



The LVES Mathcounts team at the district competition in Bridgeport. (See Page 2 for full story)

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What to do if the Power Goes Out

By Guest Writer Stacey Powells

In light of the recent blackouts affecting Mono County residents, it's a good idea to be prepared should the power go out again for any length of time. If the El Nino storms continue to hit our area, the chances of the electricity going out increase tenfold.

It's important to have everything you will need in one place, "just in case." You don't want to be searching for flashlights and candles in the dark or even by the light of your cell phone. Know where your camping stove is in case you can't heat food in your oven or on your stovetop. Many stores in our area carry backpacking food that only need boiling water added for it to be edible.

If you have a wood burning stove, lucky you! When the electricity goes out you can keep your house warm, and cook food on top of the stove. Alex Torppe, a former Mammoth local who now lives off-grid in Montana, said it's easy to eat without using his gas oven. "We rarely use our propane stove to cook anything that can be heated on top of our wood burning stove. You can scramble eggs, heat soup and fry potatoes without using up the propane gas. Just make sure the pan you're using is cast iron or something that won't melt as you're cooking your breakfast."

Having the electricity off for a while can also be fun. It's a chance for families to think about what it was like for our ancestors when they had to do everything by candlelight and got the majority of their work done during the day. Take turns reading a book to

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An excerpt from Lost Land by Claire DesBaillets. **(Page 4)**

LVES Mathcounts Team Aces Competitions

By Ben Trefry

This year, though interest in it was lower than usual, Mathcounts was incredibly successful. Coached by Christine Beck, the Lee Vining team had a great season starting with the district competition on January 9.

In this competition, Claire DesBaillets got second place overall and was just one point shy of first place, coming in at 26 points. With 24 points, Ben Trefry got third place overall. First place went to Irvin Gonzalez from Bridgeport. Everyone on the LVES team got over 5 of the notoriously difficult Mathcounts questions right.

The regional competition in Stockton was February 6th, and the LVES team succeeded in that as well, getting third place in the team round. Mathcounts competitors say that the competition was stiffer this year than it was last year. When most real competitors were young, and not

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Want to buy some delicious See's Candies for Easter? The 8th Grade class will be selling Easter-themed See's Candies to raise money for the 8th grade trip this year. They hope to go to a science camp at the Marin Headlands and explore San Francisco! If you're interested in buying some See's Candies, then contact Yvette Garcia at ygarcia@esusd.org or ask any of the 8th graders (Ben, Claire, James, Gio, Jordyn, or Stephanie.) If you don't want to buy candy, you can also make a donation.

Also, the class still needs a male chaperone for the trip. That person needs to be 25 or older to qualify. Again, if you're interested, contact Yvette Garcia at ygarcia@esusd.org. We thank you for your consideration!



Picture by Josie Calderon

Birthdays in December and January:

Ember Elits 12-12-2009
 Norah Hinson 1-5-2010
 Diego, Perez 1-5-2010
 Aaron Santillan 12-3-2007
 Estrella Romero 1-27-2008
 Evelyn Martinez 1-9- 2008
 Israel Calderon 1-22-2007
 Ashton Neighbarger 1-29-2007
 Ewan Brady 12-27-2004
 Ulyses Garay 1-21-2005
 Jade Perez 1-19-2005
 Joseline Calderon 12-18-2003
 Stephanie Amezcua 12-17-2002
 Christopher Garcia 12-11-2002

And the Winners

Are:

Stephanie!

Aaron!

Ewan!

Christopher!

Evelyn!

Ulysses!

Diego!

Ember!

Norah!

If you're one of the winners, come to Ms. Garcia's classroom on Thursday at lunch recess (11:45-12:10) and pick your prize!

A Note from the Editor

As we publish the 4th issue of The Tiger Tribune, I can't help looking back and remembering our earlier releases. Our little school newspaper has changed a lot since then, with new contributors (but still not enough!), a new layout, and a greater variety of articles.

It has been my privilege to work with the great group of people who come to every meeting and who have helped a ton with every issue. I would like to thank Yvette Garcia, whose name has not previously shown up in the Contributors list but who has been very helpful in organizing the meetings. As The Tiger Tribune continues to expand and improve, you will see many new names in that list. We are also excited to present our first guest writer and professional journalist, Stacy Powells.

In conclusion, 2015 was a great year for The Tiger Tribune. We expect that 2016 will be even better if some people will just rise to the challenge and help us out!. Best wishes to everyone, and read The Tiger Tribune!

Ben Trefry- Tiger Tribune editor

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 Stacey Powells= Articles
 As always, we are looking for contributions. If you have any interest in The Tiger Tribune, please come to Ms. Garcia's class on Thursday at lunch recess (11:45-12:10). If you like to write, or cover important events, this is your chance to join a newspaper! Don't hold back because you think you're bad at writing; your help will be vital.d

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each other out loud or play a game of checkers surrounded by your hurricane lamps. Encourage the family not to use their electronic devices in case there is a real emergency and you have to contact the outside world.

Now is the time to buy an emergency crank radio because many of them come with solar power options and can charge cell phones and tablets. The crank radio made by Midland also has alerts from NOAA which will give you an idea of how long the storm that took out your power is going to last.

Finally, never let the fuel in your vehicle's gas tank go below half a tank. If you have to leave the area in a true emergency, remember that the gas pumps are all electric and not very many of them have generator backup so you won't be able to fill up your car. Be aware. Be prepared!

'The Signal' will Most Likely Return By Ben Trefry

The infamous signal that wreaked havoc on commuters will probably be back this summer. Although most of the work that it was put up for is complete, there will still be quite a bit of work going on after the weather warms up.

The main problems slopes that needed to be fixed were finished first, but some smaller slopes higher up on the road still need work. (Because they are higher up, the one-lane area will be too.) Even last summer, crews could be seen preparing those slopes for work. However, they never completed that job, because the contractors in charge decided to postpone completion until next summer.

As evidence of the signal's probable return, the concrete dividers that were used for the original signal still remain at the construction site.

Excerpt from 'Lost Land' by Claire DesBaillets

Alex sat there for a while listening to the birds chirp all around her and the soft sound of trees rustling in the wind. After thinking about what she was going to do for a while, and not coming to any conclusions, Alex noticed the forest was silent, she looked up and saw nothing unusual, but she kept looking.

Suddenly the trees and snow swirled around her. The ground disappeared and she was spinning in midair. A vortex of purple, blue and green spun around her. All around her, socks and stuffed animals, shirts and earrings, even dogs floated past. Just as she was about to pass out, the spinning stopped.

Slowly the purple, blue and green faded away and the scenery changed from the dark, dank, cold woods of Maine to a warm, sunny place filled with things, random, messy, mismatched things. Next to her was the teddy bear she had lost as a kid. As she looked around at all the things she ever lost, she started to realize that this was a land of lost things. She turned and saw her favorite t-shirt with a picture of a cartoon bear saying "Can I get a bear hug?" Now as she looked at it, it just looked silly. Alex sighed, trying her hardest not to cry, not only had she lost all of things that surrounded her, but she had lost her parents too.

Alex sighed again, looked up and, in the distance, she noticed a woman carrying a basket strolling along. Alex sat there and watched her for a while, and noticed that every once in a while she stopped, bent over, picked something up and put it in her basket. Alex stood up, realizing that maybe this woman could help her get home. Alex started running towards the woman, all of those years of track finally paying off...



Science Fair Equipment Goes Missing

By Ben Trefry

This year, many students know that there will be no school science fair. However, some intrepid students are still doing a project. One of them, Ellery McQuilkin, is doing a particularly ambitious project about ice formation at Mill Creek-- and has had much of her equipment stolen.

One of the wildlife cameras she was using simply disappeared, while another had its memory card and battery taken out. In an Email to Mono City residents, Ellery's father Geoff said, "This could only be done by a person." In addition, a plastic pipe with the popular iButton temperature monitoring devices in it was stolen.

In an effort to get the equipment back, Geoff has explained the premise of the project to many residents, and says, "...there would be no questions asked if [the equipment] appeared at our front door as well." Because the project is due just days after this issue was published, Ellery really needs her equipment back to collect vital data.

Whether it was stolen by conspiracy theorists, wildlife activists who thought Ellery was a hunter, or just someone who wanted the equipment, the mystery of the missing equipment is a baffling one. If you have any information about who took the equipment or where it is now, please contact Geoff at geoffmcquilkin@gmail.com.

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as well-practiced, it was a free-for-all. Now, the larger schools usually come out on top, with all the top 8 students from Tracy. The #1 finisher was a 7th grader who took Calculus, some of the most advanced math in high school.

Still, it was a great year for Mathcounts. The whole school district team enjoyed laser tag in Stockton, and a great trip. To anyone who is considering joining Mathcounts, I would say DO IT! There is so much more to it than math problems.

Sample Mathcounts Problems:

- 1: Sally buys a pencil and notebook. Together, they total \$1.10. The notebook costs \$1.00 more than the pencil. How much does each cost?
- 2: If $a@b = a(6ba + b + 7a)$, then what is $3@13$?
- 3: A dog runs 10 miles per hour for 6 miles for its first walk of the day, then runs 8 miles per hour for 4 miles for its second walk of the day. Which walk took longer?

Why did it take so long to publish this issue?

For some reason, our contributors just haven't come through this time around. The Tiger Tribune has always had problems with lack of interest, but this issue has been an extreme example. Because most of our few contributors were busy with ski team, basketball, and other activities, we had to not only delay publishing by over two months, but make this issue two full pages shorter. The articles that are featured are mostly written by one person, which you probably noticed. If you want to change that, then just come to Ms. Garcia's classroom on Thursday at 11:45. Any help, even just one article, will be appreciated. Even if you think you're not good at writing, it's not a problem! We edit every contribution to make it sound professional.

The Puzzles

Food

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CHEESEBURGERS	CHEESESTICKS	CHICKEN	CHICKENTENDERS	CHIPS
CRABS	FISH	FISHSTICKS	FRIES	GRAPES
GREENS	HAM	HAMBURGERS	LOSFTER	MILK
MUFFINS	ORANGE	PEAR	PEAS	PIZZA
SALAD	SHRIMP	SMOOTHE	SODA	STEAK
STRAWBERRIES	TUNA	TURKEY		

The Riddles

1: I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me. What am I? **From Test your Difficulty.com**

2: What word contains six letters but, when one of them is removed, twelve remains? **From Test your Difficulty.com**

3. A professor thinks of two consecutive numbers between 1 and 10. 'A' knows the 1st number and 'B' knows the second number. They talk to each other, and say the following.

A: I do not know your number.

B: Neither do I know your number.

A: Now I know.

There are four solution for this.

What are they? **From Genius Puzzles.com**

4: You have two coconuts and you want to find out how high they can be dropped from a 100 story building before they break. But you only have \$1.40 and the elevator costs a dime each time you ride it up (it's free for rides down). How can you drop the coconuts to guarantee you will find the lowest floor they will break at, while starting and ending at floor 1?

From Good Riddles Now.com

Puzzles from worksheets.theteacherscorner.net

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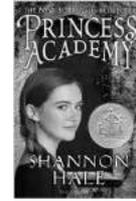
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Book Review: Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

AR Level: 6.0
AR Points: 10.0



The main character in the book Princess Academy is 14 year old Miri. She has a secret: she wants to be a princess! High on the mountain Eskel, there is word that the village is the home of the future princess. Miri must leave her family to train to become the princess. Miri is not excited to go to this academy but there she makes new friends, learns new things, and has a bit of a problem with bandits. Princess Academy is a Newberry Award winning book. I hope you read it and love it. I sure did! -By Eva Segura

Star Rating: ★★★★★

Movie Review: Star Wars VII: The Force Awakens

Though it was made by Disney at least a decade after the most recent Star Wars, this movie does keep the classic Star Wars theme. It bears many similarities to the movie A New Hope. In fact, there is even a Death Star-like contraption made by the First Order (this movie's equivalent of the Empire), and many of the classic characters like Han Solo. Since they're played by the same actor as they were in the old movies, Han Solo and Leia are really old.

The main 'bad guy' in this movie is Kylo Ren, Han Solo's son. He wears a mask like Darth Vader, but that's only to hide his face. The Force Awakens features a lot of lightsaber dueling, but most of it is an inexperienced rookie against a powerful Sith lord.

Overall, this is a very good movie, but it isn't creative at all, and might be too scary for some kids. In my opinion, the original Star Wars are better. The o. And the sequel is set to come out in May 2017! -By Ben Trefry

Star Rating: ★★★★★

Last Month's Answers to the Riddles

- 1: Ask either door if both doors lead to the City of Truth. If the answer is no, then you have found the door you want. If it's yes, then use the other door.
- 2: He tried to parachute from an airplane, but the chute, which was the backpack, failed and he fell to his death.
- 3: He weighs meat, of course!
- 4: The window was partway open, and the window cleaner fell through to the inside of the building.