



# The Superintendent's Update

May 26, 2016



## News from Kelly

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**Tragic Losses:** CUSD has experienced a very tough week. Both Marsh Junior High School and Sierra View Elementary suffered the loss of students. The Marsh student passed away after having a seizure. The seizure happened over the weekend and the student was taken to the hospital where he passed away. Marsh staff did a phone dialer message to Marsh parents to ensure they were aware of the situation and Marsh had Counselors available to meet with students who were struggling with the death of a classmate. Thank you to the Marsh staff for their handling of this very difficult situation.

The Sierra View student was diagnosed with Leukemia late last week and while we were all hopeful for a recovery, he sadly passed away Tuesday as a result of complications in surgery. (see email to Sierra View families below). His mother is a principal for BCOE so this hit the education community doubly hard. The parents received the email below and calls were made to the families that were especially close with the student. In addition, counselors as well as District staff will be at Sierra View tomorrow morning to assist in whatever manner is needed.

*Dear 2nd Grade Family,*

*It is with a heavy heart that I email you this information tonight. Wyatt Taylor had a complication in surgery today and passed away. I spoke briefly with Wyatt's father, Brooks, and it was his wish that we inform families to assist you in grieving with your children. His words were, "Wyatt loved his friends." Everyone at school is grieving this loss and we ask you to choose your words carefully when talking to your children at home. Encourage your children to be sensitive as all people grieve differently.*

*Counseling staff will be available in the morning to assist students and staff in dealing with grief. We will have printed information if you are interested in knowing how to assist your child. In the interest of keeping a normal schedule, we will have Fine Arts in the morning and will still walk to meet our Pen Pals in the afternoon.*

*We all grieve over time and we are thankful to our Sierra View family. Please keep the Taylor family in your thoughts and prayers. I will follow up with ways to support the family as more information becomes available.*

*Sincerely,  
Michelle Bunch  
2nd Grade Teacher  
Sierra View Elementary*

**CUSD Employee Recognition and Awards:** We have had several outstanding Chico Unified employees recognized by our community for their achievements over the last month. In addition, I am sure there are many additional staff recognitions of which I am unaware. If you know of any or fall into that category yourself, please let me know so I can share the great news!

**District 13 PTSA Honorary Service Awards:** The District 13 Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) held its annual Honorary Service Awards on Thursday, April 21 at Chico High School in the Lincoln Center. Congratulations to the following honorees:

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| <b>Bidwell Jr. High</b>     | <b>Judi Roth, Principal</b><br><b>Fran Hogan</b><br><b>Martha Newton</b><br><b>Lorrie Stimac</b>              | Golden Oak Award<br>Honorary Service Award<br>Honorary Service Award<br>Honorary Service Award   |
| <b>Chico High</b>           | <b>Mary Sours</b><br><b>Chris and Eric Moxon</b><br><b>Geoff &amp; Lori Akers</b><br><b>SOL Mexican Grill</b> | Honorary Service Award<br>Continuing Service Award<br>Honorary Service Award                     |
| <b>Citrus Elementary</b>    | <b>Marv Davidson</b><br><b>Julie LaMora</b>   | Honorary Service Award<br>Golden Oak Service Award   |
| <b>Marigold Elementary</b>  | <b>Becky Fowler</b><br><b>Diana Asiaga</b><br><b>Dawn Moore</b><br><b>Elizabeth Boyle</b>                     | Very Special Person<br>Very Special Person<br>Honorary Service Award<br>Continuing Service Award |
| <b>McManus Elementary</b>   | <b>Rebecca Logue</b><br><b>Andrew Canales</b>   | Honorary Service Award<br>Outstanding Teacher Award  |
| <b>Pleasant Valley High</b> | <b>Chris Bennor</b><br><b>Rebecca Geiser</b><br><b>Sandi Kolakowski</b>                                       | Honorary Service Award<br>Honorary Service Award<br>Honorary Service Award                       |



**Masonic Lodge Educator of the Year Awards:** Each year the Masonic Lodge honors Outstanding Educators in both Chico Unified School District and Durham Unified School District. Huge kudos to the CUSD 2016 Masonic Lodge winners:

- Secondary Teacher of the Year: **Mike Bruggeman** (Chico High)
- Elementary Teacher of the Year: **Kathy Jones** (Shasta)
- Classified Staff of the Year: **Mary Sours** (Chico High)

**Superintendent's Awards:**



**Reta Rickmers**, PVHS Art Teacher, was presented with the Superintendent's Award at the April 20 Board meeting held at Little Chico Creek. Reta was presented her award by one of her art students who shared the significant impact Ms. Rickmer's has had on her life as well as the life of other art students.



**Shannon Krelle**, Marigold 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, was presented with the Superintendent's Award at the April 20 Board meeting held at Little Chico Creek. Shannon was presented her award by Principal Shawneese Heath. (To view Ms. Heath's comments about Ms. Krelle, please see the attachment at the end of the Superintendent's Update).



**Priscilla Burns**, a PVHS Career Technical Education Teacher, was presented with the Superintendent's Award at the May 18 Board meeting held at Bidwell Junior High School. Priscilla was introduced by Principal John Shepherd, who then in turn introduced one of Priscilla's students who shared the positive impact Ms. Burns has had on students in the PVHS Culinary Arts Career Pathway.



**Robin Carriere**, CHS Office Manager, was presented with the Superintendent's Award at the May 18 Board Meeting held at Bidwell Junior High School. Robin was presented her award by Principal Mark Beebe, who managed to have her entire family present when she received her award!

**Leadership Award:**



Each month Chico Unified Management Association (CUMA) honors one of its members with a Leadership Award. The Award is sponsored by **Golden Apple Insurance**. The May Leadership Award was presented to MJHS Principal **Jay Marchant**. Director **Julie Kistle** presented the award and thanked Mr. Marchant for his dedication to Marsh and his patience with students and staff as the Facilities Department took on two large construction projects on his campus. Congratulations Jay and thank you Golden Apple!!

**Leadership Changes:** Congratulations to **Mike Allen** who was named the Principal of Chapman Elementary School at the May 18 CUSD Board meeting. Mike is currently an Assistant Principal at Chico High School. Prior to that he taught at Chico High as well as in Alternative Education. CUSD and Chapman are excited for Mike to begin this next step in his administrative career. Congratulations Mike!

**Erica Sheridan**, who has served as both Assistant Principal at Marsh Junior High and most currently as Principal at Chapman, will move to Chico High as Assistant Principal. While Erica states she loves both Chapman and her role as principal, she also desires to spend time with her family. Fortunately, her children either attend or soon will attend Chico High! Erica, an outstanding Administrator, promises to return to the Principal position in the near future. In the meantime, she looks forward to returning to secondary education, this time at the high school level. Erica is one of the rare educators who will have experience at all levels in K-12 education.

**Teacher Appreciation Day:** The CUSD Board approved Resolution 1332-16, recognizing May 3, 2016, as California Day of the Teacher at its April 20 Board meeting.

**Classified School Employee Week:** The CUSD Board approved Resolution 1331-16, recognizing May 15-21, 2016, as Classified School Employee Week at its April 20 Board meeting.

**School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day:** The California Department of Education identified April 26, 2016, as School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day. The fourth Tuesday of April each year is set aside to recognize school bus drivers.

**National School Nurse Day:** National School Nurse Day, May 11, 2016, is a time to celebrate our school nurses and the impact school nurses make every day to improve the safety, health, and academic success of all students. Healthy children come to school better prepared to learn, and school nurses work day in and day out to meet the wide variety of health needs of our students. Please join me in thanking our school nurses and sending out a big, "Happy Nurses Day" to our CUSD School Nurses! CUSD School Nurses include:

- **Bonnie Erickson**
- **Ann Scott**
- **Cindy Steffen**
- **Eva Moore**
- **Julie Graber**
- **Julie Parker**
- **Kellie Kennedy**
- **Michelle Neves-Dean**



## News from Educational Services

**After School Program Hits the Links:** Ten students from the Chapman Elementary After School Program were the first to hit the golf course in a pilot for the *First Tee* program. The students rode the bus to Sunset Hills Golf Course and after a brief lesson on perseverance and its relevance to the challenging game of golf from First Tee leader **Grant Hornbeak**, the students went through several stations designed to start the process of learning the game of golf. For the final twenty minutes, all ten students moved to the driving range and hit golf balls. Some of the students proved themselves to be naturals, driving the ball far out into the range. All of the students learned a lot about golf. One student was heard saying, "Can you believe we get to do this every Friday?" The Chapman students will continue to learn the game of golf at Sunset Hills as part of the after school program each Friday for the remainder of the school year. The hope is to continue and expand this program to all CUSD After School Programs in the future. The district is exploring strategies to provide funding for transportation and on-site campus golf equipment to expand the program.



**Special Olympics:** CUSD sends a very sincere thank you to Cami and all the others who planned the 2016 Special Olympics held May 6, 2016. This is a day where our special needs students can "let go" and participate in sporting activities with their peers. The teachers and students look forward to this event each year. We understand and appreciate the time and energy it takes to organize and implement an event this size. From the pre-planning stage to the cleanup stage, the event was a huge success for the students in attendance. It was extremely well organized, safe, and a positive experience for everyone. Hats off to the group of committed individuals who made this day so special. It was clear to all in attendance that the athletes and their families had a very successful day. Chico Unified alone had over 100 student participants. These young athletes, families, staff, and teachers had an outstanding time. We do appreciate your hard work—thank you for a job well done and keep up the excellent work! --Eric Snedeker, Director, CUSD Pupil Services

I didn't set this up, and I don't read the paper often, but Chapman and the counselor we funded there made the ER. Erica and Ashley have done a great job running with the funding you provided to make some great things happen for all kinds of kids. Of course we know she's working with kids who have tremendously difficult situations, but is also touching the lives of the kids whose lives are pretty "normal". Dani did another nice job of covering and capturing the essence of what's taking place there. <http://www.chicoer.com/social-affairs/20160504/chapman-school-hires-counselor>

Thanks ~ *Scott Lindstrom, School Psychologist*

## News from Business Services

### Maintenance and Operations



**Bee Careful:** It is Spring and the bees are busy! If you notice a swarm of bees at your site, please notify your office. The area should be coned off and students and staff should stay clear. A work order is not necessary but a phone call should be made to M/O. Whenever possible, beekeepers are called to come and relocate the hive. The picture below is from a hive located in a tree at Hooker Oak.

It is also that time when our EMS system is transitioning from heating to cooling. During this period, the supply air may feel warmer than your room temperature. This is due to the outside air being warmer and the AC will not turn on until the room hits the cooling set point of 78 degrees. As always, if you think your unit is having an issue, please have your office submit a work order.

M&O is getting ready for Summer Projects for almost all the school sites! One of the projects has already kicked into full gear. Portables #24-30 at Marsh Jr. High are getting a renovation in order to house the 6<sup>th</sup> graders.



**Transportation:** Each year, the California State Assembly recognizes the hard and dedicated service provided by California School Bus Drivers. The State of California declares the fourth Tuesday in April as School Bus Driver Day in California. We celebrated our CUSD Bus drivers on that day with a pizza luncheon and M&M treats (*Thanks for driving Miles & Miles*).

A great reminder was published in the Nextdoor app by CSO Ed Nelson.



**School Bus Safety and the Law:** There is a law that has been on the books for a while, but it still causes some confusion with vehicle drivers. The law has to do with stopping for school buses with flashing red lights.

When a school bus approaches a designated drop off point, the bus will activate its amber (yellow) warning lights. As the bus comes to a stop, it will activate its red signal lights. If the bus is equipped with a stop signal arm, it will be displayed until the loading and unloading is

complete. Note: Not all school buses are equipped with the stop signal arms. As a motorist, the flashing amber lights should be treated as a traffic control signal. You should begin to apply your brakes in preparation to stop. Do not accelerate in an attempt to 'beat' the imminent red lights. The confusion happens when motorists do not understand which lanes are required to come to a complete stop while the bus displays red flashing lights.

The law is clear if you follow a few guidelines:

- You must always stop when overtaking a school bus from the same direction with red lights flashing regardless of the type of roadway you are driving on.
- When meeting or passing a school bus from the opposite direction driving on a multi-lane or divided highway you must stop going in the same direction when you observe flashing red lights, but do not have to stop when going the opposite direction.

The fines are steep for violating the law due to the very dangerous nature of passing school buses loading and unloading children. Please use caution when approaching school buses and always fully stop when necessary.

### **Nutrition Services' Denise Bell Corona Gets It Done!**



A huge THANK YOU to **Denise Bell-Corona** for donating her time Saturday, April 16, at the Growing Health Children fun Run. She passed out samples of our fabulous breakfast items and focaccia bread that are made in our bakery. The positive response was overwhelming and everyone LOVED the food! GREAT JOB BAKERY!!!!!!!!!!

**Vince Serves WASC:** Thanks go to **Vince Enserro** for putting together a healthy and tasty spread of appetizers for the Chico High Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) welcome reception.

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### **News from Our Schools**

**SkillsUSA Winners and Participants:** CHS Principal **Mark Beebe** and PVHS Teachers **Matt Joiner** and **Michael Peck** presented information to the Board on April 20, 2016, on the state Skills USA competition. The following students presented information on the programs they were in, awards they had won, and their plans for the future:

- **Welding:** **Wyatt Brown, Michael Evans, Michael Maldonado, Dustin Leitheiser** and **Daniel Schneider;**
- **Engineering:** **Alexandra Lockwood, Spencer Bracamoutes,** and **Sonia Anthoine;** and
- **TV/Video Production:** **Summer Soldano, Jarett Gillingwater, Nate Hopkins,** **Cameron Farrell, Earl Ruiz,** and **Will Marks**



**Regional Winners:** Pleasant Valley High School students supported by **Mike Peck** won regionally for their Directing Change Public Service Announcements (PSAs)!! Two of their PSAs advanced to the state completion finals on May 20. Following is a list of the students with links to the videos. Mike is a phenomenal and dedicated champion for youth and mental wellness in our community!!

**Suicide Prevention** @ <https://youtu.be/dFR9aQcSNOs>

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners:** “Roadside Assistance” By **Nate Hopkins & Rob Barber**

**Mental Health Matter** @ <https://youtu.be/OjPvyvGzsQw>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners:** “Behind Closed Doors” By **Joshua Boelman & Theo Aull**

**Advance to State:** “Off The Script” By **Ryan Martin & Kaden White**

<https://youtu.be/idaoW2cNjfA>

**Advance to State:** “The Full Story” By **Cameron Farrell & Megan Shea**

<https://youtu.be/NQDoCzw1Ark>

**Through The Lens of Culture-Mental Health Matters Videos** @

<https://youtu.be/rZbGYDGy1Ng>

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Winners:** “Talking Taboo” By **Summer Soldano & Sami Laine**

Attached at the end of this Update is a flyer for an event where the students’ PSAs were highlighted followed by a viewing of *A New State of Mind* – a documentary narrated by Glenn Close that addresses mental illness and the stigma attached. This event was co-sponsored by NAMI Butte County and our department and was held at the Pageant Theatre on May 10. ~ *Jeremy Wilson, MPPA, Community Services Program Manager, Public Information Officer, Butte County Department of Behavioral Health*

**PVHS Wins the Statewide 2016 “Directing Change” Competition:** On May 24, **Directing Change** held the fourth annual award ceremony at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California to honor statewide winners of its youth film contest. Winners were selected in three separate categories: Mental Health Matters, Suicide Prevention and Through the Lens of Culture. The winners of the High School Mental Health Matters category were presented by Director/Screenwriter Gren Wells. Actor LaKeith Stanfield presented the winners for the High School Suicide Prevention category and Native American activist Michelle Enfield presented the Through the Lens of Culture winners. Teen pop star and anti-bullying advocate, Meredith O’Connor, presented the Youth & Young Adult awards and gave a musical performance. A total of 451 films were received from 31 counties. These films represent more than 1,100 students from 91 high schools and 35 colleges and youth organizations. Today, students from 11 high schools, four universities, and four youth organizations were awarded for their films. Huge kudos go out to PVHS Media Arts Teacher extraordinaire, **Michael Peck**, as two teams from Pleasant Valley High Schools “House of BLUE” video production class advanced from the Regional competition to the state finals! These teams were:

- **Megan Shea** and **Cameron Farrell** who produced “The Full Story”. To view “The Full Story: <https://youtu.be/mcqlAi1OiLU>
- **Ryan Martin** and **Kaden White** who produced “Off The Script” which won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Mental Health Matters Category.! To view *Off The Script*: <https://youtu.be/32WTQm-4ovo>

**Storm Water PSAs:** The story regarding the partnership between Pleasant Valley High School's House of Blue and the city of Chico for the storm water PSAs was in the paper. See at: <http://www.chicoer.com/social-affairs/20160411/pv-house-of-blue-students-honored-by-city-for-commercials>.



**Chico State Tour Troupe Visits PVHS:** The PVHS Drama class had a great opportunity – the Chico State Tour Troupe performed at the CFA and then held a Master Class afterward for **Tamara Jensen's** Drama II class. **Matty Miller** (the new department chair) and **Dara Scholz** (accompanist) taught Tamara's class music and choreography and performed the song "Do you hear the people sing" from *Les Miserables*. It was FANTASTIC.



**California Restaurant Association Prostart Competitions / PVHS Students Earn 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in State:** Two teams from Pleasant Valley High School Culinary II course battled in the California Restaurant Association Boyd's Coffee Culinary Cup and BJ's Restaurant Management competition from March 12-13 in Sacramento. The Gourmet competition consists of 6 plates: 2 starters, 2 main dishes and 2 desserts. The most difficult parts of preparation include the requirement that there are only 2 burners and no prior preparation. Students are scored on receiving, sanitation, team communication, food taste, food visual appeal, cost analysis and overall presentation and menu flow. Competitors were **Hannah Siebert, Ty Miller** and **Rosa Riviera** with expeditor **Vehlilik Rothenberger**. The starter was a pea shoot microgreen duo paired with a caprese and lemon vinaigrette. Crispy skin salmon accompanied by chive mashed potatoes and sautéed asparagus and zucchini. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place state dessert was Chocolate Cheesecake with a biscotti crust and Tangelo marmalade. Keep in mind all food is prepared with one hour, one site, from no prior preparation. The team was praised for costing, plating, taste and sanitation. There were only 3 points between 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> out of 100 point scale. The competition was fierce. Judges commented that we performed at an A+ level. Each member of the gourmet team was awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to CSU-Pomona and a private university.

The Management competition consisted of a 40 page written business plan, 15 minute oral presentation, grueling 20 minute question and answer with case studies and a display board. Team members **Vehlilik Rothenberger** and **Rebecca Ray** designed a restaurant called "On the Bay". The team received a perfect score on presentation. Congratulations to both teams. Both competitions are great examples of Project based learning that integrates common core math and ELA to real-world industry standards.



**PVHS ACE-LIFE Academy Coordinates Chico Safety Fair:** The ACE-LIFE Academy HERO, Careers with Kids and Human Development students participated in the Safety Fair at the Chico Elks Lodge on April 22. The Safety Fair honors local dispatchers and educates children on a variety of safety topics. Sixty-five Pleasant Valley High School ACE-LIFE students designed activities, informational pamphlets, and safety-themed coloring sheets to present to over 1,000

visiting elementary school students, teachers, and parents. Careers with Kids and Human Development students were in charge of the Safety Firehouse and assisted children with fine arts activities. Fire inspector, **Marie Fickert**, of Chico Fire and Rescue mentored the PVHS Academy students prior to this service-learning event to ensure their knowledge and preparation. Thank you to Chico's emergency services agencies for their wonderful partnership with the ACE-LIFE academy. Huge kudos to PVHS teacher and ACE-LIFE Academy Director **Laura Dietle** for the tremendous amount of time and dedication it took to pull off this huge event! Please see pictures at the end of this update. Also, the upcoming school year, 2016-2017, marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ACE-LIFE Academy at PVHS and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the academy's HERO program. More information is attached at the end of this update.

**State Leadership Meeting “Mission I’m Possible” / Historic Changes toward “FCCLA”:** The 69<sup>th</sup> annual State FHA-HERO Leadership Meeting lived up to the theme “Mission I’m Possible” for Pleasant Valley HECT students that traveled and competed in Riverside, CA April 15-19.



We are thrilled that **Anne Gebiche** ran and was elected to State Vice President by 900 students at the 69<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.

Three Region 2 officers from Pleasant Valley High were installed and will be in charge of all student organizations from the Oregon Border to Yuba City.

- **President – Sienna Sasseli**
- **Secretary – Christina Newquist**
- **Historian – Briana Romero**



Workshops, industry tours and competitions concluded in a gala awards ceremony in which \$624,000 in cash, prizes and scholarships were awarded. Pleasant Valley High School students received the following:



- Applied Math for Culinary – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in State – Gold Level- **Rebecca Ray** and **Vehliala Rothenburg**, Scholarships, trophy and cash prize

- Life Event Planning – 1<sup>st</sup> place in State – Gold Level – **Erin Brown**, received cash and trophy
- Regional Historian Scrapbook – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in State – **Briana Romero**
- Job Interview and Application – Silver Level – **Rhiannon Mueller**
- Child Development – Silver Level – **Briana Romero**
- Child Development – Bronze Level – **Christina Newquist**
- Chapter Degrees were issued to **Sienna Sasseli**, **Briana Romero** and **Anne Gebicke**
- Pleasant Valley High was recognized for the 151 affiliated members.

Advisor **Priscilla Burns** was nominated by the California Department of Education and awarded for the FCCLA National Award called “Spirit of Advising”. The Spirit of Advising Award recognizes chapter advisers who are constantly faithful, often quietly working behind the scenes to ensure the success of their students. Priscilla will receive her honor at the National Leadership Meeting in San Diego this July.



In a historical change students voted to change the 69 year old name of the **California FHA-HERO, to FCCLA, Family, Community and Career Leaders of America** to more closely align with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and core values. It was an excellent example of student leadership and parliamentary procedures as students caucused and discussed this decision, ultimately voting for the by-law changes.

**Freedom Writers:** The day the Freedom Writers came...they first presented in my class to my 10th graders who brought them here, then during 4th they presented to a full auditorium in the CFA, next we had a potluck lunch for them and they hung out with my kids talking and autographing books that Stacia bought mostly for them. Finally I took them over to Fair View to meet with a couple of my kids who had been expelled this year. Yesterday, we were working on letters to them...wow! I'll have to show you a few. It was such a special day. AND one of the kids, Nic, introduced Tiffany and Carlos to the full auditorium! He actually came in after school that day and told me he was ready to join the Forever Strong Team.

When it comes to equity and accessibility in classrooms, one of the young men we pulled in from Fair View nailed where it begins...some of his first words to Tiffany and Carlos were about teachers who he knew cared about him and how he did in contrast with a teacher who never acknowledged his presence or looked him in the eyes the first two weeks of school... - **Erinn Gulbrandsen**, PVHS



**Bidwell Junior Parent University, 2016:** BJHS had a great turnout for their three "Parent University" classes. The classes focused on college preparedness, scholarships, and how to apply for college. They stressed the importance of starting now, getting good study habits, good grades, and participating in clubs and sports. Upward Bound from Chico State attended and explained their program. Butte College gave an overview of all the scholarships that are available, how to apply for college, and explained about the help there is for low income students. The last class showed a video and had four young men present from the NAK Fraternity of Chico State. Each young man, some undocumented or from single parent households, shared experiences of how they struggled and yet managed to go to college. They all stressed the importance of good grades, hard work, and the determination to better their lives given the many opportunities we have here in the United States. The parents were very grateful.  
~ **Martha Newton**, BJHS Targeted Case Manager



**Marsh Junior High Band performing at Chico Noon Rotary Club.** Marsh Junior High School's marching band received a standing ovation Chico Rotary. About 35 7th and 8th graders from Marsh performed the Rotarians. Marsh music teacher Tanner Johns says the students performed to show their appreciation for a generous contribution the Rotarians made to the Chico Unified School District music department. The Chico Rotary donated \$30,000. and most of the money went to Marsh Jr. High School. This is the first year Marsh has had a band in 8 years. The money was used to purchase desperately needed musical instruments. After performing 4 songs, the Rotarians were amazed at the precision and sound and gave the students a standing ovation. The students are only in their first or second year of music and most say they will continue to be in band next year.



**School Garden Grant:** Little Chico Creek was awarded a grant for establishing and enhancing their school gardens. They held an assembly and the California Fertilizer Foundation (CFF) presented them a check for \$1,200. Thank you - **Kristen Schrock, LCC Principal**



March 14, 2016

Dear Ms. Wren:

Thank you for your interest in the California Fertilizer Foundation's (CFF) School Garden Grant Program. **Congratulations! Your school has been selected to receive one of twenty-four \$1,200 garden grants awarded to California schools in the 2015-16 school year.** The quantity and high-quality of applicants made the decision process quite competitive, so be especially proud of receiving this award.

CFF emphasizes a commitment to the full implementation of a school garden program and incorporation of agricultural activities into your classrooms. With less than 2% of America's population producing the food we all consume, it is ever so important for our youth to understand where their food comes from. Thank you for understanding this and implementing a program which supports our mission.

The CFF Board of Trustees feels that receiving a statewide grant deserves some attention and recognition. **We would like to work with you and your school to schedule a presentation ceremony** where CFF members, legislators, media and members of your school community can be on hand to share in your award and excitement. **Please complete the enclosed form and fax it back to me as soon as possible.** Once I receive your form, I will be in touch to discuss our options in detail.

We wish you the very best for your school program. Happy Gardening!  
Sincerely ~ Callie Borrer, Director of Programs



**Thank You:** Tami Medearis, Office Manager at Rosedale, wanted to share this with all of you and thank you for all you do. Without you and all our colleagues in education who have the passion for teaching this day would never have happened. Our son, Robin graduated Sunday, April 24 with a Degree in Communications in Film and a Minor in Marketing Applications from the University of West Florida. Robin's girlfriend Laura Graduated with a Degree in Business with an emphasis in Hospitality. Thank you CUSD.



**Sierra View Wax Museum:** The Sierra View 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team hosted a wax museum of Famous Americans on Thursday, May 5. Attendees stood in front of the wax figures and gently pressed the green sticker on their hand. The figures then came life and presented a mini biography about themselves. After they finished their speech they froze again. Many Famous Americans were represented!



**Vehicle Day at Chapman:** Vehicle Day is like Career Day except members of the community bring vehicles with them that represent their career. This is a great way to spread career awareness in elementary school, which is often overlooked when talking about careers. Having something tangible to look at and touch is much more valuable for our TK-6<sup>th</sup> grade. They have the opportunity to meet someone from our community who can explain what they do on a daily basis and how they became interested in their career/what they had to do to achieve it. It is also a great way to promote community involvement and make connections. See pictures at the end of this Update.

**Wonderful End of Year Concert at Hooker Oak:** See:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/ckxg43uxd3yc6o6/Anna%27s%20Spring%20Concert%205\\_2016.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ckxg43uxd3yc6o6/Anna%27s%20Spring%20Concert%205_2016.mp4?dl=0)

## News from Our Community

**California Junior Duck Stamp Program:** The California Junior Duck Stamp Program had over 5,730 entries this year and received approximately 3,000 pieces of art from Chico Unified this year! Thank you to the many art and classroom teachers that participated! Thousands of students learned about waterfowl, wetlands, and conservation and were able to put what they learned into a drawing. The art speaks for itself in knowing that the students learned about waterfowl and wetlands. Thank you CUSD for your participation!! — **Lora Haller**, Visitor Services Manager & CA Jr Duck Stamp Coordinator, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex

**Thank You Chico Rotary:** The Annual Rotary Omelet Brunch held on May 1 dedicated a portion of this year's proceeds to support the music programs in our schools.

**PVHS Field Work Underway:** Thank you to the volunteers from Recology and the Chico Rugby club for their work on the track and field area at PVHS. We will be recognizing the work of these groups and others at an upcoming Board Meeting. Again, thank you Recology and Chico Rugby Club!



**CSWA:** **Mike Bruggeman** sent a thank you to John Dahlgren for hosting the (CSWA) - Certification Solid Works Associate level testing at Butte College for all area high schools. It was an amazing opportunity for high school students. It puts them far ahead of other students entering college and helps them in the application process as well. Mike had 13 students show up to test and 6 of them passed. That is awesome for the first year of testing. Mike's engineering classes are already looking forward to taking the test again next year. Thank you to Butte College Drafting for helping us certify and offering articulated courses for high schools in Butte/Glenn Counties.

In reply, **John Dahlgren**, Drafting Technology Instructor, Chair, Department of Computer Science, Sustainable Technologies and Design, Butte Community College, replied: We are very much pleased to offer the opportunities for high school students to advance their skills through Butte College! We look forward to more opportunities to help students succeed! Thank you for the confidence in Butte College and our Drafting Technology program!

And finally....



*Have a Wonderful and Safe Memorial Day Weekend*

Also, if you have time, be sure to visit the Silver Dollar Fair Exhibits to see all the wonderful projects ~ many completed by CUSD students!! (Pictures at the end of this Update)

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#### **CUSD in the News**

<http://www.chicoer.com/social-affairs/20160411/local-students-take-home-medals-in-statewide-technical-education-competition>

Pleasant Valley High wins \$50K grant for athletic trainer

<https://www.newsreview.com/chico/second-chances/content?oid=20558330>

[chicoenterpriserecord.ca.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=738b21828](http://chicoenterpriserecord.ca.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=738b21828)

City council to reconsider Esplanade round-a-bouts

Community Corner: Ability First Sports Camp looks to expand

Fair View students connect with employers at campus job fair

**Chico** State students make over **elementary school**

Give an instrument, get an omelet

Nahshon Garrett named **Chico** Sportsperson of the year

**Chico** Rotary Club raises money for **schools**

Charter **school** to move onto Chapman **School** campus

Editorial: Labor harmony in **CUSD** a welcome change

<http://www.chicoer.com/article/NA/20160523/NEWS/160529900>

**XQ Grant**: Channel 12 highlighted Inspire's submission to the XQ grant which made it to the next round.

The Chico ER visited Citrus Elementary and interviewed **Rachel Tadeo** about all their new technology.

Natural selection

Changing stories





## CIF Honors 2015-16 Model Coach Award Winners

Now in its 15th year, the CIF Model Coach Award program is designed to recognize coaches who have served as positive role models in their schools and communities, and who have exhibited the traits apparent in the 16 principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor.

The 16 winners, nominated through their local CIF Section office, receive an award and will be honored at their sport's State Championship or at an event of the recipient's choosing.

A model coach demonstrates and teaches the six core ethical values: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship (the "Six Pillars of Character"). The CIF believes that the highest potential of sports is achieved when teachers/coaches consciously Teach, Enforce, Advocate and Model (T.E.A.M.) these values and are committed to the ideal of Pursuing Victory with Honor.

"There is more to education-based athletics than just winning and losing. We honor and recognize those coaches who teach student-athletes not only the skills needed to excel, but also those who are dedicated to teaching them the values of Pursuing Victory with Honor and the Six Pillars of Character," said CIF Executive Director Roger L. Blake.

### 2015-16 CIF Model Coach Award Winners

#### Chris Anчета (Granada Hills Charter High School) Boys Golf

Anчета has been the boys golf coach at Granada Hills Charter High School for the past 12 years. To many of his student-athletes, Anчета has been a consistent example of positive adult influence in their life and motivator for success with their academic and athletic accomplishments. He continually strives to improve his teaching practices and challenges his players to perform their best and capture the opportunity for success in life and sports.

#### Julie Berggren (Gilroy High School) Softball

Berggren is in her 13th season as the softball coach at Gilroy High School. Additionally, she is also the Athletic Director, Community Service Coordinator and former Link Crew Leader. She exhibits a high degree of professionalism on and off the field and holds high standards for the athletes of Gilroy. Her caring demeanor conveys a sense of confidence that whatever the task, chore or challenge is at hand, it will be handled well. Berggren models a tremendous work ethic, is trustworthy and has the respect of students, parents, fellow teachers and coaches.

#### Joe Berticevich (Pioneer High School) Basketball

Berticevich not only serves as the boys basketball coach at Pioneer High School, but is also the Athletic Director and a multi-media teacher. His dedication and commitment to the students at Pioneer is to be commended as he is a person with the utmost integrity in everything he pursues. Berticevich maintains a relentless pursuit of all things that will promote the success of his student-athletes. Whether in his classroom, on the court with his team, or attending any event on behalf of Pioneer, he is a kind, considerate, sincere and respectful man.

#### Stan Bickley (Tri-City Christian School) Basketball

Bickley is the head basketball coach and Athletic Director at Tri-City Christian School. The esteem with which the students, athletes and parents of athletes have for him is a testimony not just to his knowledge of sports, but more so to his care for people. He has not only developed players, but he has duplicated himself in coaches who share a passion for the unique role that they play in the lives of student-athletes. By definition, the term 'coach' means 'specialized teaching or training' and Coach Bickley coaches everywhere he goes.

#### Vickie Carrington (Horizon Christian Academy)

##### Girls Basketball/Swimming/Cross Country

Carrington serves as a teacher, coach and athletic director at Horizon Christian Academy. She has tremendous influence and uses that power of persuasion to build up and inspire those around her. She is intrinsically service-minded and the epitome of a leader. Carrington not only embodies the 'six pillars of character' she is much more; she's intuitive, insightful and humble. Her heart's passion to teach and guide her student-athletes is a clear reflection of someone who has a genuine concern to pass on ethical values for their future in athletics, but more importantly for them to succeed in life itself.

#### Chris Ferree (Atascadero High School) Wrestling/Football/Water Polo

Ferree is a teacher and coach at Atascadero High School. He is a positive, optimistic and caring individual and is known to be every student's favorite teacher and every athlete's favorite coach. Ferree has developed excellence in every endeavor and every challenge. He is a highly respected and revered figure at Atascadero. Student-athletes, coaches and administration can attest to the encouragement, love and support he exemplifies.

#### Kelly Freeland-Sloat (Fall River High School) Volleyball

Freeland-Sloat is not only the volleyball coach at Fall River High School, she also serves as the Vice Principal and Athletic Director. She takes the classroom lessons she taught and expectations she demands and applies them to athletics. The culture she creates with her teams is mirrored in the culture she creates in Fall River. That culture is one of hard work and having fun while striving to be your best. Her student-athletes respect and admire her for her dedication and caring attitude for them personally as well as a part of the team.

#### Sylvia Goodman (Tamalpais High School) Cross Country

Goodman is the cross country coach at Tamalpais High School. Her positive/transformational coaching style has led to the development over the years of dozens of athletes into competitors in the best sense of the word. She is tireless in her efforts to create a team out of a wide range of athletes: from the inexperienced to the elite,

and she deftly and sensitively "threads the needle" between coaching her strongest athletes and her weakest, bringing out the best in everyone, both individually and as a team. Goodman teaches her student-athletes how to balance commitment with fun, how to mix tenacity and a drive to win with respect and sportsmanship, and how to take joy in the process of learning and growing.

#### Patrick Hendricks (Exeter Union High School) Girls Water Polo

Hendricks is the head girls water polo coach and also teaches chemistry and physical science at Exeter Union High School. He is a hardworking, dedicated man of character and integrity. The respect and adoration he earns from parents, staff and student-athletes is second-to-none. His enthusiasm is infectious and his positive attitude and excitement in his service to others is refreshing. It's never about winning in his programs; it's about teaching student-athletes about commitment, respect, responsibility, and Pursuing Victory with Honor.

#### John Mitchell (Pleasant Valley High School) Boys and Girls Volleyball

Mitchell is the boys and girls volleyball coach at Pleasant Valley High School, as well as a P.E. teacher. His ability to communicate and commitment to youth is exemplary. He is continually teaching young men and women the responsibility they take on as part of a team and as a representative of their school and community. Through both winning and losing, he is positive, constructive and continually pushing each student-athlete to do their best and represent themselves and their school in a proud and respectful manner. Coach Mitchell's passion and commitment is contagious. He makes those around him want to do better. By holding players accountable, challenging them to do their best and modeling commitment and responsibility, his players walk away with an experience that will positively impact them for the rest of their lives.

#### Troy Mott (Napa High School) Football

Mott is the football coach and teacher at Napa High School. His "system" includes being a student first, carrying yourself with integrity around campus, recognizing the importance of community and respecting the game of football. Mott goes above and beyond what is required of him as a teacher and coach as he mentors students at school, both on and off the field. He is an outstanding coach and even better person. He cares about the success of each individual, not simply how a player can help the team win. Mott's passion and dedication to the student-athletes at Napa is second-to-none.

#### Kay Nekota (Vacaville High School)

##### Cross Country/Girls Basketball/Track & Field

Nekota has served as the head cross country coach and co-head track & field coach for the past 10 years at Vacaville High School and assisting a year with the girls basketball program. Additionally, she is also a P.E. and math teacher and the school Athletic Director. Nekota has a gift for empowering each of the students she has contact with as she consciously makes the time to ensure each student feels appreciated and valued allowing them to reach their maximum potential. She wants her student-athletes to understand the importance and lessons that athletics provides, but also empowers them to use their position in the community to help others. Coach Nekota is truly inspirational. She raises the expectations of those she comes in contact with while giving them the necessary tools to achieve their dreams.

#### Elhot Smith (Lick-Wilmerding High School) Basketball

Smith is the Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach at Lick Wilmerding High School. His positive attitude is infectious and you can't help but break out in a smile when he greets you. He demonstrates and defines the qualities of an exceptional professional whose character and commitment to his student-athletes exemplifies all that a coach should be every day, an outstanding role model. Coach Smith is gifted as an outstanding motivational speaker, encourager, and leader. His positive outlook on life permeates his coaching style. Anyone who has had the honor and privilege of knowing him, will always come away encouraged and feeling loved.

#### Leslie Sorensen (El Diamante High School) Girls Volleyball

Sorensen was the volleyball coach at El Diamante High School for many years. She is knowledgeable, has good management skills and always looks out for the best interests of her student-athletes. She is a tremendous role model for all coaches and players. Her teams are always ready, play with class, and always respect their opponents. She makes sure her student-athletes receive both the skills to succeed on the court and the attributes to be successful off the court.

#### Jessica Torres (Garfield High School) Girls Basketball

Torres has been the head girls basketball coach at Garfield High School since 2007-08 and is also a P.E. teacher. More impressive than her on-court success, she has been able to create an environment of high academic expectations throughout her program. A 1998 alumnus of Garfield, she is well known and respected by the local community organizations as well.

#### Maggi Twinem (Wilson-Long Beach High School) Girls Swimming

Twinem coached girls swimming at Wilson-Long Beach High School for the past 15 years and has been a teacher at the school for 21 years. She deeply cares about each student-athlete she coaches and she nurtures them and stretches them by meeting their individual needs both on and off of the pool deck. She promotes dedication to both athletics and academics as her teams continually excel in the classroom as well as in the pool. High School graduation does not end her influence on Wilson swimmers as she travels to watch former student-athletes compete at the next level several times a year as she continues to be a mentor to her former swimmers.





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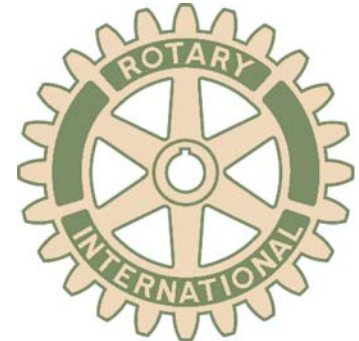
PRESIDENT TOD KIMMELSHUE  
 " WORK HARD, PLAY HARD "



## NEXT MEETING

North State  
Symphony

Scott Seaton



A Conductor with "finesse, clarity, and precision" (Luxembourg Times)

**Scott Seaton** was named Music Director of the North State Symphony in June 2015, following a two-year search process. He also completed three-season tenure as Music Director of the Minot Symphony Orchestra in North Dakota. Additionally, he has served as Assistant Conductor of Festival Opera (Walnut Creek, California) and held posts with a number of civic and university orchestras.

Scott made his international debut in 2007 with the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg. The list of orchestras which he has conducted ranges from California (the Cabrillo Festival), to Switzerland and Luxembourg, and includes orchestras both large and small.

**PLEASE SEE LENGTHY NEW MEMBER PUBLICATION OF NAMES PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP, PAGE FOUR**

### MAY 10, 2016 MEETING REPORT

#### OPENING

It was a Chico kind of spring day with cotton ball clouds against a periwinkle sky and a soothing westerly breeze which greeted Rotarians eager to attend another pulsating and invigorating meeting presented by **President Tod Kimmelshue**. **President Tod** started the meeting a little early since the program included the best of the best educators in the community.

The **President** gave an inspiring invocation consisting of five; count them, five quotes from a variety of sources. Each one had an educational theme and they strategically and masterfully added a certain flavor and panache' to the program, like Kosher salt to a baked potato. The **President** executed the opening monologue with a kind of surgical style only **Tod** can do, as in a delicate operation by a master surgeon.

The Team in charge was the **Chucky Taylor All Stars** aka **Team Conversely**. Team Captains **Agri Chemist Mark Pierce** and **Aeronautical Genius Phil Rowberg Jr.**, have done an excellent job ramrodding the team members this year, in a nurturing manner of course. **Chemist Captain Pierce** was AWOL for the meeting but was attending in spirit...

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**May 17, 2016**

Program:North State Symphony  
 Speaker: Scott Seaton

**May 21, 2016**

**Hooked on Fishing**  
 Sign up at meetings

**May 24, 2016**

Program:Marsh Junior High Band

**May 31, 2016**

**Bring a farmer to lunch!**  
 Program:California Farm Bureau  
 Speaker:Bureau President Paul Wenger

**June 7, 2016**

Program: Exchange student year in review  
 Speaker: Hana, our Austrian student

**June 14, 2016**

Program: Rotary Tanzania Projects  
 Speaker: Walt Schafer

**June 21, 2016**

Program: tba

**June 28, 2016**

Program: Tod's Demotion

**July 5, 2016**

**NO MEETING**

**Rotarian Absentees:**

It's up to you to sign yourself in and provide documentation for make-ups and E-make-ups. Attendance Reports are available for member review at the Attendance Table. Reports show each member's attendance as far back as one year!  
**REMINDER: Only 6 misses in a 6 month period.**

**NOTE: The following meeting absence list is for informational purposes only. Attendance issues are handled at the Tuesday meetings only.**

**April 19, 2016**

Barker, Anita; Bellin, Georgie; Bowen, Brian; Brashears, Don; Brobst, Rashell; Brothers, Tadd; Clyde, Jamie; DeWitt, Dan; D'Ewart, John; Donner, Matt; Egan, Philip; Foor, Cindy; Hagerty, Bruce; Hull, Curt; Huston, Tom; Kennemer, Frank; Kidd, Troy; Knight, Sandra; Krepelka, Rose; Kyle, Bill; Londono, Saulo; Moran, Michael; Moseley, Debbie; Page, Mark; Pembroke, Mike; Reece, Margaret; Robinson, Dan; Rock, Alicia; Rogriguera, Craig; Schneeweis, Brenda; Shelton, Sally; Staggs, Ed; Thoma, Katy; Tierney, Ed; Tittle, Tim; Willmann, Ann; Wills, Leah; Yaqub, Samia

**April 26, 2016**

Barker, Anita; Barnett, Rick; Bordenave, Neal; Campbell, Dana; Clyde, Jamie; Colbie, Tim; Coniglio, Sal; Corbin, Dino; Daniels, Christine; D'Ewart, John; DuBose, Alex; Egan, Philip; Feeney, John; Gilbert, Ben; Hagerty, Bruce; Herbert, Dan; Kennemer, Frank; Knight, Sandra; Kremer, Kevin; Krepelka, Rose; Londono, Sal; Mundy, Barbara; Pembroke, Mike; Redman, Michael; Ripke, Dan; Rock, Alicia; Rodriguera, Craig; Shelton, Sally; Staggs, Ed; Sterling, Jack; Stoller, Scott; Thoma, Katy; Tierney, Ed; Tittle, Tim; Willmann, Ann; Wills, Leah

**May 3, 2016 No meeting**

**May 10, 2016**

Barnett, Rick; Block, Ray; Brobst, Rashell; Colbie, Tim; Conroy, Pat; Daniels, Christine; Dulebohn, Geoff; Hagerty, Bruce; Hendry, Mark; Heringer, Les; Hughes, tom; Keith, Brandon; Krepelka, Rose; Kyle, Bill; Martin, Brian; Moseley, Debbie; Murray, Kevin; Pembroke, Mike; Pierce, Mark; Reece, Margaret; Rhodes-Dreyer, James; Ripke, Dan; Rock, Alicia; Saboury, Sima; Shelton, Sally; Short, Heather; Simmons, Katie; Snyder Lando, Anastacia; Speer, Debra; Staggs, Ed; Sterling, Jack; Tierney, Ed; Wilbur, Will

**\*Make-Ups Online\*\***

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

**Members are allowed  
 2 make-ups for July - Dec  
 & 2 make-ups for Jan - June**

**May Board Meeting Notes**

**Leaves of Absence**

Layne Diestel 3/29-6/29/16  
 Tim Tittle 4/19-5/3/16

**Change in classification**

Pat Conroy: Construction-Commercial

**Resignations accepted by the board**

Jamie Clyde, Frank Kennemer,  
 Saulo Londono

**MAY 10, 2016 OAKLEAVES**

**OPEINING CONTINUED**

we could sense him at the table and we even saw a spoon bend, but no one was near it... at least that we could see. It was incredibly eerie and **Charlie Kyle** asked if we needed an exorcism.

**VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS**

Where was Lex Moseby? Should someone call and see if he is OK? Donna Shults attended and is from the moon called Oakland circling the planet Bay Area. Jim Reid also visited us and is from the Sunrise Dead Bluff Club.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHICO HIGH BIRDHOUSE BUILD:** On Thursday May 19 and Friday May 20 the Chico High Birdhouse build will be in progress at the Evan's Furniture warehouse. **Rene' Ver-cruyssen** spoke about the need for adult help from the Club. No skills are necessary, as evident in that this reporter has been assisting with event for several years. The hopes and prayers are that some skilled craftsmen do show up with real life skills and real tools. Although **Rene'** is very talented, I on the other hand cannot accomplish a lot with a rock as a hammer and crowbar to undo what I did with the rock.

**ABC AWARDS AT FAIR VIEW HIGH:** **Richard Stein**, aka **Dick Stein** announced that the ABC Awards will be this Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Fair View. This is a truly rewarding and moving event to witness and the more Rotarians who show up the more validation it gives the young folks who are recipients. The Rotary Rumor Central Committee has indicated that it is a real possibility that at this event Fair View may bestow **Dick Stein** with his GED Certificate, which he has been secretly working on. Good luck **Dick!**

**NORTH STATE SYMPHONY:** The North State Symphony will celebrate its successful first year under Music Director **Scott Seaton** with concerts on May 14 in Chico and May 15 in Redding. Four composers will be heard from, ranging from Beethoven to young American Mason Bates. Tickets for the concerts are available at the University Box Office in Chico ([530-898-6333](tel:530-898-6333)) and the Cascade Theatre in

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**Rene Ver-cruyssen CHS birdhouses and Curt Hull— Hooked on Fishing**



**President Tod Kimmelshue Hitting his stride**



**John Roney Introduces Paul Harris award**



**Newest Paul Harris recipient Beau McSwain with his lovely wife Lauren**



**MAY 10, 2016 OAKLEAVES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

Redding ([530-243-8877](tel:530-243-8877)), or online at [www.northstatesymphony.org](http://www.northstatesymphony.org). The Chico concert will be held in Laxson Auditorium, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

**HOOKED ON FISHING NOT ON DRUGS: Curt Hull** needs a lot more folks to sign up to help execute the event which is Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. The event has become a local favorite community family activity and consists of kids fishing at Horseshoe Lake for planted cat fish. Work starts at 7 am and will wrap up around 2 pm. This is a great way to support the Club and the community's youth.

OMELET BRUNCH IS DONE FOR ANOTHER YEAR!!!

**PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION**

**John Roney** took center stage to announce the next Paul Harris fellow and the clues were Piedmont, Razor Backs, Chamber Chair and the giveaway was the simple word *RUGBY*. One of the nicest guys in the world, one of the most dependable, someone who is always up beat and of course someone who is very good looking, none other than **Beau McSwain**. On a side note, **Beau's** dog is named Bennett...no joke... **Beau** named the dog after the reporter. **Beau's** lovely wife Lauren, who appeared taller than **Beau**, joined Mr. PH at the ceremony. Congratulations **Beau** - you are a hell of a guy.

**KEISTER'S TWEISTERS**

No Tweister this week. Was that a sigh of relief or a whimper of sadness?

**RAFFLE**

No raffle this week either since **Paul Moore** broke the bank by winning all the money. Thanks **Paul**.

**PROGRAM**

**President Tod** introduced his speech therapy mentor and Butte College VP, **Matt Jackson**, who opened with some inspirational words about teachers. The program this week was the annual awards for the best educators at six of our schools. **Matt** indicated he was a little miffed at **Tod** for the invocation quoting five famous folks and **Matt** was not one of them. **Melanie Bassett** played a major role in the awards ceremony which **President Tod** duly noted.

There were so many compliments and accolades bestowed upon the awardees that it would be impossible to report on all of them so we will list the recipients and presenters of the 2016 honoring educators program.

- Nancy Hian of Fair View High by Principal Andrew Mull
- Kay Kohen of Pleasant Valley High by Principal John Shepherd
- Jacqui Windsor of Chico High by Principal Mark Beebe
- Malina Olson of Inspire with Inspire Principal Jerry Crosby
- Donna Davis of Butte College by Dean Denise Adams
- Dr. Nandi Crosby of CSU Chico by President Paul Zingg

Congratulations to all of the best of the best educators in our community.

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Honored Educator Nancy Hian with Fair View Principal Andrew Mull



PVHS Principal John Shepherd with honored educator Kay Kohen



Honored Educator Jacqui Windsor with CHS Principal Mark Beebe



Inspire Principal Jerry Crosby with Honored Educator Malina Olson



## **Superintendent's Award for Shannon Krelle on April 20, 2016**

I interviewed Shannon for an opening at Marigold two years ago and in leaving the interview I knew instantly that Marigold and Chico Unified School District would be dreadfully amiss in not hiring her.

Shannon is a loving mother and wife. I'm sure her husband and daughters are beaming with pride that she is being recognized for the good that she does each day.

Often we wait until a person is leaving to share the admirable characteristics they have and the wonderful ways they have blessed our lives. I'm excited to share with you NOW, what an amazing teacher and person Shannon is. I'm eager to share from my heart what I am so grateful to see Shannon share on our campus each day. She is radiant with love and caring, a vibrant passion for life, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. She is a blessing to Marigold and all the lives she touches.

Bright, enthusiastic, and nurturing, Shannon always leads her students, families, and peers by example. She is wholeheartedly committed to building inner wealth in children and has made it her mission to share that passion with anyone who will listen. She has actively asked for extensive training in Nurtured Heart. With the help of district funding, she is now certified as an Advanced Nurtured Heart trainer and is providing professional development opportunities for other educators in the district.

Shannon donates countless extra hours to hone her skills and collaborate with her peers in both Nurtured Heart and strong instructional practices. Her openness to being observed and specifically evaluated shows how eager she is to constantly improve. Excellence is not enough. She wants to always climb up one more step on the ladder for herself and for her students. This year especially, as a math grant participant, she has given painstaking detail to her planning with the goal of extending her students just beyond their comfort zone and soliciting their critical thinking skills.

Her connection to students is intense and filled with a deep desire to truly do everything in her power to improve their lives and help them fulfill their potential. She sees them not as they are, but as they are destined to become. She warms their lives with her heartfelt smile and a flow of nutrient rich words of affirmation.

In a recent email interaction with Shannon she said something that really sums up her view of her role as an educator, "I'm so glad that I spend the day with adorable children and that I have to opportunity to promote inner wealth and character. They leave my classroom at the end of the year with a bit of my heart and I hope that their year with me influences them as a grown-up too."

-Shawneese Heath



## ACE-LIFE Academy and the HERO Program

The upcoming school year, 2016-2017, marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ACE-LIFE Academy at Pleasant Valley High School, and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the academy's HERO program. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the extensive involvement of the HERO mentors listed below. Each of them provides 48 hours of job shadowing experience for our students, in addition to service learning and community service opportunities.

- **Enloe Hospital:** Ambulance, Inpatient Rehabilitation and Outpatient Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Radiology, Definitive Care, Surgical Care, Medical Neuro Cancer Center, ICU, Coronary Care Unit, Mother Baby Care Center, Lift Team
- **Chico Fire and Rescue:** Station 1: Ladders, Station 2: Technical Rescue Operations, Station 3: ARFF Training, Station 4: Wildland Operations, Station 5: Firehose Operations, Station 6: Simulated Rescue
- **Chico Police Department:** Animal Control, VIPS, Records, Dispatch, Detectives
- **Cal Fire - Station 42**
- **Department of Fish and Wildlife**
- **Butte Humane Society**
- **CSU Chico Autism Clinic**
- **InMotion Fitness**
- **ARC**
- **Bidwell Junior High**
- **Marsh Junior High**

Additionally, the ACE-LIFE Careers with Kids mentor sites listed below contribute 120 hours of work-based learning experience for our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students:

- Smart Start Preschool,
- Innovative Preschool,
- Loma Vista,
- Marigold Elementary School,
- Pleasant Valley High School – Special Education

As a result of these community partnerships, all ACE-LIFE students reciprocate, with gratitude, by volunteering much of their time and energy through:

- Chico Walks for Autism
- Special Olympics of Butte County
- Marigold School Carnival
- Dispatcher Appreciation Day Public Safety Fair
- North Valley Fire, Health and Safety Expo
- Pleasant Valley High School Veteran's Awareness Day
- Butte County Behavioral Health Impact Mentoring
- Enloe Hospital Junior Volunteers
- Shady Creek Environmental Camp Counselors
- Jesse Kohen Memorial Run
- Field trip assistants
- Adopt-A-Family

It has been my great pleasure to partner with supportive, dedicated, professional community members for the past 20 years. If you come in contact with any member of these organizations, please thank them for the myriad opportunities they have given to Chico Unified students.

*Sincerely, ~ Laura Dietle, ACE-LIFE Academy director/mentor coordinator, Instructor: HERO 11, 12 and Careers with Kids*







# NAMI Butte County and Butte County Behavioral Health Presents

A New State of Mind  
Documentary narrated by  
Glenn Close

Directing Change PSAs



Tuesday, May 10th  
6:30pm-8:00pm  
Tickets Price: Donations  
Pageant Theatre  
351 East 6th Street  
Chico, Ca 95928



For more information call  
Jeremy Wilson at 530-891-2850



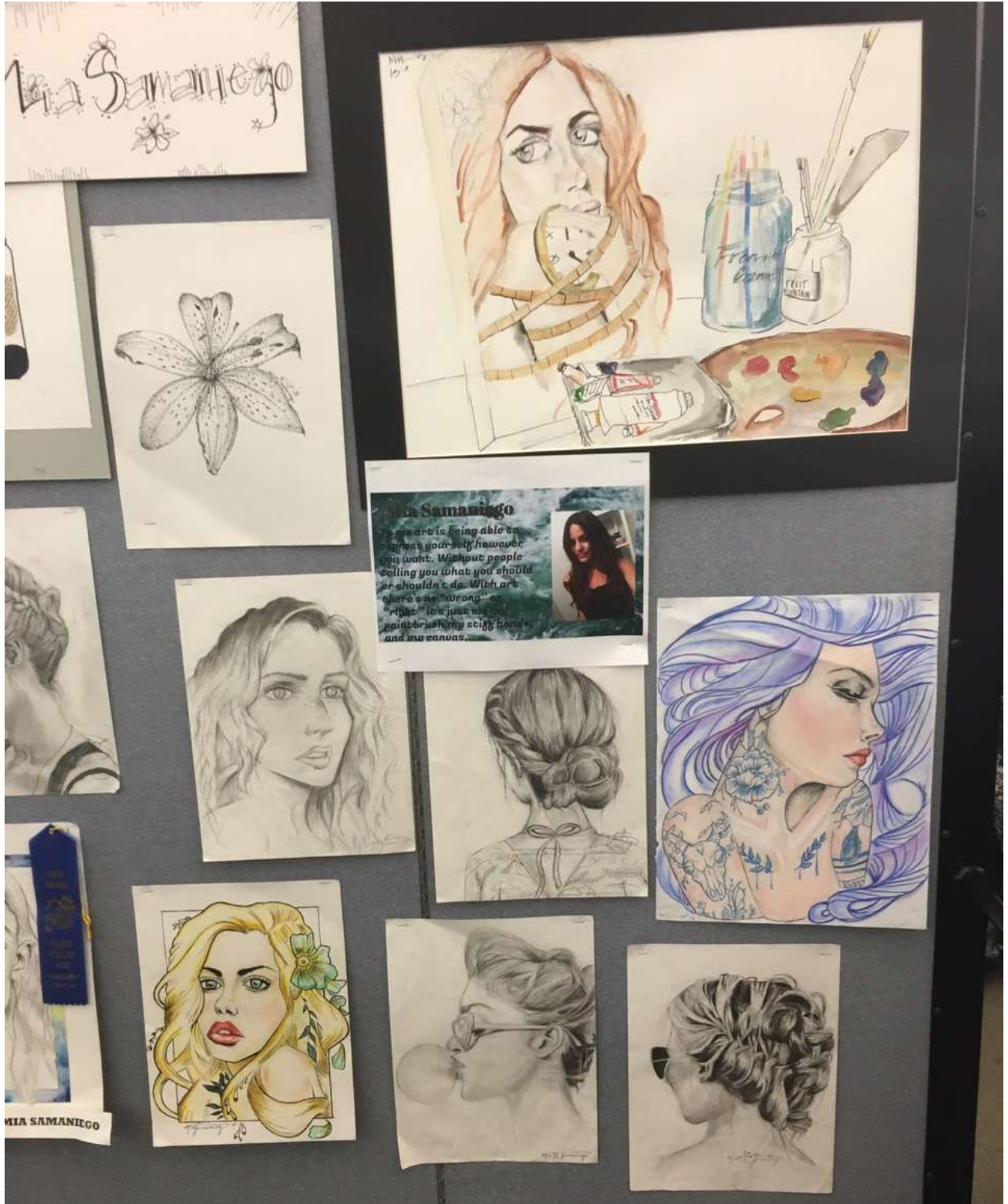
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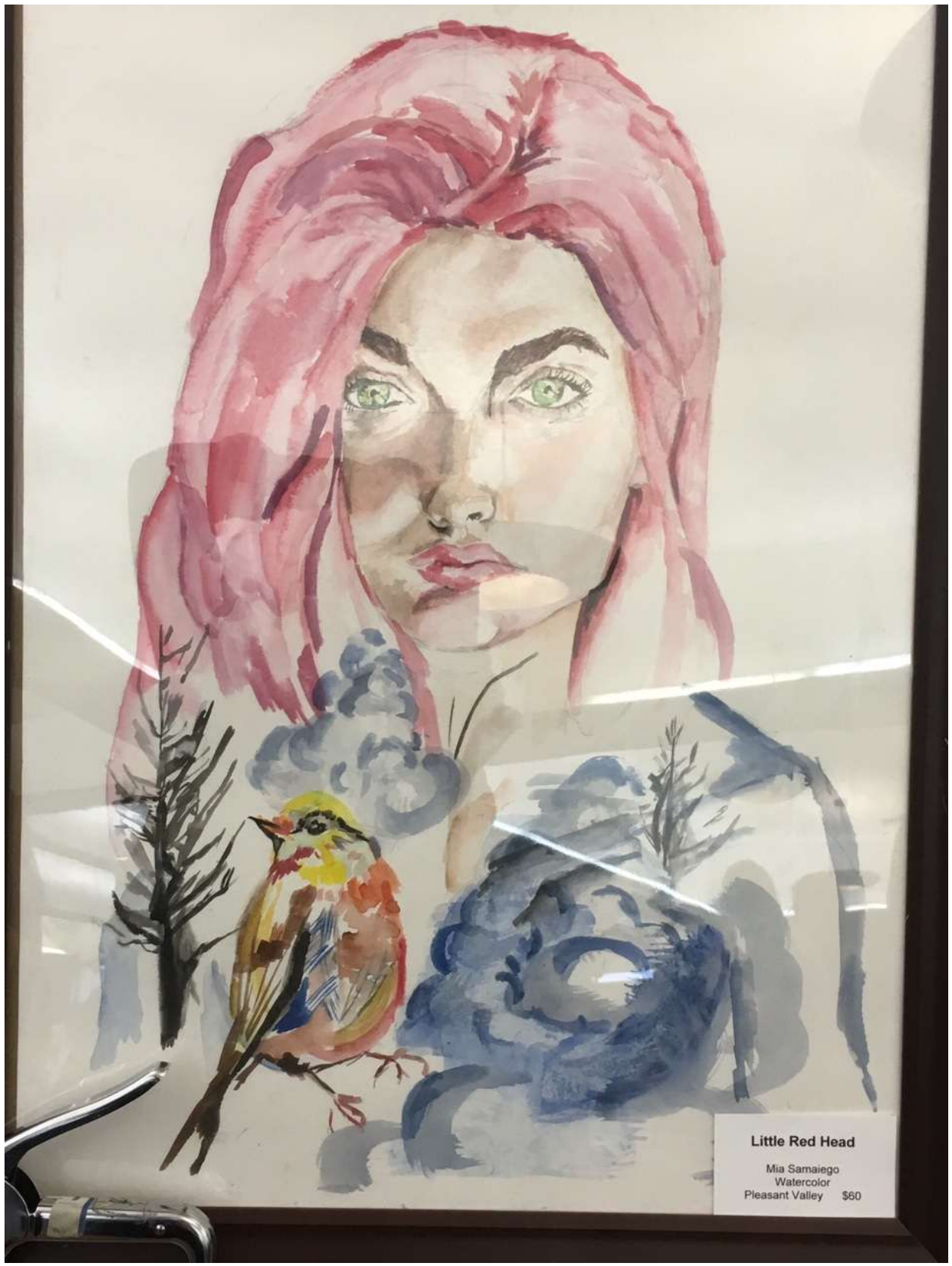


# PVHS Art Studio









**Little Red Head**

Mia Samaiego  
Watercolor  
Pleasant Valley \$60



# CHAPMAN VEHICLE DAY



# Silver Dollar Fair

MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> - 30<sup>TH</sup>

An illustration of two children, a girl with blonde hair and a boy with dark hair, riding a colorful roller coaster. The girl is wearing a blue shirt and the boy is wearing a striped shirt. The roller coaster is red and yellow with blue wheels. The background is a blue sky with a green ground.