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Essay winners

The winners of the Lassen National Forest Archaeology Student Essay Contest have been named. In October, forest service representatives opened the essay contest for third grade students in Lassen, Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Plumas, Siskiyou, and Modoc counties in celebration of Archaeology Month. To participate in this contest, students submitted an essay on a place that was at least 50 years old and means something to them, why they like it, how old it is, and why it should be preserved. The first-place winner is Ellie Sprague from Cottonwood. 'Ellie took us for a journey through her favorite spot for family fun and all the favorite outdoor activities in her essay about Whiskeytown Lake in Shasta County. Runner-up goes to Ethan Martens from Chester. Ethan explored Subway Cave, and even included helpful safety tips for his trip. A special honorable mention goes to Taylor Turner from Chester for his fun fact look and family's historical connection to their favorite place, the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Forest service representatives thanked the Shasta Historical Society for its donation to the first-place winner, which was a one year family pass to Turtle Bay Exploration Park in Redding. The runner-up received a copy of 'Can you Dig it' by Amanda Baker. 'This was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed the creativity expressed in the essay submissions we received and look forward to more opportunities to engage with young people in our communities' said Jennifer Norton, acting forest archaeologist on the Lassen National Forest. 'Thank you for sharing your favorite places with us and why they are so special to you, and thank you to your families, friends, and educators who supported you. I can't wait to see what third graders in our communities come up with next year.' said Forest Supervisor Deb Bumpus. Read the winning essays at https://bit.ly/47eGoxl.

CoDependents

CoDependents Anonymous, which strives to develop a healthy relationship with oneself and others, is held Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Westwood Library, 500 Birch St., Westwood.



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CSD needs public support in moving forward with septic-to-sewer project

Two hurdles remain for a \$33 million project to remove 261 septic systems mainly in the McArthur area.

The Fall River Community Services District has been pursuing the plan that would be paid entirely with state funding for more than two years.

"Currently, there are two critical elements needed to spur the project along" said Paul Reuter, president and managing engineer of PACE Engineering of Redding.

"One, the district needs to prove to the state that it has considerable support for the project (and) two, the district is completing special environmental studies to show the proposed project will not have any lasting impacts on the environment, as required by state and federal law," Reuter said.

He noted the latter step is nearly complete and that the district has an outreach campaign to inform affected residents of the advantages of the project.

That process of informing the public began just over two years ago with a town hall meeting, said Cecil Ray, general manager of the Fall River Valley Community Services District.

"After receiving positive input at the town hall meeting, the district board invested considerable financial and staff resources in preparing the construction grant application," Ray said.

That state grant, worth an estimated \$32.7 million from the state, would pay for the entire project.

"The state will fund all project-related costs, including extending a new sewer lateral across private property, connecting to existing dwelling plumbing and abandoning existing septic systems," Ray said.

"All project-related costs are paid for with grant dollars through the State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The only cost to

the affected homeowner is the requirement to pay a monthly wastewater bill to the Fall River Valley CSD after the project is completed," he said.

The community services district has now been working to contact affected property owners and sites – 261 of them – asking for their support

for the septic-to-sewer project.

"Depending upon the number of responses received, the district staff will follow-up this mailer with phone calls and door-to-door informational visits by staff," Ray said.

Besides a brief explanation of the campaign,

staff will be asking for a signature in support of the project.

There are 250 residential and mobile home spaces that are subject to the free sewer hook-ups, plus an additional 10 commercial sites and Fall River High School.

"The majority of these connection are in McAr-

thur, however, there are several potential connections along the Highway 299 corridor between McArthur and Fall River Mills, including Sierra Central and Country Club subdivisions," Reuter said.

With an average cost per site of more than —Please See Page 2A

ALL IN THE FAMILY



FROM LEFT, MATT, STEVEN, ED AND MITCH LIVELY

Following father's footsteps in donning whistles and stripes

By RICHARD ALLAN News Sports Editor imsports@icloud.com

Many families bond around sports activities, and for some it's a lifelong endeavor. Ed Lively moved to Susanville to start his career as a correctional officer and raised four sports-loving boys who have followed their father's path in the donning of whistles and stripes.

Mitch, Matt, Steven and Spencer all through adolescence played sports in Susanville and later for Lassen High. Mitch, Matt and Steven grew up to be professional athletes, and now enjoy officiating basketball games with their father. Spencer officiates sports in his home state of Hawaii.

"We're definitely a sports family and always

have been," said Ed. "This is the first year we've actually been able to work together as a family and it's been a really awesome time for me. My son Spencer officiates in Hawaii and came home for Thanksgiving and I got to work with him, too, so this really has been a special year."

The Lively clan worked the Holland Invitational at Greenville High at the beginning of December with Ed, Mitch, Steven and Matt rotating games in three-man crews. Before going in the gym, they huddled for a fist-bump with their family officiating moto, "Don't suck."

They say their moto is catching on in the Feather River Association.

The Lively clan also officiated the Lassen boys —Please See Page 8A

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King of the Wild Frontier

By LEE PITTS

As a child I wanted to grow up and be just like Davy Crockett. Many a day was spent with my trusty BB gun and coon skin cap hunting for “bar” in the backyard. When he was alive I used to go out of my way to stay at a hotel owned by Fess Parker simply because he was the “King of the Wild Frontier.” (Although I never pictured Davy in the hospitality trade).

So you can imagine my disappointment when I read the in the book, “Davy Crockett’s Own Story,” that Davy’s hat was not made of coon skin but of fox. And heaven forbid, Davy spent just as much time being a politician as he did hunting for bear. I know these are facts because the book was written by Davy himself and he would never lie to me. What Davy Crockett was really good at was story telling and after reading some of his tall tales I aspire to be like him now more than ever. After getting to know Davy Crockett I like the man even more than the myth.



We tend to think Davy ate nothing but bear grease and wild turkey but he liked eating beef and he often shot for them. No, he didn’t shoot other people’s cattle... he contested for their beef.

“In the latter part of summer, recalled Davy, “when their cattle got very fat some of the folks desirous of raising money on one of their fatted beeves would advertise that on a particular day, a first rate beef would be shot for.”

Each shooter would buy chances at the beef. Each chance cost a quarter and entitled you to one shot at a target. The owner of the beef would sell enough chances to pay for the beef. Two non-shooting woodsmen were selected as judges but as Davy remarked, “Many a judge was like a handle on a jug... all on one side.”

Every shooter took how ever many shots he’d paid for. The person who was fifth closest to the “X” on their target received a front quarter of beef as did the fourth place finisher. The third and second closest to the mark each took a hindquarter. Guess what the Grand Prize was? “The shot that drives the center or comes closest to it,” explained Davy, “got the hide and tallow which is considered first choice.” The sixth closest to the mark got the booby prize; “The lead in the tree against which we shot.”

Davy was a good shot but perhaps not as great as his reputation. When the citizens of Philadelphia made a present to Davy of his beloved rifle, “Betsy,” they asked him to display his marksmanship in a shooting match with Philadelphia’s finest. In the first go-round Davy won as expected. But in the next round a local marksman put his lead right through the center of the target and Davy afterwards missed the target entirely. The crowd was aghast but Davy employed a little trick he probably learned in politics. He went to the target and sneakily shoved a piece of lead into the bullseye while he was pretending to examine the target. Then he explained to the crowd, “I think if you will examine the target you will find two lead balls in that hole.” Sure enough when the officials dug out the bulls eye they found two pieces of lead and the legend of Davy Crockett was preserved.

Davy was a decent fellow who had to work hard to catch up to his growing reputation. He likened fame to what a fellow named Pat said as he fell from a tall church steeple. “This would be mighty pleasant now,” said Pat during his free fall, “if only it would last.”

Septic-to-sewer plan for McArthur

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\$126,000 the state pays to connect all 261 localities, Ray said there has been some initial resistance to the plan from those not wanting to pay that monthly sewer charge.

The current monthly wastewater bill for a single-family residence is \$52.40 per month.

Those locally in real estate sales have said the monthly charge is more than offset by the increase in their property values in having a sewer system in place versus a septic system.

Another plus is the savings and reliability of such a sewer system to Fall River High School.

Greg Hawkins, district superintendent, said the septic system at the high school is an ongoing problem requiring substantial costs to the district and time by maintenance employees devoted to repairs.

One septic tank is under the pickle-ball courts and the other is down the hill from the high school.

“Already four times this year maintenance has had to (address problems with the system), Hawkins said. “During the wet winters, it’s

not a real desirable job.”

He said the district would gladly hook up to a sewer system.

Ray said the project would consist of installing a new wastewater collection system, including PVC sewer mains, concrete manholes, laterals with clean-outs and lift stations with pressurized force mains.

“Wastewater from McArthur will be pumped through force mains along the Highway 299 corridor to the existing Fall River Mills wastewater treatment plant (west of the Fall River airport),” Ray said.

“The wastewater treatment plant will also undergo some improvements to accommodate the additional wastewater flows.”

“Fall River Valley CSD was among the first applicants in the state to submit an application for available funding,” said Reuter. “However, other entities have caught up to the district, in terms of readiness.”

He noted there are several projects throughout the state at various stages of completion, but not many in the north state.

“However, there are a number of communities in

the north state that have completed similar projects in the past, such as communities of Palo Cedro in Shasta County, and Gerber and Las Flores in Tehama County. The communities of Summit City in Shasta County and the Antelope Area – Red Bluff in Tehama County are completing feasibility studies to consider similar ‘septic-to-sewer’ projects,” Reuter said

“The state currently has money to fund these kinds of projects and when the funding runs out, future funding allocations are uncertain, especially in light of the state’s current budget situation,” Reuter added.

“Without documented

substantial community support provided by these letters (that we are asking the community to sign), the project will not happen and the investment to date will be lost,” Ray said.



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Workshop on the Draft Housing Strategy

Lassen County invites members of the community to participate in a Workshop on the draft Housing Strategy . Please join us to learn more about the update process, identify specific needs and opportunities, and share your insights and ideas on how the County can improve housing opportunities in the future.

The Housing Element establishes specific goals, policies and objectives to guide the development of housing in unincorporated Lassen County. Community input will be used in developing new Housing Element Policies and programs and to modify existing policies.

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