

LOCAL NEWS

New fishing regulations in force

The California Fish and Game Commission has adopted the following changes to sport fishing regulations. All took effect on March 1.

Anglers will no longer have to display their sport fishing license on their outer clothing above the waist, but their sport fishing license must still be in their possession while fishing.

There will be a year-round closure to sturgeon fishing on the Sacramento River from the Keswick Dam (Shasta County, west of Redding) to the Highway 162 Bridge (near Butte City). The use of wire leaders or any type of shrimp or lam-

prey bait is also prohibited in this area.

Spiny lobster must be kept in a whole, measurable condition until it is being prepared for consumption.

The statewide bag and possession limits were raised to two fish per day and four fish in possession. These increased limits will be in place for all rivers and streams where the take of hatchery trout or steelhead is presently allowed except for the Feather, Klamath and Mokelumne rivers.

Only barbless hooks will be allowed in all reaches of the Smith River. The "Klamath-Trinity Salmon Report Card" has been renamed "North Coast Salmon Report Card" and will now be required on the Smith River also. The annual bag limit for wild trout or steelhead was reduced to

zero and no more than five wild Chinook may be kept per year.

The daily bag limit for sunfish is reduced to 25 fish and incorporated into a combined bag limit of 25 sunfish and crappie of all species, except as noted in Section 5.82. Tilapia are moved out of the sunfish bag limit and continue to have no limit on take.

Sacramento splittail may be taken only by angling, with a bag limit of two fish. The bag limit for lamprey is reduced to five and the use of traps is no longer allowed.

There are other changes to the sturgeon and steelhead report cards and general district regulations. Regulations are available on the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Web site at www.dfg.ca.gov/about/fishing.

Piece Makers present quilt



"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK" IS A CONCEPT PUT INTO PRACTICE IN THE CREATION OF THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT RECENTLY COMPLETED BY MEMBERS OF MARIPOSA PIECE MAKERS. THE QUILT, DEPICTING TYPICAL SIERRA NEVADA OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, HAS BEEN DONATED TO THE MARIPOSA MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER WHERE IT WILL BE RAFFLED. PICTURED ARE ARE SYLVIA EMERY (LEFT) OF MARIPOSA HISTORY CENTER, RACHEL O'ROURKE (CENTER) AND SHEILA BRUNER (RIGHT) OF MARIPOSA PIECE MAKERS.

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Golden State offers text to land line service

TeleMessage, a leading developer of messaging solutions, has announced that Golden State Cellular, one of California's leading rural wireless carriers, has launched its Text to Landline application.

The Text to Landline application allows Golden State Cellular customers to create and send text messages to home phones all over the US and Canada.

The home phone recipient can then respond using their own voice back to the Golden State Cellular customer. The Golden State Cellular customer will also receive a status text message telling him if the

message was delivered to a live person or a voicemail system and a reply text message if the home phone recipient replies.

"The Text to Landline application enhances the existing text messaging experience by allowing people who can text to communicate with people who do not," said Mark Carlin, vice president of sales for the Americas at TeleMessage.

"We see this as an SMS feature enhancement allowing our customers to communicate with more people while they text message," said Dan Rule, general manager of Golden State Cellular.

Grace Note Chimes makes donation to JCF

Two seasonal harmonizing chimes, "Winter" and "Summer," valued at \$239 each have been donated by Grace Note Chimes, and are two of the many items available in the raffle and the silent auction that will be held at the "Four Seasons" dinner.

This benefit dinner will be held on March 20, the first day of spring, in the Sequoia Building at the Mariposa Fairgrounds. Doors open at 5 p.m. for table judging by those in attendance, and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is a choice of tri-tip, or vegetarian.

This year there are many raffle prizes and silent auction items for the patrons to purchase

tickets for and make bids on. The funds raised are used exclusively to enhance the Ewing Wing and the Memorial Garden at the John C. Fremont Hospital.

The Ewing Wing Garden was initially constructed with funding from and by the Rotary Club of Mariposa. Each year since, enhancements of the garden or the living area in the Ewing Wing, have been made with the funds that this event raises.

Tickets for the dinner are \$12 each or \$90 for a table of eight, and are available in the admitting office of JCF Hospital. To enter the table decorating contest contact Avis Moulton at 966-3631, extension 264.

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