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EDITOR'S NOTE

The news is very fluid right now and changing almost minute by minute. Some of the information provided in this update has been updated once or twice during the writing of this publication today. The information provided is accurate, up to date, and timely as of press time. As much as possible, links are given for additional and/or changes in information. nanette, SEP Editor/Publisher

NATIONAL NEWS

Trump declares a national emergency and authorizes \$50B for state/local response



to COVID-19

U.S. to take a “new approach to testing” with the help of Walmart, Target and others

Speaking to the press in the Rose Garden at the White House, President Trump declared a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) virus and outlined a nation-wide testing program among other items of interest. Dr. Deborah Birx provided

background and facts surrounding the new testing program.

To hear the press conference and information presented as given on the “new approach to testing” – rather than through the lens of the media – please [CLICK HERE](#).

COUNTY NEWS



“Public Health Emergency” declared in SLO County

Early this afternoon, the San Luis Obispo County Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency/Local Emergency due to the COVID-19 virus.

“While we do not yet have a confirmed case of COVID-19 here, this official declaration and proclamation helps us access additional resources to support current and future local COVID-19 response efforts,” County Health Officer Dr. Penny Borenstein said. “Our response efforts began over a month ago. It’s only a matter of time before our county sees a case as well, and we are prepared for that eventuality.”

The declaration will also allow County Health Officer Dr. Penny Borenstein to issue specific public health orders to limit the spread of the virus. The County Public Health Department has been actively monitoring returning travelers and identifying others who may be potentially at risk, working closely with local health care providers, facilitating and performing laboratory testing for the virus, and working

with local cities, school districts and other organizations to prepare and protect the community.

In addition, the Public Health Department has begun increasing the number of tests conducted by its laboratory in San Luis Obispo. The increase in local testing is a direct result of Dr. Borenstein's direction this week to open testing to anyone referred by a local medical professional to Public Health.

"We have also partially activated our Emergency Operations Center to coordinate our response efforts," said County Emergency Services Director and CAO Wade Horton. "The health and safety of our community is our number one priority."

There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in San Luis Obispo County as of today. In total, County Health officials have monitored 13 people for the virus, and as of Friday, nine are currently being monitored and four have been cleared. The disease caused by the virus has sickened more than 120,000 people around the world, over 1,300 in the United States and nearly 200 in California. The disease has also killed over 4,300 worldwide.

Dr. Borenstein asks that "all residents, businesses and local organizations remain calm, stay informed, and heed our precautions." Visit www.ReadySLO.org for the latest news and information about COVID-19.

ALSO IN COUNTY NEWS THIS AFTERNOON

New Temporary Jail Visitation Procedures due to COVID-19 – Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

The SLO County Board of Supervisors will meet in special session on Tuesday, March 17 at 9:00 am in the Supervisors chambers at the SLO County Government Center (1055 Monterey). The agenda has just two items – both to ratify resolutions supporting the County Health Department's Public Health and Local Health Emergency proclamations. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for an agenda.

TEMPLETON SCHOOLS CLOSE

Good Evening TUSD Families and Staff,

The extent of the COVID-19 pandemic is penetrating all facets of society. Over the last few



weeks TUSD has endeavored to handle this ever-evolving issue in a measured and thoughtful way. We have now arrived at an unprecedented moment for our District. At a meeting today of the Templeton Unified School District Board, Trustees approved the following actions:

All TUSD schools will be closed beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020. These closures are comprehensive and apply to all extracurricular activities such as athletics, performing arts, and student clubs.

March 16 through March 20 – Staff Preparation Days/Non-Instructional Days

March 23 – April 3 – Distance Learning Days for all students (see below)

April 6 – April 10 – Spring Break (Note: one week earlier than previously calendared)

April 13 - Students return to regular school setting (subject to change based on status of COVID-19's presence in the community)

The “Distance Learning” program will be fully developed by our capable teaching staff during the upcoming week. We will communicate later next week how this program will work when implemented on March 23. Because it will be primarily a web-based experience, we are also preparing options for students who need Chromebooks and Internet access. We recognize that there is no true substitute for the daily in-person experience for our students, but we will strive to develop resources and strategies to support learning at home to the fullest extent possible.

This is not a decision the Trustees took lightly. We recognize that temporarily closing schools has a tremendous and far-reaching impact on our families. Two specific areas of impact include access to healthy meals for those in need and childcare. Outreach for students eligible for free and reduced-cost meals will occur next week. Resources for childcare may be found at <https://capslo.org/find-child-care/>. For families served by Champions, they will expand their program to 8 am to 6 pm daily, and they will contact their families directly.

We feel the weight of these unprecedented temporary changes. We are disheartened by the prospect of our students losing out on many of the wonderful experiences that take place daily in our schools. However, our Board felt compelled to take action to support the greater societal need to minimize the transmission COVID-19 throughout our community. We will give our best to creating meaningful learning experiences during this temporary period of closure.

Respectfully,
Aaron Asplund
Interim Superintendent

NEWS FROM TEMPLETON CSD



TCSD needs to keep small staff healthy to provide necessary services

“We are working to continue to provide excellence in the services we provide on behalf of the community during this COVID-19 outbreak,” said Jeff Britz, Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) General Manager. “In order to do that we need to keep our staff healthy during this time.”

“We would ask those conducting business with TCSD to minimize both contact with staff and visits to our office,” continued Britz. “Whenever possible, please contact us through email, regular mail, and by phone.”

Editor’s Note! The services provided by TCSD are critical to the health and well-being of those they serve and include providing potable water, the removal of wastewater, and solid waste pick up, along with Fire & Emergency Services to help with medical emergencies. Helping to keep the folks who provide these services healthy is very important. As a small community, staff is limited and too many out sick could negatively impact the District’s ability to provide these critical services.

TCSD RECREATION

From Melissa Johnson, TCSD Recreation Supervisor

Hello everyone,

With the recent closure of area schools as related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and out of an abundance of caution, Templeton Recreation is postponing all Softball &

T-Ball activities for the remainder of the month of March, at minimum.

Picture Day, originally scheduled for Saturday, March 21st, is tentatively moved to Saturday, April 4th. I would like to emphasize the word tentative in that statement, as things are very fluid right now and that could change as we get more information.

During this time of unexpected cancellation, we will work with the leagues and teams in our district to make a plan for how we're going to salvage this season moving forward. We will communicate with our coaches and families this plan as soon as it's decided upon.

So that you are all aware, we are not the only league to make this decision during this unprecedented time. We did not make this decision lightly or with a lack of information. Youth sports both locally and across the country are being canceled either by directive or by choice amid fears of the spreading virus.

It is nearly impossible to practice "Social Distancing" on a youth sports field, in a dugout with 12 players, or while sharing sports equipment on a field.

Templeton Recreation will remain open during our normal business hours during this time. Rest assured we are working hard on behalf of the children in our community to keep them safe and healthy, and to pick up the season as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding, please stay calm and wash your hands.

NEWS FROM PG&E



Cold, wet storm arriving this weekend – Stay safe and have a plan

Electric and vegetation crews are on alert as heavy rains and low-level snow have the potential to cause outages

PG&E's in-house meteorologists says the cold, wet and unsettled weather will move slowly from north to south over the weekend and into early next week. As with

any winter storm, wet and snowy conditions might cause trees, limbs and other debris to fall into power lines, damaging equipment and causing power outages.

The National Weather Service has issued Winter Storm Watches for locations above 2,500 feet in the northern mountains as well as in the northern and central Sierra Nevada. The heaviest rainfall is expected overnight Saturday into Sunday morning. For detailed weather information, visit www.pge.com/weather.

If outages occur, PG&E crews will safely work around-the-clock to restore power to customers.

Please see “Templeton Weather Forecast” section for more on the weather forecast for our area.

CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED EVENTS

THS SPORTS – “Starting March 16 thru April 3 school will be closed which means athletics is also shut down. There will be no practices, workouts, contests, or contact with athletes/coaches. There are NO exceptions,” THS Athletic Director Lindsay Franklin.

BINGO – Templeton Lions Club Monday Night BINGO has been CANCELLED for Monday, March 16. Each Monday Night BINGO event will be determined on a case by case basis through the end of the COVID-19 outbreak. For more information, please contact Joe Watje at (805) 434-2844

FARMERS MARKET – As of Wed, Mar 12, the Templeton Farmers Market will be OPEN this weekend (Mar 14). For updates and/or more information, please contact Robyn Gable at (805) 748-1109.

YOUTH SOFTBALL & T-BALL – Opening ceremonies (Mar 14) have been CANCELLED in addition to the season at least through the end of this month. Please see the letter from Melissa Johnson under “TCSD RECREATION” above. For updates and/or more information, please contact Templeton Recreation at (805) 434-4909.

TEMPLETON YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE – Opening ceremonies (Mar 14) have been CANCELLED and the season postponed until after school starts again. For more information and updates, please contact Templeton Youth Baseball League President Ben Swan at buckeye_swan@hotmail.com.

VINEYARD DOG PARK ANNIVERSARY COFFEE SOCIAL – The Vineyard Dog

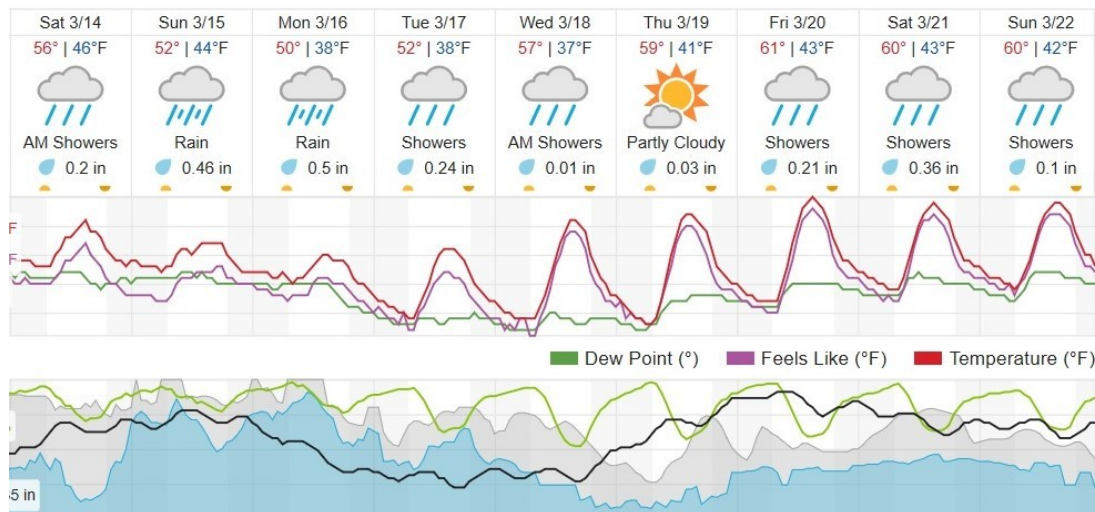
Park (VDP) Anniversary Coffee Social and “Good Bye Paula” scheduled for Mar 14 has been CANCELLED due to the rain forecast and COVID-19 concerns. For more information, please visit www.parks4pups.org.

“**HONEY DEW DROPS**” – Castoro Cellars has CANCELLED their Mar 14 Indoor Concert featuring the “Honey Dew Drops”. For more information/updates on this and other events at Castoro Cellars, please visit www.castorocellars.com.

TEMPLETON LIBRARY FUNDRAISER – Templeton Community Library Association (TCLA) President Melinda Reed is dancing in Atascadero’s “Dancing With Our Stars” to help raise funds toward a library in Templeton. Originally scheduled for later this month, the event has been RESCHEDULED to September 17-19. For more information and/or to donate, please contact Melinda at perfpetals@gmail.com.

SYMPHONY OF THE VINES – The “Double Bass & Friends” concert scheduled for Mar 21 & 22 has been CANCELLED. At this time, the “Classical Giants” concert at Mission San Miguel on May 17 is still a go. For updates and more information, please visit www.symphonyofthevines.org.

TEMPLETON WEATHER FORECAST



Rain in the forecast for the next 8 out of 9 days

Rain and daytime temperatures from the low 50’s to low 60’s are forecast for the next several days. Wind levels are expected to be normal. Temperatures at night will range from 37 to 46 degrees in the Templeton area. For a constantly updated 10-day forecast courtesy of Weather Underground, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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