But it's still running backwards at my house," said Martin, whose ranch is situated at the junction of the Tule River and Fall River.

PG&E is moving truckloads of fill out from the existing Rat Farm Road, north of the Inter-Mountain fairgrounds in McArthur, seven days a week during daylight hours.

"We want to get it repaired as quickly as possible,"

Randle said, adding that this work would continue through the summer and probably into the fall.

Once PG&E has the road re-built, the company has to drain the flooded area, repair the breach, and pump the water back to the other side.

"There is still a lot of work to do," Randle said.

The flooded acreage is near the Rat Farm, which serves as a public boat launch and is the public access to Ahjumawi Lava Spring State Park. The levee break is about 1.6 miles from the boat launch.

That road and access are temporarily closed to the public due to the heavy equipment traffic, Randle said.

Martin was one of several ranchers who went out to the swamp in the pre-dawn hours of Aug. 4 to move their cattle to higher ground and he has since brought his cattle home.

"PG&E told us to get our cows out in 10 days," Martin said.

And, like the other ranchers, Martin's cattle will have to eat his second cutting of hay. "I'll be short of feed this winter," he said.

George McArthur, another rancher who had cattle grazing in the swamp, said last week that the flooding is "a big deal," not only for the local cattle and hay industry, but it is effecting a local economy dependent on tourism

and the acclaimed wild trout fishing on Fall River.

A spokesperson at Spinner Fall Lodge in Glenburn said fishing has been slow.

There are also wildlife habitat issues and the potential for mosquito breeding in the flooded acreage just outside the town of McArthur and behind the Inter-Mountain Fair, gearing up for Labor Day weekend festivities.

"About 3,000 acres of wildlife habitat got destroyed," Martin said. "There are deer and snakes and mice and insects all over the place. I've never seen the grasshoppers so thick."

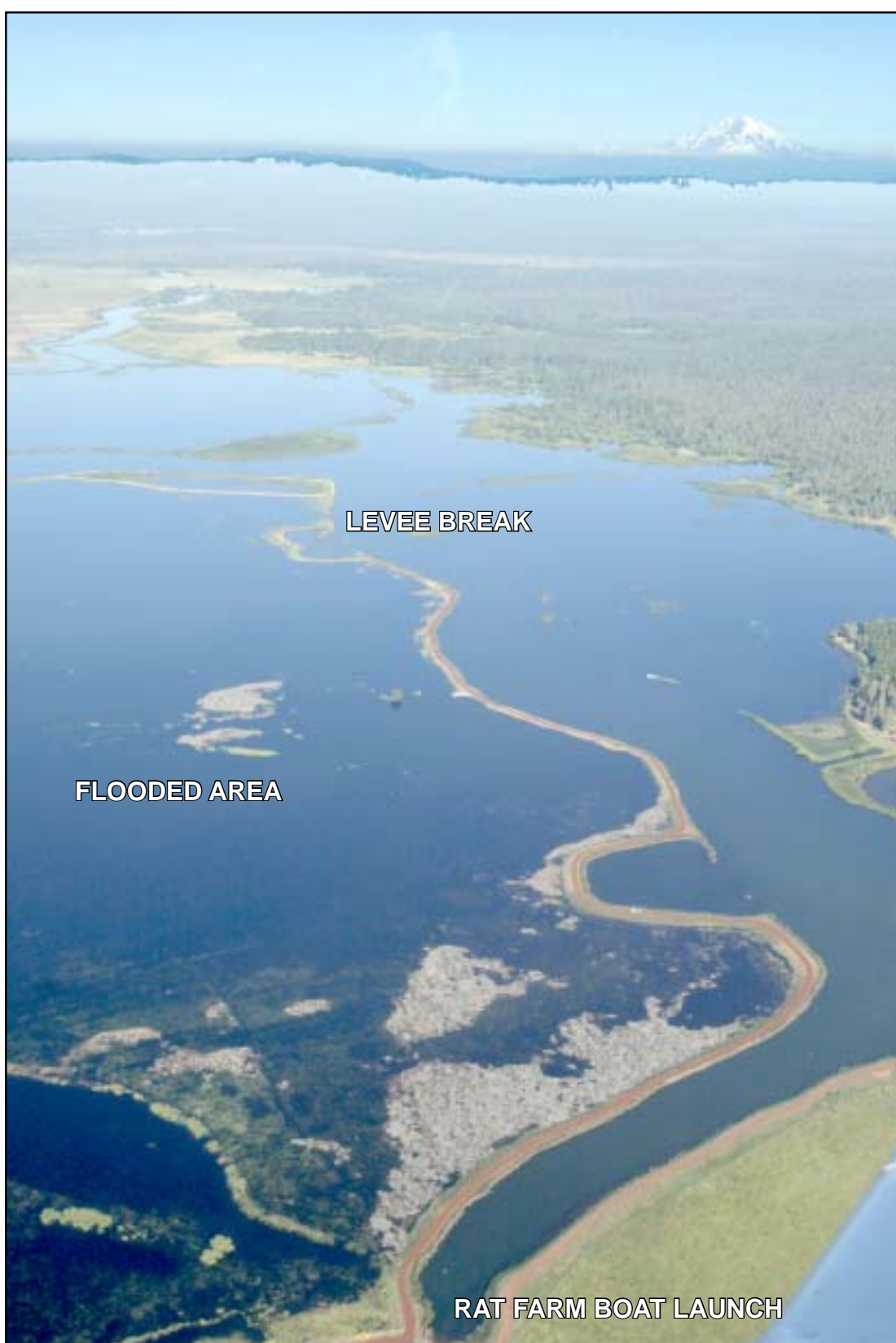
Randle said PG&E is working with and providing daily updates to a variety of agencies, including the Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the state Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Martin said a few calves drowned in the flood and there are still a cow and her heifer who are stranded on an island in the swamp.

While he thought PG&E was dropping feed to the pair by helicopter, Randle said that was not the case.

She said PG&E used a helicopter to help herd the pair to higher ground and that they have enough feed where they're stranded.

"They've got plenty to drink, anyway," said Martin.



Flooding pictures taken Saturday.

NEWS PHOTOS



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Filing deadline extended for some

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vacancies.

In the McArthur Volunteer Fire Department, Kevin Pereira and incumbent Hyram Brown have filed for the two openings; incumbent Lawrence Agee did not file.

The filing period in the Mountain Union School District has closed since the two incumbents, Bob Byrd and Teresa Ann Robbins, filed, as did Tammy Ewin.

The filing period is open in the Indians Springs School District, where Guy Gore, Laurie Bertellotti, and incumbent Doug Wakefield filed; incumbent Paul D'Amico did not file.

Declarations of Candidacy papers are available at the Shasta County Election Office, 1643 Market Street, in the Downtown Redding Mall or call 225-5730 for information.

