

# INSIDE EDUCATION

## Foster's True Value powers FFA raffle



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TROY FOSTER (SECOND FROM RIGHT) OF FOSTER'S TRUE VALUE HARDWARE, PRESENTS A RIDING LAWN MOWER TO MARIPOSA FFA MEMBERS TIM ANDRE, CATHERINE CHASE AND RICHARD BALLINGER. THE LAWN MOWER IS BEING RAFFLED AT THIS YEAR'S FFA DINNER DANCE ON APRIL 24. FOSTER'S ALSO DONATED A ROTOTILLER THAT WILL BE A PART OF THE AUCTION. TICKETS FOR THE LAWN MOWER ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$5 EACH FROM ANY FFA MEMBER OR BY CALLING 742-0365.

## Safe at Home fair set for March 27

The community is invited to attend Safe At Home, a free family fun fair on Saturday, March 27 at Mariposa Elementary School beginning at 10 a.m. Safe At Home is an annual event organized by Mariposa Safe Families, Inc. to promote Child Abuse Prevention Month. The free family fun fair is intended to link participants to services and opportunities that will support children and the families raising them.

This year Safe At Home has a theme of "Develop the Helmet Habit." To help promote this theme the members of Sanctuary, a BMX bike shop from Oakhurst, have been invited to perform bike and skateboarding demonstrations while showing the proper use of safety equipment.

In addition, families may visit free health screening stations such as vision and scoliosis screening. A free healthy snack with suggestions on healthy eating habits will be

provided as well.

The Easter Bunny will once again be at the event leading the Easter egg hunts that will be held throughout the day. The egg hunts will be held for children up to age 4 beginning at 10:30 a.m., ages 5 to 8 at 11:30 and ages 9 to 12 at 12:30 p.m.

Booths will be open representing organizations and agencies throughout Mariposa County that promote healthy and stable families. Some of the agencies represented at the event include Mariposa County Sheriff's Department, Infant/Child Enrichment Services, 4-H, and John C Fremont Hospital. Safe at Home will also feature child identification cards and a bike rodeo provided by sheriff's department.

For questions about the event or to find out how to have a free booth space to promote services that support families call Mariposa Safe Families at 966-2211.

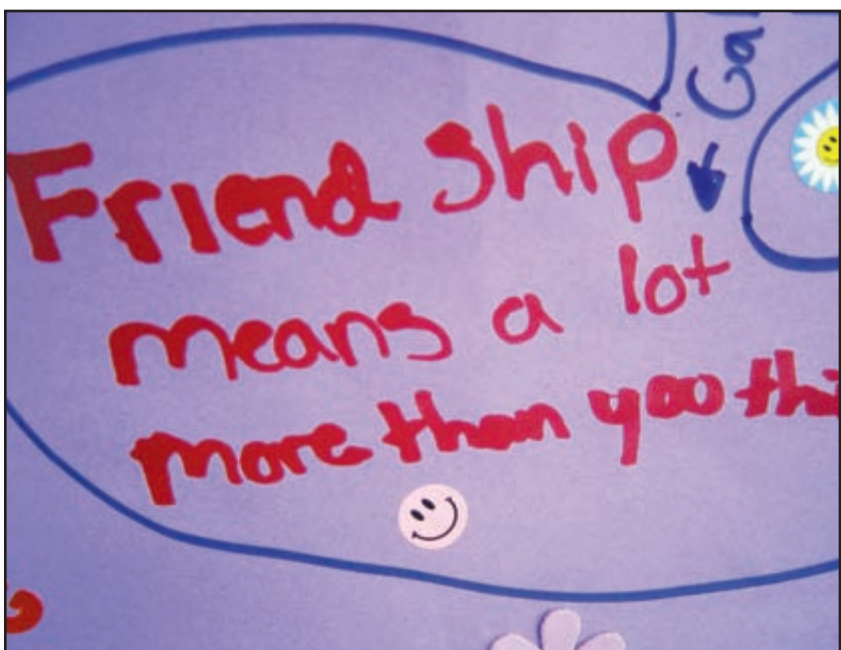
## There goes my HERO



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STUDENTS AT MARIPOSA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND EL PORTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN HERO WEEK BY LEARNING ABOUT VARIOUS DISABILITIES. MARIPOSA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY OFFICERS AND MARIPOSA ROTARIANS ORGANIZED THE EVENT, WHICH PROMOTES DISABILITY AWARENESS. AT LEFT, AN MMS STUDENT TRIES TO SHOOT A BASKET FROM A WHEELCHAIR AFTER WORKING THROUGH AN OBSTACLE COURSE. AT RIGHT, BEN WOOLSEY, A STUDENT WITH CEREBAL PALSY, TALKS WITH STUDENTS ABOUT HIS ABILITIES AND EXPERIENCES.

## Sign of friendship



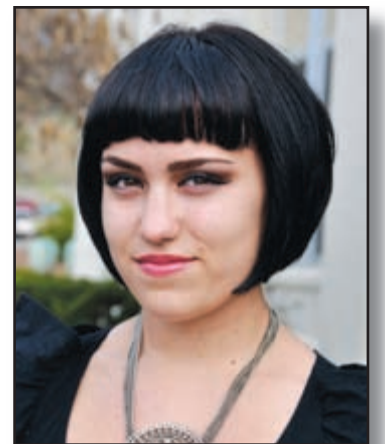
THE STUDENTS OF LAKE DON PEDRO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN MAKING A "FRIENDSHIP BANNER," TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY AND ALSO TO HIGHLIGHT THE FIRST LESSONS IN STEPS TO RESPECT AND SECOND STEP. THE STUDENTS DREW PICTURES AND WROTE SAYINGS ABOUT WHAT THEY THOUGHT FRIENDSHIP WAS ABOUT. THE RESULT WAS A BANNER THAT WAS HUNG IN THE LUNCHROOM SO THAT EVERYONE COULD ADMIRE THE ARTWORK THAT WAS DONE.

## Hill receives B of A honors for fine arts

The Mariposa County High School faculty has selected senior Laura Hill as the 2010 recipient for the Bank of America plaque for fine arts.

Hill is the daughter of Lisa and Mark Jones of Bootjack. While at MCHS, she has been a member of the Drama Club and Chorus and has been a four-year honor roll student. She has received awards for excellence in drama and English.

After graduation in June, Hill plans to attend the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology in San Francisco. She also



Laura Hill

wants to continue to be involved in local theater.

## MCHS changes date for junior night

The counseling department at Mariposa County High School invites parents to its annual junior information night. The date has been changed to Thursday, March 11 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium.

The presentation will motivate juniors toward their senior year and offer a clear understanding of the importance of doing well in their last year of high school. Counselors will discuss the intricacies of college/university preparation, as well as a variety of career paths such as vocational schools, military services, community colleges, four-year universities and private schools.



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