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### What's Happening Here In Days Ahead

#### Food drive

US Bank is holding its annual holiday food drive through December. Persons may bring non-perishable food items to the bank in Burney, which will be donated to local food pantries.

#### Free bicycles

The deadline is today, 4 p.m., for those wanting to apply for a free refurbished bicycle being given away by the Shasta County sheriff's office. Applications can be filled out at the Burney substation on Shasta Street. Telephone 335-4511 for more information.

#### Toys for Tots

The annual Toys for Tots for Intermountain area children is set for Saturday, beginning at 11 a.m., at the Big Bend Community Center. A dinner will be served at noon and those attending are asked to bring a salad or other dish. Santa and Mrs. Claus are expected to attend. Telephone 335-5332.

#### Meeting in Cassel

Mayers Memorial Hospital is having its Community Needs Assessment Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the community center in Cassel, next to the fire hall. A 20-member committee will be working together for the next four to six months to develop an assessment of the Intermountain area's existing health care and the area's future needs and priorities. The data must be submitted to the Rural Healthcare Design Network late next year in order to qualify for a share of grant funds to build a new hospital. Mayers is one of 13 hospitals that are members of the RHDN. Mayers has hosted informational meetings in Big Valley, Burney, Old Station, Fall River Mills, McArthur and on Day Road to describe the needs assessment process and to ask for committee volunteers. Mayers CEO Jerry Fikes said about 65 people total attended the meetings, including 15 people who said they would be interested in serving on the committee.

### WEATHER

#### FORECAST

**Today**, partly cloudy with patchy valley fog in the morning. Highs 47 to 53. Tonight, partly cloudy with lows 27 to 37. **Thursday**, Partly cloudy with highs 46 to 56. **Friday and Saturday**, mostly cloudy and chance of rain. Lows in the 30s and highs in the 40s. **Sunday**, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s and highs 45 to 55. **Monday**, partly cloudy with lows 25 to 35. Highs 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.

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## Big Bend shooting ruled suicide



NEWS PHOTO

Shasta County sheriff's deputies gather evidence Monday while investigating double shooting incident at a Mud Springs Road residence near Big Bend. From left are investigative technician Samatha Cheney of Redding, and deputy Cary Erickson and detective Mike Matheson, both of Burney. See story on page 2. Video is available on the web at [www.im-news.com](http://www.im-news.com).

## Teacher low-pay claims correct

BY MEG FOX

The school district's 2003/2004 interim budget report, with more than \$1 million in the projected ending fund balance, has given hope to the teachers in the Fall River Joint Unified School District.

They have not had a new contract in three years and were worried they were never to be acknowledged.

They may also have felt bitter-sweet satisfaction that a new comparison of their salaries and fringe benefits with those in more similar school districts proved what they'd been saying all along.

"Our inability to keep up has placed us down toward the bottom in every comparison," said Supt. Eric Newton at the Dec. 10 school board meeting in Fall River Mills.

In fact, the Fall River JUSD was at the very bottom or one up from the bottom in salary and benefit comparisons with the Caruthers, Mammoth, Needles, Durham, So. Humboldt, Aromas/San Juan, Colusa, El Tejon, Cloverdale, Pierce and Denair unified school districts and also statewide unified.

Using data provided by School Services, Inc., Newton put together the new comparison group of unified (K-12) districts with similar enrollments.

There were questions about the previous comparison group, which included a school district in the more affluent Napa Valley.

None in the current group runs two small necessary high schools, however.

The Fall River Education Association, "is encouraged by the progress we see," said President Ellen Sugg-Forbis.

She said FREA agrees with the comparisons and "we are glad to see a financial report that includes money."

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## Plenty of volunteer spirit for Bailey Park amphitheater

BY MEG FOX

There was no shortage of people willing to volunteer at a recent Bailey Park Community meeting where about 25 community members put their heads together to develop plans for the proposed amphitheater and landscaping at the site.

Frank Germano, a Fall River Mills artist and architect, volunteered to provide a preliminary drawing for the amphitheater so that the Tri-

County Community Network, Inc. could go forward and get building cost estimates.

"We have no potential cost and no potential funder. We need the figures so we can go for a grant and we'll build as soon as we can secure funds," said TCCN Executive Director Cindy Dodds.

Germano, an architect with PG&E for 37 years, said he thought a \$10,000 materials estimate was

probably low.

The park planners gave Germano a rough sketch for the theater with a design similar to the amphitheater at Anderson River Park.

Tammy Budesca noted that the first time she attended the free Mosquito Serenade concert series at Anderson Park, the performance area "was a slab — and it was fun."

It took about three years to

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## College looks to lease land

BY MEG FOX

The trustees for the Fall River Joint Unified School District have given Shasta College "tentative approval" to lease land near the Burney High School bus garage to install a modular structure for the proposed Distance Education/Extended Education Center.

Supt. Eric Newton told the school board Dec. 10 that the college is interested in leasing a 100-by-100-foot piece of unused land at the northeast corner of the school parking lot where they could install a 35-by-40-foot modular for two classrooms, three offices and restrooms.

In his Dec. 3 letter to the school district, Shasta College Interim Vice-President Robert Ely proposed a 10-year lease with provisions for two five-year extensions at a suggested rent of \$100 to \$200 a month.

Ely said the college would do all of the improvements, such as laying a concrete foundation and doing the paving and water line and utility extensions.

Newton suggested that the school board "not specify a lease amount, but wait to see what is

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NEWS PHOTO / Patty Bledsoe

## Grinch and Santa pay visit

Santa Claus and the Grinch who stole Christmas visited the children at the Tri County Community Center day school in Burney Monday. The two guests handed out presents to the children gathered that morning.

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# SHERIFF'S LOG BOOK

Computer equipment valued at about \$1,500 was reported stolen in a burglary late Sunday or early Monday at Fall River High School. Entry was made to the school library after breaking a window.

A family disturbance was reported Sunday at 4:16 p.m. at the 20100 block of Sugar Pine Street in Burney.

A caller reported Sunday afternoon a customer brought an injured deer into the Burney Safeway parking lot. The caller believed the deer was injured by either dogs or coyotes. The matter was turned over to the Dept. of Fish and Game.

A verbal disturbance was reported Saturday at 11:49 p.m. at the 18800 block of VN Lane in Hat Creek. A man said the woman residing at the residence punched him in the eye. The woman denied it and said the man self-inflicted the wound.

Loud music was reported Saturday at 7:56 p.m. at the 37200 block of Superior Avenue in Burney.

A woman was reportedly throwing items at people and windows and threatening subjects with a bat at the 38000 block of Main Street in Johnson Park Saturday at 12:05 p.m.

Property was reportedly taken from an unlocked vehicle parked at the 20200 block of Tamarack Avenue in Burney Saturday.

A fight between a husband and wife was reported Saturday at 1:32 a.m. at the 21500 block of Fairfield Street in Johnson Park. The man said the woman threatened to take his truck. The woman said she was upset over a credit card bill.

A caller reported hearing gunshots Saturday just before 1:29 a.m. near the

20100 block of Sugar Pine Street in Burney.

A verbal disturbance was reported Friday at 5:40 p.m. at the 44900 block of Pit-tville Road. A woman on the telephone wouldn't provide any further information as, she said, she didn't want her husband to go to jail.

A Montgomery Creek resident reported Friday at 4:30 p.m. her two foster sons were fighting.

A dispute between two juveniles was reported Friday

at 2:56 p.m. at Burney High School.

A McArthur man said Friday afternoon he was told over the telephone that he won a large sum of money, but was required to send \$3,700 in order to claim the prize. He thought it was possibly a phone scam.

Carol Spohn reported a residential burglary at the 16700 block of Gulch Road in Oak Run Friday.

A Burney woman reported a fellow employee tried to hit

her with a tape dispenser Friday morning.

A Burney woman reported Dec. 10 her sister in Oklahoma was using her identity to purchase items and make a doctor's appointment.

A caller reported Dec. 10 at 12:31 a.m. three juveniles that had been drinking were lying in the middle of the road near the intersection of Maple Leaf and Oak View streets in Burney. The caller wanted deputies to contact the three before they got run over.

A verbal disturbance between and boyfriend and girlfriend was reported Dec. 10 at 4:36 p.m. at the 20400 block of Quebec Street in Burney.

A McArthur woman reported Dec. 9 receiving two suspicious telephone calls from unknown subjects asking for her husband. However, she isn't married.

A bicycle was found near Hudson Street and Cypress Avenue in Burney Dec. 9.

Diane Hilton reported Dec. 9 the theft of a bicycle from in front of her Orchard Way residence in Burney.

Pat Oilar reported the theft of hay from a barn on McArthur Road Dec. 9

Chuck Bethel reported

Dec. 9 the theft of wood cutting tools from the 24900 block of Second Street in Cassel.

A motorist reported a large dog bit the tires of her meals on wheels truck while on Cottonwood Street in Johnson Park Dec. 8.

Total incidents handled by the Shasta County sheriff's office throughout the unincorporated areas of the county:

- Dec. 14 - 126
- Dec. 13 - 140
- Dec. 12 - 135
- Dec. 11 - 129
- Dec. 10 - 104
- Dec. 9 - 112
- Dec. 8 - 128

## Deputies investigate shooting in Big Bend

Shasta County sheriff's deputies were still gathering evidence Tuesday into the death of a 23-year-old man who was found dead at a Mud Springs Road residence near Big Bend.

It appeared Tuesday to deputies that Daniel Franks took his own life, although they were terming the death as suspicious.

A second unidentified man was treated for a gunshot wound to the arm. Deputies wouldn't comment Tuesday on who he is or what part

he played, if any, in Franks' death.

Mud Springs Road is off Big Bend Road about 10 miles north of Highway 299.

Both shootings occurred late Sunday night.

Deputies were at the scene from early morning until about noon Monday gathering evidence.

Det. Mike Matheson of Burney, along with deputies from the Major Crimes unit in Redding were conducting the investigation.

An autopsy on Franks was scheduled for Tuesday.

## Services offered to mothers, families of new babies

The Rocking Chair Project developed by Acorn Community Enterprises offers doula services to mothers and families expecting new babies in Big Bend, Montgomery Creek, Round Mountain, Oak Run and Whitmore.

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by a particular family.

In the fall of 2001, nine local women received training to become doulas.

Since summer, the Rocking Chair Project has welcomed four new babies to the community and is currently awaiting the arrival of six more.

To find out more about the program, or if you are having a baby, contact Patience Harvey at 547-4167 or 337-6985, or Terri Orwig at 337-6243.

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# Flu not as bad here as around rest of nation Chicken pox at school bigger problem

BY MEG FOX

If you're suddenly feeling achy, headachy, and have a fever, grab a pitcher of water, get into bed and prepare to stay put for at least three days.

If it's the flu and not a cold, you may be down for a while.

"The flu comes on suddenly and it's really miserable this year, as it is every year," said Patti Culross, Deputy Health Officer for Shasta County Public Health.

The good news is, "People recover from it every year, too," she said.

Culross said that those who are ill do need to watch their symptoms and if they are feeling really bad to see a health care provider.

Also going around is a stomach virus and a cold or flu that, for some, has turned into bronchitis and pneumonia.

Flu symptoms are more severe and persistent than those of the nasty, common cold.

While cold sufferers may experience fever, a flu fever can last from three to four days. People who have the flu will probably also feel very tired and weak for two weeks or more.

Coughs associated with a cold are usually mild and hacking. Flu coughs are more severe.

What some people are calling the flu may not actually be the true flu, yet.

"With the true flu, people are pretty sick for 10 days to two weeks," said Anna Engman, director of nursing at Mayers Memorial Hospital.

So far, the hospital's health care workers have managed to avoid anything too serious.

"We've had some viral infection among the employees and with a few of the long-term care patients. What we're seeing are head colds and people are sick for a few days," she said.

"If you have intestinal symptoms, it's a different virus and not the influenza. Many viruses can go around at the same time," Culross said.

## Is it a Cold or the Flu?

Check your symptoms, and ask your doctor for advice.

| Symptoms                      | Cold   | Flu   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Fever</b>                  | Rare in adults and older children, but can be as high as 102 F in infants and small children | Usually 102 F, but can go up to 104 F and usually lasts 3 to 4 days |
| <b>Headache</b>               | Rare   | Sudden onset and can be severe                                      |
| <b>Muscle Aches</b>           | Mild   | Usual, and often severe   |
| <b>Tiredness and Weakness</b> | Mild   | Can last 2 or more weeks  |
| <b>Extreme Exhaustion</b>     | Never  | Sudden onset and can be severe                                      |
| <b>Runny Nose</b>             | Often  | Sometimes   |
| <b>Sneezing</b>               | Often  | Sometimes   |
| <b>Sore Throat</b>            | Often  | Sometimes   |
| <b>Cough</b>                  | Mild hacking cough   | Usual, and can become severe  |

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Reference: [www.cdc.gov/nip/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/flu)

With people crowding school gyms for basketball tournaments and wrestling matches and the malls for Christmas shopping, they may also be feeling slightly doomed to being ill for the holidays.

The flu is contagious and is spread when a person who has it coughs, sneezes or speaks and send the flu virus into the air and someone else inhales the virus.

It can also be spread when a person touches a surface — like a door handle — that has the flu virus on it and then touches his nose or mouth.

Adults can continue to pass the flu virus to others for another three to seven days after symptoms start.

Children can pass the virus for longer than seven days.

Symptoms start one to four days after the virus enters your body.

And, people who are infected, but have no symptoms, can also spread the virus.

"Wash your hands frequently, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and if you're ill, stay home from school and work," said Culross.

Public health also reminds people never to give aspirin to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms without first talking to a doctor.

"Are you doing a story on chicken pox, too?" asked Sam Clark, secretary for Big Valley Intermediate School in Bieber.

"We had a little bit of everything here."

At Big Valley Primary School in Adin, Teresa Armstrong said 35 of their 86 students were absent the day before Thanksgiving.

"And 96 percent were out with chicken pox. We've had some flu, but nothing like the chicken pox," Armstrong said.

"We were hit hard with the flu about a month ago, but the kids are starting to come back now," Clark said. "Their

symptoms were fever and coughing and, for a lot of the kids, it went into bronchitis and pneumonia."

The flu or similar virus is making the rounds in Burney and the Fall River Valley right now.

Twenty students were absent Friday at Fall River Elementary School, according to Office Clerk Belinda Strickland.

A flu and an intestinal virus are going around the high schools and at Fall River High School in McArthur, 26 students were absent Friday.

"I've taken 14 calls for homework today," said Attendance Officer Kathy Hudson on Monday.

"Kids have headaches or they're nauseated and vomiting or they can't keep from coughing. This is the time of year when we just want to make it to Christmas break," Hudson said.

Fall River Elementary School Principal Dianna Fischer said Monday that many students in her school are staying home with coughs or intestinal symptoms.

"Within the first hour we were sending kids home because they were throwing up. And we have several staff members who have that deep cough. We have two classrooms where seven kids are out and every class has at least three students who are out," Fischer said.

Some pre-school age children seem to be back on their feet after having already had the flu.

"Our numbers were low about two weeks ago," said Lorrie McCulley at Pit River Day Care in Burney.

Tanaka Pfadt, head teacher at McArthur Head Start, said about half her students were absent with body aches and headaches two weeks ago, too. "Our average attendance is about 12 to 13 and at least 7 students

were out every day with the flu," she said.

The same numbers of absences were reported at Burney Head Start in Johnson Park. "In the last week we had about six kids out with flu and some had a bronchial infection after that. They are usually out for two to three days. But so far, no adults have been sick," said

bus driver Sherri Jones.

Students in Montgomery Creek also seem to be on the road to recovery, but perhaps not the adults.

"We had a lot of kids out last week, but not so many today," said Dena Byrd, who happened to be substituting for the school secretary, who was out sick.



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# Fire board restructures itself following election

By PATTY BLEDSOE

The Burney Fire Protection District reorganized its board Wednesday night. Donna Caldwell was nominated as board chair, Lynn Miller as assistant chair, and Sally Preheim as secretary. All were approved by unanimous verbal consent.

A plaque will be presented to Ann Walker, the past chair of the board, in appreciation for her 15 years of dedicated and voluntary service to the fire district. Walker was unable to attend the Wednesday night meeting. Chief Robert May and Donna Caldwell will present the plaque to her this coming week.

New committee chairpersons were nominated and approved. Sally Preheim and Donna Sylvester will chair the rules and regulations committee. Penny Rodgers and Lynn Miller will chair the budget and finance committee. Miller and Preheim will chair the strategic planning committee.

Chief May recommended the board form an ad hoc committee on legislation, as there will be a number of items coming up of great interest to the board and the community. Rogers and Miller were nominated for that committee.

Chief May said that state senate bill SB 1049, which came about because Governor Davis cut \$50 million from the CDF budget in an effort to help balance the state's \$35 million budget deficit is a budget trailer bill.

The measure creates a new tax but is described as an annual fire-protection benefit fee of \$35 per parcel on privately held land within State Responsibility Areas (SRA). The first year of the act will impose a fee of \$70 and thereafter, \$35 per year.

He said that all of the Burney Fire Protection District is within SRA's as well as

most of Shasta County.

May recommended the board adopt resolution FP 2003/12, which states that the district has provided fire and emergency service without interruption, and that the fire protection benefit was enacted without voter approval.

It further states that such a fee will have an impact on local property taxpayers and impact the District's funding abilities.

And in its final statement it says that the Burney Fire Protection District opposes the implementation of the SRA fire protection benefit fees.

The resolution was approved unanimously by verbal vote.

May also recommended that the board president transmit the resolution to legislatures and to the Shasta County Supervisors office.

Sally Preheim, committee chairperson for the rules and regulations committee asked May to report on his findings.

He said that the rules and regulations committee is on track and over the next month will be providing the necessary changes to the board. He said three items in the rules and regulations had been changed.

The sexual harassment policy was adopted May 9, 2001.

The new policy covers all areas of discrimination and harassment that could occur in the workplace. It is now titled discrimination and harassment policy.

The district has taken the information in Penal Code 1105 (b) (10) and 1300 (b) (10) on the use of criminal background checks and expanded the policy to meet those standards.

The current drug/alcohol free workplace policy was adopted May 9, 2001.

The revised policy reflects changes in the law and defines the purpose of the policy. It will now be titled substance-free workplace policy.

A new policy defining the driving expectation of employees and volunteers when using fire apparatus or when driving an ambulance was placed in effect and reporting industrial fatalities and serious injuries to OSHA has a new reporting standard.

Strategic planning committee chair, Miller, said that the mission statement and the motto are drafted and will soon be presented to the board.

She has formulated a

salary survey taking information from 56 fire departments the same size as the Burney fire department.

She will consider professional profiles, salary benefits, reorganization options, description of coverage, and career advancement.

Those departments that respond to the survey will have use of the gathered information.

During public comments, Evalee Nelson stated she had not been able to procure documents from Shasta County regarding final financial reports on the Burney Fire Dept.

She said that she was told she had to present her request to the Burney Fire

District and they were to forward it to Shasta County.

May explained that any documents generated by the Burney Fire Dept would be made available upon her written request and this is according to the California Public Records Act.

Documents from Shasta County would have to have a written request made directly to Shasta County.

May said that, according to Rick Graham of Shasta County, their records are made available to any person, upon written request and payment of fees covering direct costs of duplication, or a statutory fee, if applicable.

In other business, May announced Santa's work-

shop would be open Dec. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

He said that Jan. 17 is the annual EMS award night at the VFW hall with drinks served at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7 p.m. Hal and Kathy's Cook House will be catering the event.

A grant from Rotary Club was utilized to buy new CPR dummies and equipment to be shared by the fire district, Mayers Hospital, and the Fall River Joint Unified School District.

The Shasta County board of Supervisors will give May a certificate of appreciation for the firefighters that responded to the Southern California fires.

# Amphitheater plan calls for building it in increments

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raise the funds to build the amphitheater and Dodds said she expects the Bailey Park amphitheater to be built in increments also.

In the current amphitheater plans, the stage would face Burney Elementary School with the audience sitting on lawn chairs or blankets in a sloped grassy area.

"There would be no formal seating," Dodds said.

Bob Boster, owner of Boster's Nursery in Cassel, is developing a landscape plan for a portion of the park and Dodds said they have already ordered 100 deciduous trees provided through a \$19,000 grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Austin Wade, a sophomore at Burney High School, asked if he could work with Boster and install a solar system to run the sprinklers at the park for his Eagle Boy Scout project.

Other cost estimates included a total of about \$19,000 for 15 pre-cast cement benches, nine picnic tables and eight trash containers from North State Playgrounds.

The group suggested getting sponsors to cover some of those costs.

Tanaka Pfadt, of Burney, suggested having several flowerbeds in the park that could be sponsored and maintained by interested organizations or families.

Some people were skeptical about whether such groups exist in the community and whether or not flowers and vegetables would survive in a public park.

Shellisa Moore, community development coordinator for the Department of Public Health in Burney, said there was probably funding available for a community garden and 4-H Leader Lori Winingham said the horticulture group would like to maintain a flower bed.

People were less enthusiastic about a bathroom plan, though they agreed with Boster who told Dodds earlier that the bathrooms should be 'industrial strength' for vandalism protection.

Park volunteers noted that there has already been vandalism at the park and cited instances of markings on the slide, overturnings of the porta-potties, strewing of trash and beer bottles, and the destruction of a toddler play tree.

"The Tot Tree was a favorite target and so we have disassembled and stored it. It was also the only thing for kids under two," Dodds said, adding that the distributor has agreed to refund half the cost.

The group also discussed the skatepark and its current lack of funds to pay the \$2,500 to \$4,500 insurance premium due on Jan. 1.

"We need to have a fundraiser," said Dodds.

Lynn Miller said she would donate \$100 to the skatepark if skaters would clean the roadside on Black Ranch Road between PG&E and Burney Disposal. Parent James Vaughn agreed to help the skaters and supervise the clean up.

The group again talked about how a Parks and Recreation District would help solve many of their problems.

Miller said she is working on it in her role as Special Districts Commissioner for the Local Agency Formation Commission of Shasta County (Shasta LAFCO), but that it's probably a five-year project.

## Correction

Burney Green Band flute student, Ashley Bennett, was incorrectly identified as Brittany Akin in a photograph in last week's issue of The News. The News regrets the error.

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## Need homes for these 2

This beagle and basset mix on the left and the lab cross on the right both need homes. The first is an adult female described by deputies as having a great personality. The second is about six weeks old and a male. Both will be at the Burney sheriff's substation until Friday noon for adoption. After that, well...lets just say it won't be a merry Christmas.

## New job descriptions for some at school district

The school board approved personnel changes in the district office that include new job descriptions for Roger Borkey, formerly the chief business official, and for Budget Analyst Teresa Spooner.

Supt. Eric Newton said the reorganization is the culmination of 10 months of study.

With her new title of district business manager, Spooner is the chief financial advisor to Supt. Eric Newton and the board of trustees.

Her duties include managing district fiscal functions, preparing the district budget, providing the annual audit, and supervising several other district employees.

She is receiving a pro-rated \$1,549 salary adjustment, effective Dec. 11 to June 30.

In preparation for the district's modernization project, Borkey will be the district's operations manager, serving as coordinator of the project and as the liaison with the district architect.

Working with the department heads, Borkey's duties also include inspecting and supervising repairs and

maintenance of all district facilities, supervising vehicle transportation and maintenance, and supervising the operation and maintenance of the district's technology systems.

Sherrie Hutchinson is Supt. Eric Newton's administrative assistant and will also continue to maintain the special education files and acts as secretary to District Psychologist Robert Dolman.

Linda Drenon has a half time position as the new food service supervisor and a half-time position as principal account clerk in personnel, under the direction of Spooner.

Donna Paxson is also working under the direction of Spooner as principal account clerk in payroll and employee and retiree benefits. She also handles the Workers Compensation claims.

Nannette Bennett is working under Spooner's supervision as principal account clerk in accounts payable.

Newton asked the board of the Fall River Joint Unified School District to approve the changes and appointments at the Dec. 10 meeting in Fall

River Mills.

"They are a very strong group of dedicated employees who will be able to operate more effectively as a team if the proposed changes are made," Newton said in a memo to the board.

He said the configuration is similar to the district's set up in 1999.

Trustee Connie Sebastian asked about "changes in cost with this arrangement."

Newton said that the only addition to the salary schedule is the Food Service Supervisor position with that cost "borne by the food service program, so there is potentially no net increase."

The additional cost to the Food Service Program is "a net increase of \$382.15 for the balance of the 2003-2004 fiscal year," Newton said.

In his memo to the board, Newton said "the only increases in salary will be those connected with movement to a new column, not from changes to the salary range within the column itself."

## Negotiations agreeable

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Negotiations have apparently been more agreeable and FREA released a statement at the board meeting about their Nov. 7 meeting with the district.

The meeting included a "productive review of the figures now available" with the closing of the 2002/2003 budget.

Business Manager Teresa Spooner reported a \$1,074,675 ending balance that includes \$404,707 in undesignated funds, a five percent reserve of \$572,935, and \$93,533 in unappropriated state lottery monies.

"It looks pretty good," she said.

"Funds are available for negotiations. I think there is hope and I appreciate FREA's patience," Newton said.

Trustee Connie Sebastian said she appreciated having a document that was "easy to read and understand."

And the FREA appreciated that "the district has controlled costs while unrestricted revenues have shown an upward trend since the settlement of our 2000/2001 contract."

In their statement, FREA said they and the district "are unified in agreeing to define the process to be used for determining teacher compensation."

Forbis said FREA wants to use an interest-based bargaining facilitator and none are available in December.

"We want to get to the table quickly," she said.

In other business, the school board

- Approved the Oct. 28, 2003 agreement with the district's classified employees of Chapter 191 of the California School Employees

Association, and confirmed that new negotiations begin Jan. 20. The CSEA and the district agreed to the one-time distribution of \$421.09 to 43 employees from a combined \$18,106.93 dividend from overpayments to the JPA insurance carrier and \$27,160.38 from the General Fund.

-Heard that Fall River Elementary School has qualified and applied for the 2004 Distinguished Elementary School Award to be announced in late January. Eligibility is based on a school's 2003 Academic Performance Index score and growth target.

- Gave tentative approval to lease district land to Shasta College for a distance education center (see separate story)

- Approved reorganization of district office (see separate story)

-Tabled acting on the draft contract with Thompson and Hendricks Architects to Jan. 14 to give them time to review comments and 41 recommendations received one hour before the meeting from district legal counsel Alan Swanson.

- Agreed to hire a facilitator through the California School Boards Association to give a workshop for administrators and school board members on how to do such district business as monitoring a budget.

-Expelled a Fall River High School student to the community day school for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year and continued a second expulsion consideration to the Jan.14 school board meeting.

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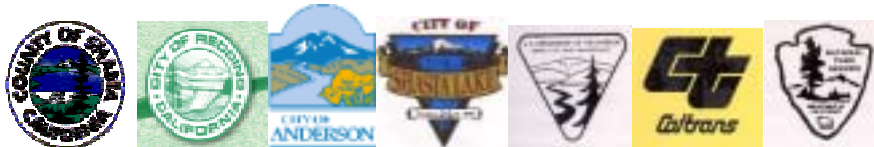
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE 2004 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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| <b>WHY</b>  | The Regional Transportation Plan Working Group is inviting the general public to comment on transportation projects within Shasta County. This gives local transportation users a chance to voice their opinion or learn more about projects that will be built sometime between the years 2004 and 2024.  |              |
| <b>WHO</b>  | Anyone who is interested in promoting, commenting on, or learning more about future transportation projects is welcome. Possible projects include road, transit, bicycle, train or any other projects having to do with transportation.  |              |
| <b>WHEN</b> | <b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2003</b><br><b>8:30 - 10:30 A.M. AT THE</b><br><b>REDDING CITY HALL CALDWELL ROOM</b><br><b>777 CYPRESS AVENUE, REDDING</b>  | <b>WHERE</b> |
| <b>WHAT</b> | The Public Meeting will present information about transportation projects that have already been suggested. There will also be staff members from various agencies to answer questions: Regional Transportation Planning Agency, Cities of Redding, Anderson and Shasta Lake, Caltrans, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, and the Bureau of Land Management.<br><br>For more information about this meeting, you may contact <b>Thomas Hays at (530) 225-5112.</b> |              |



## F.R. girls 3rd at Tulelake Classic

The Fall River girls varsity basketball team won a third place plaque at the Tulelake Honker Classic after beating Trinity, 54-53, and Bishop Quinn, 58-29, but losing to Hayfork, 36-50.

Their first game Thursday with Trinity "was not as close as the score indicates," said Coach Kathy Jones.

"We had an eight-point lead until the last 15 seconds when they nailed a couple of three-point shots, one of which was after stealing the ball and taking a desperation shot that swished in. It was a good thing we had that much of a lead," Jones said.

Fall River senior Brittany Shelton was the high point scorer with 16 points and 14 rebounds. Abby Salters added 13 points, 11 rebounds, and five assists. Jessica Caldwell scored eight points and Jessica Hero had six points and 10 rebounds.

Even though Fall River lost to Hayfork, "it was a really good game for us and we played close," said Jones. Fall River was down four points at half time, but by the end of the third quarter they were only down by two points.

"Then we got outscored 18-6 in the fourth quarter.

We only made one basket and shot 10 free throws. We just couldn't generate a lot of offense, unfortunately."

Jones said Hayfork has a good team, with both height and speed and a freshman player who scored 27 points. "She shot very well and we didn't expect it. We're looking forward to a rematch at the Burney Jamboree," said Jones.

Shelton was again the high scorer with 14 points, followed by Salters with 12. Shelton also had 16 rebounds.

"I give Brittany a lot of credit for boxing out and being really tough," her coach said.

Hero helped out with nine rebounds and five steals.

Fall River played Bishop Quinn for third place. "We really got to clicking in the second half and slowed them down defensively and scored a lot of points," Jones said.

It also gave new players a chance to score, including sophomore Shawna Truan who had 14 points and nine rebounds. Hero and Shelton also scored 14 points with Hero getting 12 rebounds and five steals. Caldwell and Shelton each got 10 rebounds and Shelton scored five points.



## Season of giving

In a holiday class project about giving to others, the students in Ginny Casaurang's class at Burney Elementary School collected food items and toiletries for the men and women who are serving in Iraq.

## Bulldog JV girls 4th at Honker tourney

The Bulldogs' JV Girls took fourth place in the Tulelake Honker Classic, losing to Trinity, 29-23, in the opening game, but beating both Burney, 33-19, and Bishop Quinn, 40-24.

"We didn't play as well as we could have in the tournament, but we had big improvement by our third game," said Coach Todd Sloat.

"I actually felt we were the second best team there. Trinity won the tournament and we didn't get a chance to

play them, but we will at the Burney Jamboree."

Delaney Chapman was the high point scorer with 7 points for the Bulldogs in their game against Trinity.

Lesley Taylor stood out in the game with Burney, scoring 14 points with two 3-point baskets. Maggie DeCoito scored 10 points.

In Fall River's consolation game with Bishop Quinn, Kelsey Sloat scored 11 points and Chapman scored 10.

## Burney J.V. first at Westwood

Burney's JV basketball team picked up the first place winner's trophy, the MVP award, and two All-Tourneys at the Westwood Tourney last weekend.

"It's getting to be a question of not did they win, but by how many points," said a proud Burney parent.

Sophomore Grant Moody was named MVP, while freshman Ryan Rhodes and sophomore Nate Bartell took All-Tourney awards.

This was all accomplished with "three-fourths of the team sick, including me," said Coach Wade Jones, whose team is currently 6-0 in League.

In the first game Thursday against Greenville, Burney won 65-46. Moody scored 15 points and Rhodes scored 14.

Returning to Westwood on Saturday, Burney beat Happy Camp 67-37, with Rhodes scoring 25 points and Bartell and sophomore Kevin Sutherland adding 8 points each.

Against Butte Valley, Burney won 83-46. The high point scorers in that game were Moody with 23 points, Bartell with 15, and Mike Pearson with 10 points.

"It was a great defensive effort for Burney. They got the early jump on all these teams," Jones said.

## F.R. varsity boys have 'long weekend'

Fall River's Varsity boys may want to leave last weekend's Westwood Tournament out of their scrapbooks.

They lost to Trinity, 56-63, to Redding Christian 54-62, and to Ferndale, 36-61.

"It was a long weekend and we did not do well," said Coach Greg Hawkins. "The team played poorly and we have got a lot of work to do to get better.

Adding to his disappointment was that the Bulldogs

had the lead in their games against Tulelake and Redding Christian "just to watch it piddle away."

Hawkins praised John Morris, "who played hard and consistent all weekend" and Nick McFarlin, "who came off the bench and played well for us."

Enough said. "There is room for improvement and we hope to get back on track in Burney this weekend."

## College looks to lease land from high school

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offered." The project would be of no cost to the school district and would actually help cover some of the financial loss to the district if and when the college moves its existing distance education classrooms out of Burney High School, Newton said.

"They are bound and determined to move out of our facilities and this would preserve some level of income, although not as much as we receive now," he said.

If the college relocated on campus, Newton said he presumed they would also continue to pay a share of the T-1 Internet line.

If Shasta College relocates off campus, the school district would bear that full cost.

Another possible plus would be if Shasta College decided to move on, the school district would have an additional building in place that they could perhaps purchase.

Ely said his next step is to present the proposal to the board of the College, "after which we can proceed with a formal agreement."

The college originally planned open its new learning center last September in the former Lyons Pharmacy building on Main Street, but encountered so many difficulties they gave up that idea.

After the Shasta College Foundation purchased the building, "we first had to deal with it being in a flood zone because of Burney Creek and then we had to provide an environmental impact study," said Shasta College Trustee Judi Beck in an interview last summer.

Then the college learned that the building does not meet the state's Field Act seismic regulations and they started looking elsewhere, including at land owned by Mayers Memorial Hospital off Commerce Way.

But the preliminary \$380,000 estimate to buy the hospital land, prepare the site, install a relocatable classroom, and pay water and sewer hook-up costs gave them pause, said Shasta College Interim President Tom Harris, Jr.

Ely said Shasta College wants to open its new facility for classes in the fall of 2004.

## Burney girls 3-3 in pre-season

The Raider Girls Varsity team returned from the three-day Tulelake Honker Classic with two wins and a loss, putting them 3-3 in pre-season basketball play.

Burney started the tournament Thursday with a 61-48 win over host Tulelake.

Sophomore Kayla Stover scored 21 points for her team with 10 rebounds. Senior Rocksann Barba added 17 points and Aimee Ayers had 8 points and 15 rebounds. Sophomore Robbie Fulk put 12 points on the board and grabbed 12 rebounds.

On Friday, the Raiders lost to Hayfork, 35-42. Fulk was the high point scorer with 16 points. Ayers had 12 rebounds and 2 points. Stover added 6 points and had 11 rebounds.

Burney beat Bishop Quinn, 59-45. Fulk scored 17 points with 8 rebounds. Ayers added 14 points and got 9 rebounds. Stover put in 12 points with 20 rebounds.



Fall River JV player Taylor White is surrounded by Bulldog Kayla Shelton (No. 33) and Maggie DeCoito in Fall River's 33-19 win at the Tulelake Honker Classic Dec. 11-13.

## Burney senior selected to all-tourney team for boys

The Raiders played four games in the Westwood Tournament and, even though they only captured one win, Coach Tara Jones said she was happy with the progress her team is making and that senior Kyle Moody won All-Tourney.

"We have a few bugs to work out, but I'm looking forward to our home tournament," she said.

Burney took the first game, 74-20, against Westwood,

billed so far as the worse team in the League.

Senior Kevin Wrigley scored 15 points and Moody and Schechla added 12 points apiece.

Moody scored 20 points in Burney's game against Surprise Valley, bringing the team so close, but not enough for a win and the Raiders lost, 53-57. Ryan Huffman added 15 points to the score and Josh Schechla

landed 10 points.

Moody was the high point scorer, with 14, in the game with Hamilton City, another close game and a loss, 46-50. Huffman and Schechla added 8 points each.

Wade said even though the raiders lost to Liberty Christian, 64-79, "It was a really good game and a good learning experience." Moody scored 17 points, Huffman scored 15, and Luke Schechla scored 14 points.

## Bulldog girls defeat Big Valley in first clash for the basketball teams

The Fall River Bulldogs beat the Big Valley Cardinals, 44-20, in McArthur Dec. 16.

"It was a good warm-up game for us and gave us an opportunity to get all of the players into the game," said Fall River Coach Kathy Jones.

Brittany Shelton was the high point scorer with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Jessica Hero scored 11 points and Abby Salters scored 9.

Sophomore Shawna Truan led her team in steals, taking the ball from the Cards five

times. She and Jessica Hero each scored eight points.

Fall River's JV team also won their game with Big Valley, 47-17, with sophomores Delaney Chapman and Maggie DeCoito scoring nine points apiece.

# What are your Christmas wishes?



A remote control and to spend time with my family  
**Jory Granillo, 10**



A long skirt with a matching shirt and a castle with princesses.  
**Madison Heath, 5**



A Sleeping Beauty doll and a puzzle  
**Madison Luntey, 5**



Play Station II and a phone  
**Ashley Bonsey, 11**



I'd like the war to be over. I have a couple of grandchildren in Iraq. I want a very happy Christmas for all of us and better times ahead. God bless us all.  
**Grace Green-Tobin  
Clark Creek**



A phone and a cat.  
**Elsa Garza, 11**



## Holiday cheer

About 25 children from the Intermountain Community Center's Home-Away-From-Home preschool visited the residents at the Burney Annex last week to spread holiday cheer by singing and giving out the decorative snowflakes they made.

## Burney J.V. girls lose close Tulelake contest

The Burney JV Girls lost by one point, 35-36, to host Tulelake in the opening game of the Tulelake Honker Classic.

"We should have won," said Coach Loni Estes. "After only two practices, we need to work on our fundamentals. We're looking forward to the Burney Jamboree this weekend."

Sophomore Anika Kierce was the high point scorer with 17 points. Jessica Van Laak added 8 points and had 7 steals. Taylor White scored six points for the Raiders

and Katie Wand captured 6 rebounds.

Burney jumped ahead of Fall River at the start of Saturday's game, but started to slip by halftime and lost 19-33. Kierce scored 7 points and White scored 6 points. Van Laak had 6 rebounds, 4 steals and scored twice.

Burney beat Butte Valley, 33-16, in their last game of the tournament. Van Laak scored 10 points and had two steals, White scored 8 points and had 10 rebounds and 2 steals and Amber Spooner scored 6 points with 13 rebounds and 3 steals

## Family events continue

Acorn Community Enterprises in Montgomery Creek and the Cedar Creek Head Start jointly sponsor an event each month for all families with children under 5, including babies.

"These are fun, informal, slightly noisy events, where kids have a great time exploring the Head Start toys and games, while parents get some vital community information and then have a chance to get to know

each other," said Margaret Jensen.

The next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 18, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The activities will revolve around children's art and creativity.

A healthy snack is served, and there are prizes and give-aways for every family to take home.

Just show up, or RSVP first to Margaret at Acorn, 337-6736.



## Trustees honored for service

The Fall River Joint Unified School District bid farewell to two trustees, Dr. Robert Hatcher, at right, and Nancy Sisk, standing between Supt. Eric Newton and school board President Teri Vigil, at the Dec. 10 meeting in Fall River Mills. Hatcher served on the board for 10 years and Sisk was a trustee for three years. Newly elected Pat Oilar and Val Lakey, both of the Fall River Valley, were sworn in last month to begin their four-year terms on the board.

## Writing contest features Winter

Acorn Community Enterprises is sponsoring a monthly Local Voices writing contest and invites writers of all ages and experience "to bring the communities of Big Bend, Montgomery Creek, Round Mountain and Oak Run to life on the printed page."

The contests are from January to June with a different writing theme each month.

The first theme is "Winter" and the entry deadline is Jan. 13.

"Some ideas might include local bad weather adventures; why you like or dislike our local winters; or what happens to local work during the winter," said Margaret Jensen.

February's theme is "Water," and Jensen suggested such topics as writing about the local waterways, or how your well dried up, irrigation, or why you won't drink water except at home.

Just remember to keep your prose, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, or written oral history local.

There will be prize categories for children in each grade 1st through 8th, high school, and adults.

Winners will be announced and at least one of the winning pieces will be reproduced in the Acorn newsletter every month.

All entries will be copied and made available for general reading in notebooks

kept at the local schools and libraries, to become a local record.

"Communities flourish when they celebrate their history, their environment, their uniqueness, and even their conflicts," said Jensen.

Spelling and grammar do not have to be perfect—the

language should just bring our community to life on the page.

All submissions from high school students and adults must be typed on white paper.

Judges will be people who are familiar with our communities, but who are not living

here.

Drop your entry off at the Acorn Café or office during open hours; mail it to P.O. Box 188, MC, 96065; FAX it to 337-6567, or e-mail them to acorn@299e.net.

Don't forget to put your name, address, phone or e-mail address on them.

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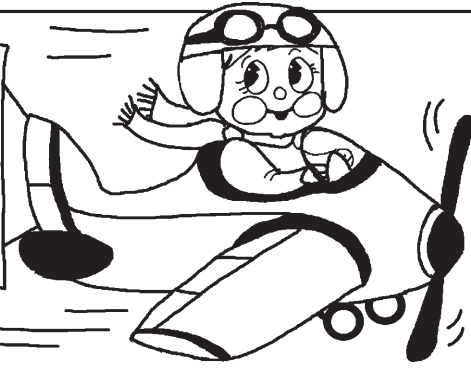
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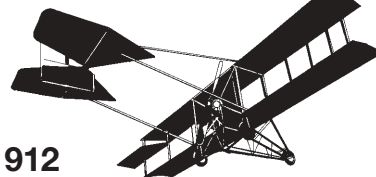
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## Some VIPs\*

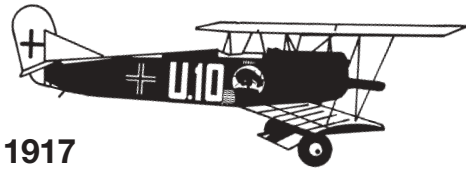
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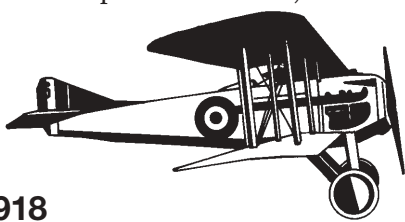
**1903**  
**Wright Brothers' Kitty Hawk Flyer:** The Wright Brothers flew four flights in the world's first successful powered, heavier-than-air plane on Dec. 17, 1903.



**1912**  
**Curtiss Pusher:** pioneer American plane that made many famous flights, including one from Albany, N.Y., to New York City.



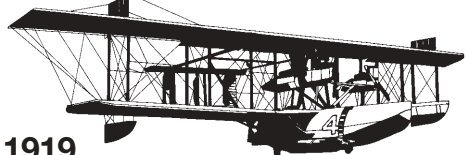
**1917**  
**Fokker D.VII:** an outstanding German fighter during the last period of World War I.



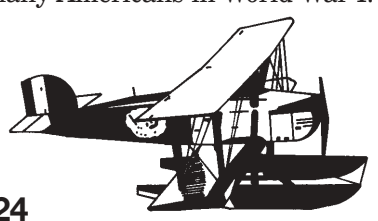
**1918**  
**Spad 13:** a French-built plane flown by many Americans in World War I.



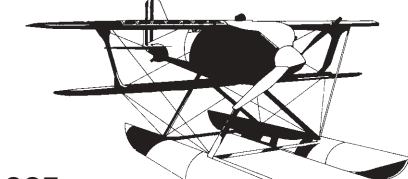
**1918**  
**Curtiss Jenny:** often used as a training plane for American pilots during World War I and as a stunt plane by daring pilots during the 1920s.



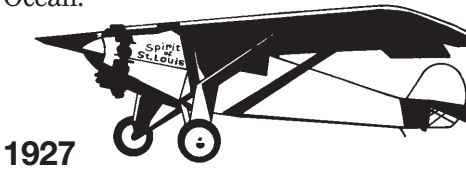
**1919**  
**Navy Curtiss NC-4 Flying Boat:** the first aircraft to cross the Atlantic Ocean.



**1924**  
**Douglas World Cruiser:** first plane to fly around the world.

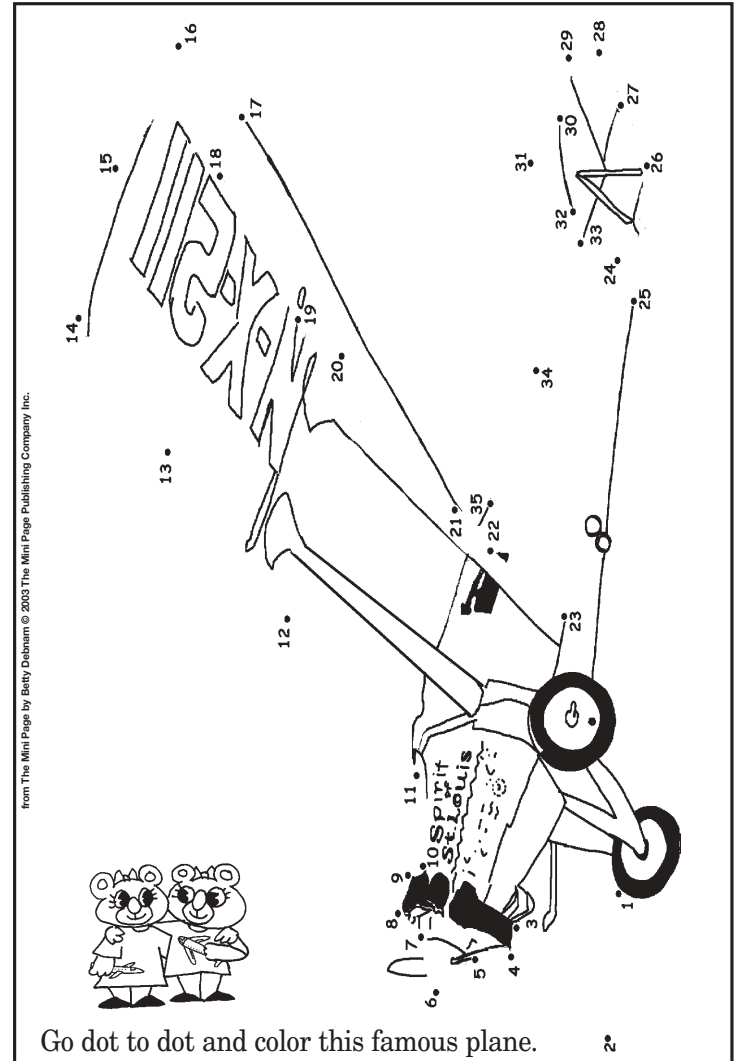


**1925**  
**Army Curtiss R3C-2:** won the 1925 Pulitzer land plane race. Two weeks later, after floats replaced the wheels, it won another important race, the Schneider Cup race. Lt. James H. Doolittle was the pilot.



**1927**  
**The Spirit of St. Louis:** first plane to make a nonstop flight from New York to Paris. The plane was piloted by Charles A. Lindbergh.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight at Kill Devil Hills, N.C., in December 1903. This chart shows some of the planes that played an important part in the history of flight.



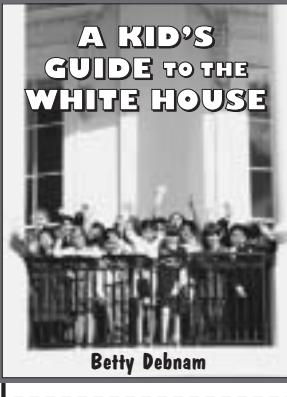
Go dot to dot and color this famous plane.

### Rookie Cookie's Recipe Holiday Cranberry Salad

- You'll need:**
- 1 (16-ounce) can cranberry sauce
  - 1 (16-ounce) can crushed pineapple
  - 1 (16-ounce) carton sour cream
  - lettuce leaves
  - 1 (8-ounce) carton whipped topping
  - 1 (6-ounce) jar maraschino cherries



- What to do:**
1. Mix cranberry sauce, pineapple and sour cream in a flat pan. Stir well.
  2. Cover and freeze.
  3. Remove from freezer and cut into squares.
  4. Place each salad square on a lettuce leaf.
  5. Top with a scoop of whipped topping and a cherry.
- Serves 8.



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### Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Logan Tom

**Height:** 6-1 **Birthdate:** 5-25-81  
**Hometown:** Salt Lake City

Logan Tom has a name that catches your fancy, and a volleyball game that catches your eye. The 6-foot, 1-inch outside hitter is one of the premier players in the world. She leads the USA National Team in points (329), kills (244) and aces (42).

Tom, whose full name is Logan Maile Lei Tom, was a four-time All-America and two-time National Player of the Year at Stanford University. At Stanford, she majored in international relations.

Tom inherited some athletic genes. Her father, Melvin, played in the National Football League. But Logan's game is volleyball. Serve! Set! Dig! Kill! She does it all well.

### Meet Billy Gilman

At 15, Billy Gilman already knows a lot about singing, writing songs and caring for others. Billy began singing at the age of 3. His grandmother encouraged his talent by having him sing for friends and family in her living room.

His first big success came when he was 11 and recorded his first album and sang a hit song, "One Voice." His newest album, "Music Through Heartsong," contains songs of poems written by a young friend who has a disease called muscular dystrophy that keeps him confined to a wheelchair. The friendship led Billy to become national youth chairman of a group that teaches young people about the disease.

Billy lives in Rhode Island with his parents and a younger brother. He enjoys listening to music, watching TV and movies, and hanging out with friends. His favorite food is a sirloin steak.

### Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

**Luke:** What is green and wears a mask?  
**Jason:** The lone lime!

**George:** What is green and has whiskers?  
**Rob:** A lime that needs a shave!

**Yuri:** What do you do with a lime when it's 1 year old?  
**Bill:** Wish it a happy birthday!

### Basset Brown The News Hound's VIPs TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of planes are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. Some letters are used twice. See if you can find: DECK, PASSENGERS, FLYING, INSTRUMENTS, JET, MACHINE, PROPELLER, LANDING, PILOT, RUDDER, FLYER, FIGHTER, GLIDER, AIRLINER, MILITARY, MAIL, AIRPORT, WING, SEAPLANES, ENGINES, TRANSPORT.

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A X N T R O P S N A R T Z E T  
M K G S T N E M U R T S N I J

### Mini Spy

Mini Spy and her friends are traveling by plane. See if you can find: • word MINI • man in the moon • boomerang • football

• ruler  
• number 8  
• kite  
• letter V  
• sock  
• ax  
• feather  
• toothbrush  
• arrow  
• bandage  
• letter C  
• mushroom  
• olive  
• letter u

## More Very Important Planes

**Late 1920s and early '30s**  
**Ford Trimotor:** pioneer American-built airliner carrying passengers and mail.

**1930-35**  
**Lockheed Vega:** The "Winnie Mae" was the name of the plane of this type that set many records with pilot Wiley Post at the controls.

**1936**  
**Douglas DC-3:** pre-war American commercial airline used as a troop transport in World War II.

**1940**  
**Supermarine Spitfire:** a British fighter that became famous for its use in the Battle of Britain in World War II.

**1944**  
**Messerschmitt 262:** a German fighter that was the first jet-propelled aircraft to enter combat.

**1942**  
**Boeing B-17:** U.S. bomber used during World War II.

**1947**  
**Bell X-1:** first airplane to fly faster than the speed of sound. It broke the sonic barrier on Oct. 14, 1947, with Capt. Charles E. Yeager at the controls.

**1948**  
**North American F-86 Sabre:** first American fighter designed with swept wings.

**1949**  
**Northrop YB-49:** unusual-looking craft; the crew and engines were housed in the wing.

**1954**  
**Boeing 707:** first U.S. commercial jetliner.

**1962**  
**North American X-15:** rocket research plane designed to conduct research at hypersonic speeds (more than five times the speed of sound).

**1982**  
**Rockwell Space Shuttle:** first rocket-propelled winged spacecraft to go into orbit, and then to glide back to Earth through the atmosphere like an airplane.

**1986**  
**Voyager:** On Dec. 23, 1986, the Voyager completed the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world. The flight took nine days.

The Mini Page thanks Dr. John Anderson, professor emeritus, University of Maryland, and curator of aerodynamics, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, for help with this issue.

Site to see: [www.nasm.si.edu](http://www.nasm.si.edu)  
Next week in The Mini Page, read all about Christmas birds.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thanks to folk who made Marine Corps birthday success

Editor:

Many thanks to the folks of the Intermountain Area and the Klamath Basin for making the standing room only celebration of the 228th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps such a success.

A special thanks to the Main Street Café for the wonderful food and the VFW for letting us use their facility.

The memorial for Captain Matt Bancroft, USMC KIA in Afghanistan made us all aware of the tremendous debt we owe to the young men and women in the armed services who are fighting for our freedom.

Thanks to all who helped in any way in making this venture such a success.

Semper Fidelis,  
Ron Mason  
-Chairman, Big Bend Toys  
for Tots

## 70th birthday celebration

Editor:

A special thank you to my daughter Pam and my husband Roy, my son-in-law Mike, my grand daughters Michelle, Heather, Haley and Kayla- then all my family and friends from near and far that helped me celebrate my 70th birthday.

It was such a good surprise and shocking! I had a good day and enjoyed seeing everyone!

Thank you again,  
Mary Carver

## Struck a nerve

Editor:

A few weeks ago I wrote an article warning the people of Burney of the "Carpetbaggers" among us.

Well it must have struck a nerve. I must have hit the nail on the head, because a week later I was attacked in a local paper by the paper's editor no less.

I never named any names of these "carpetbaggers," but this editor claims in his editorial to know whom I am speaking of, well hell I guess he is a mind reader as well as an editor.

Now if some folks felt bad or even thought I was talking about them I am sorry, but as the old saying goes, "if the shoe fits, wear it!" Now again, I named no names, but some felt I was talking about them.

Why, do they feel guilty? Do they act as "Carpetbaggers?" Now this editor also goes on to claim that two of the people I am talking about (now remember I named no names in my letter) are above writing letters to the editor and attacking me (to the effect of this).

Well of course they are, they have you to attack me, amigo!

I always thought an editor was to take no sides in such things, more so when he has an interest in some of the boards that I talk about many times in my articles.

Now this man, I feel, is a good man, and I even voted for him one time. But the funny thing, I remember when he ran for supervisor he rallied against the same "out of area interests" to try and get local votes.

I guess times change or is it that the same "out of town interests" are now his allies, as he says in his editorial?

Now again, back to the editorial, I never once said that these people didn't work, but it was claimed by the same editor that I didn't work, well, sorry, wrong again.

I am an employee of SPI and am out on an industrial injury, so for the time being I am raising my daughter, one armed I might add at this time, and waiting for further surgery.

I am not ruled by hate, as claimed by this editor.

I am ruled by right and wrong, no more, no less. Now all I have to say to this editor is, please listen to your heart. I know you are a good

man.

Do the right thing. On another issue, the people of the Burney Fire District need to ask some questions, like why are certain officers allowed while off duty to use official fire vehicles for their own use?

Why is it that under Burney District Rules, to be a member of the Department you must live in the District, but as we speak our chief has an officer on roster that lives in Redding.

Is it again, special rules for the special few? Again I will ask the board, why have they not investigated the reasons behind the low manpower in the Department? I mean 8 firefighters, come on! I don't want to hear the old song and dance about EMT's being firefighters, I am not a mushroom.

I was a firefighter on that Department and I know what the numbers used to be and I know what they are now.

People of Burney, you need to look at the things being done in your name by people that you voted for, things that are said about this town by some of those you voted for.

We are not just a bunch of dumb hicks and we are not so stupid that we refuse to enter the 21st century.

These type of things have been said and continue to be said by people that you voted for about the "mindset" of us "hicks" as they call us.

Are these the words of people that you would call friends?

Some of us like Burney just the way it is.

We like to burn our leaves, (unlike a person, who on public record has stated, "I wish the county would ban burning here, that way I could breathe better.") we like to know the people who live on our block, and we like things simple!

That's why we are here and not in Big Bear, San Francisco, Los Angeles or the North Bay.

If people like the way things are in those cities soooo much, then they should sell their house and go back there.

We won't mind, no harm done.

To leave those type of places to come here and then start to turn Burney into that from what you left is what I would call dumb or of the wrong "mindset."

I guess if you are just a little trout there and move here and become a large mouth bass, then maybe I could understand their thoughts.

Better to rule a small pond that to just be a little fish in the sea, I guess. Some folks are funny that way.

Always question, never surrender, and beware the "Carpetbaggers!"

Mike Rodriguez  
-Johnson Park

## Train fundraiser supports schools

Editor:

The Board of Directors of the Burney- Fall River Education Foundation would like to thank all who supported its two recent fundraiser train excursions on the McCloud River Railroad.

Not only does the Board appreciate all those who purchased tickets and rode the rails, but also would like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of the many volunteers who made the events come together so successfully.

From cooking and baking, to setting up the trains and manning the parking lots, to donations of equipment and time spent serving and cleaning up, it was truly a community effort by many in support of our local schools.

Karen McArthur  
-Burney/Fall River Education Foundation

## Open letter to communities

Editor:

This is an open letter to the communities of Fall River

and the Valley, McArthur and Burney.

At tournament time I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those fans and parents that have supported and found friends in the basketball players and athletes from Trinity High.

I will miss the many faces, supporters and friends, and will always have great memories of the Block F Classic as well as our games at Burney High and Fall River High School.

You have all made my life long experiences mean a lot to me. Thanks so much. Go Wolves!

Terry Cato  
Retired basketball coach  
-Trinity High School,  
Weaverville

## Baskets delivered to 30 families

Editor:

The Round Mountain Seventh Day Adventist Church, on Terry Mill Road, put Thanksgiving baskets together for 30 families in their community who were in need.

All the members of the Church gathered food for weeks in advance.

John Ford, owner of the Golden Bear store in Round Mountain, contributed all the pies and milk.

After potluck, all the members started the process of sorting, gathering and bagging, amid lots of laughter and plenty of smiles.

Then came the deliveries to the different homes.

Quite a few came to the church to pick up their 'baskets.'

Another year of helping others who are in need at a time when others may have plenty.

What a blessing it is to help those in your community!

-Gloria Pfeiffer

## Day Club thanks all who attended homecoming

Editor:

Thank you! The Day Club would like to thank all of those that attended the annual Day Road homecoming.

It was a time to renew the friendship of those residents, both past and present.

The raffle winners this year were: Madison Ronquist for doll and cradle, Audrey Barber for wagon filled with gifts made by Day Club members.

We look forward to next year's event.

Sandi Shafer  
-Day Club President

## Donations appreciated

Editor:

Intermountain Services for the Handicapped would like to wish Happy Holidays to our Intermountain Community and thank you for your generous donations throughout the year.

We would like to give special thanks to some businesses and people who give their time and help to us: Burney Bowl, Donna Sylvester/Mt. Burney Theatre, Peter Prevost/Mt. Burney Video, Tom Giorso/Burney Disposal, Kelly Babajan/ Adelphia Cable, Marv Sanders and Joe Bonsall.

Scott Nedved for donating our sprinkler system in our backyard.

Also, every year, Burney Lions Club and Lions Auxiliary host a wonderful Christmas party with lunch, presents and Santa.

Thank you for all of your hard work and kindness!

We would also like to thank our wonderful board members.

Without you guys, we wouldn't be here!

-Taunya Ross/ Manager  
Judy Dixon/ Director  
Marlene Glover, Donna Sanders & Sharon Burnett



## Churney recipient of \$1,000 scholarship

The Rural Alliance, Inc. has created a scholarship program to advance higher education for rural California residents. Each county that is a member of the Regional Council of Rural Counties will be allotted a total of \$1,000 for the scholarship award. The Shasta Regional Community Foundation has reviewed the RCRC Scholarship applications and identified the top candidate from Shasta County. On December 9, at the Shasta County Board of Supervisors' meeting, Kristen M. Churney of Burney High School was recommended to receive the \$1,000 award for the 2004-2005 academic school year based on her superior academic performance, public service ethic, and community service. Pictured from left, Glenn Hawes, Trish Clarke, Kristen Churney, Molly Wilson, Mrs. & Mr. Churney and David Kehoe.

## OBITUARIES

### Kenneth Earl Cotney

Mill worker, 64

Services for Kenneth Earl Cotney of Burney will be held Thursday.

Mr. Bill Wiley will officiate. He will be buried at Burney District Cemetery.

He died at Mayers Memorial Hospital in Fall River Mills Dec. 14, 2003.

Mr. Cotney was born August 9, 1939 in McNary, Arizona and moved to Shasta County from Santa Rosa in 1968.

He was a mill worker at Louisiana Pacific Lumber Company in Burney for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife Gail; son Randy; daughters Kelly Cotney, Kathi Rohrbach, Rhonda Workman all of Burney; sister Dorothy Pearson of Burney, Norma Rand of Daisy, Arizona; and 10 grandchildren.

McDonald's Chapel in Burney handled the arrangements.



## Wedding on board ship Amberjack

Lori Ann Trapp of Texas and Benjamin H. Goodner of Burney were married November 9 on the US Coast Guard Cutter Amberjack at South Padre Island in Texas by the Honorable Benny Ochoa. The bride's parents are Timothy and Mary Ann Trapp of Rancho Viejo, Texas and the bridegroom's parents are Mike and Elaine Goodner of Burney. LaTosha Bough was maid of honor and Emily Trapp, sister of the bride was a bridesmaid. Best man was Matthew Harrell the groom's shipmate and the ushers were the crew of the USCGC Amberjack. The bride is a 2002 graduate of St. Joseph's Academy in Brownsville, Texas, and currently attending University of Brownsville. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Bishop Quinn High School in Palo Cedro. He is currently serving in the U.S. Coast Guard aboard the cutter Amberjack. They reside in Texas.



## Celebration of 60th Anniversary

Bill and Ruth Raibley, formerly of Burney recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Anderson. The celebration was hosted by their six children. They presently reside in Anderson. Mr. Raibley was a teacher in Burney for 20 years before retiring in 1983. The couple wed Oct. 21, 1943.

## Primary list available on web

Ann Reed, Shasta County Clerk, announces that the March 2, 2004 Primary Election comprehensive listing of all locally-filed qualified candidates for the March 2, 2004 election are available on the web on at [www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us](http://www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us).





