



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

MONTHLY UPDATE

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Reflections of Summer



Full Moon over New Melones

NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER

by Carol Hallett



July, being 31 days, always seems so long, especially when it is hot. I remember even as a kid that July just took so long to get through. We had so much to do this month that it once again seemed like it would never end. We really had some hot days this month, both temperature wise and event wise.

Our team was so busy during July with deployments, events and planning. Some of our events sort of happen spontaneously and others take weeks and weeks of planning. I am always so proud of the work that they do and the way they do it.

This month, you will read about the Twain Harte Summer Outdoor Market, Traffic Control deployment, info on how our land-sea container is progressing, and new numbers on our fund raising efforts.

July was also a month of reflecting back. We had so much good news but we also had some obstacles to contend with... it is the way we handle these challenges that show our true self. It is so easy to get caught up in getting the tasks done but the important thing in life is who you do those tasks with. My goal in August is to spend more time with people and less time on task accomplishment.

STREET FAIR FOR THE RECORDS

by Carol Hallett, Program Manager



The Twain Harte Summer Outdoor Market weekend is always the hottest weekend of the year and this year was no exception. The crowds were a bit less than usual but those that attended had a great time and were very generous.



We sold lots of t-shirts, hats, and pint glasses. If you missed out, no worries we have the glasses and mugs at the Harte of the Kitchen Store, and the shirts & hats at Earthly Essentials here in Twain Harte. Remember that purchasing these items is a great way to support our local fire department and our fund raising efforts to purchase a LUCAS device.

Margaritas were our big seller this year. We had 3 different flavors and they were icy cold and tasted really good on a hot day. It looked very festive seeing all those colored drinks being carried around town.



The Eproson House graciously helped us with the purchasing and storing of our kegs of beer this year. They made it easy...Special thanks to them for being part of our success.



Next years event:
Mark your
calendars for
July 13 & 14, 2024

We had a great team who stayed after the event to pack up and put things away. They did such a good job that when I went to reorganize after, there was nothing to do. We have an amazing crew! Thank you to Allan & Carol Hancock for taking care of our volunteers during the event, having a special place to go and recoup is invaluable. You guys are simply amazing!

The name of this event has been changed back to the "Twain Harte Art & Wine Festival".

KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE

by Mike Mandell, Team Leader



Twain Harte Community Services District requested our team come and help to keep the contractor safe while doing work on a man hole cover at Black Hawk and Twain Harte Drive.

They said that all they needed were two volunteers. Carol Hallett & Mary Dearborn met the work crew at 7:30 (you know the two of them were there early). Carol assessed the situation and came up with a plan so that we did not have to close off a lane of traffic...only slow them down. The backup plan was to close the lane if traffic seemed to not heed the slow signs.



The crew set up and got to work. Mary & Carol stood along Twain Harte Drive to slow people down. All morning long it seemed that the majority of people slowed way down which made the crew feel safe.

The sun got hotter and the shade was disappearing when it became evident that this job was going to take longer than just a few hours. Mary and Carol stayed in the blistering sun and kept a smile on their faces as the hours ticked by.



Mary had to leave around 1:00 so Carol had to come up with a back up plan. The nice part about doing traffic control on Twain Harte Drive is that you know who has just come into town. Carol gave Randie a call and asked her if she could come help out for a couple of hours.



TWAIN HARTE AREA
CERT
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

THA-CERT SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

What/who are Twain Harte Area CERT (THA-CERT)? We are a dedicated team of community-based volunteers who are trained to support our community.

This team provides the following services to senior and disabled residents in Tuolumne County:

- Free Smoke Alarms/Detectors
- Free Installation
- Free Battery Replacement

If you need a smoke detector installed, need a new battery, or need a ten-year-old smoke detector replaced, we can help for free.

If you are interested, please contact us by sending an email to twainhartecert@gmail.com, or call Mike at 209-770-2674.

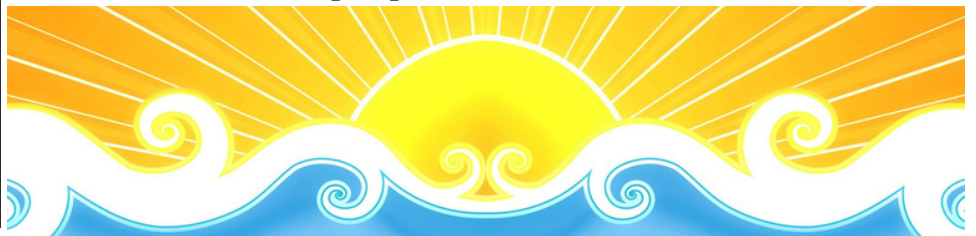
<https://www.twainhartecsd.com/smoke-detector-installation>

Only Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives



She said of course, "let me take stuff out of the car, put on my safety vest and I will be right there". Mary left and came back with bananas and water. It absolutely saved Carol as she had not even had a cup of coffee that morning. We all know she gets a bit cranky without her coffee.

It didn't take too much longer for the crew to finish up the work and everyone went home. It is always fulfilling when we can make people safe.



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

by Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief



The days between July 3 and Aug. 11, often referred to as the "dog days of summer," are some of the hottest in the Northern Hemisphere. Contrary to popular thought, the burden these days place upon our beloved, canine companions has nothing to do with the phrase's origin.

Instead, the term "dog days of summer" has deep historical roots dating back thousands of years and is actually intertwined with the movement of the stars.

The ancient Greeks and Romans are thought to have helped coin the phrase in reference to the star Sirius, or Dog Star, which appears to rise just before the sun in late July.

Orion's dog rising in the heavens not only marked hotter days, but the star also served as an omen that could bring fever and catastrophe, according to [National Geographic](#).

The position of the stars overhead was an intrinsic part of ancient life, which shaped religious beliefs, marked seasons and even helped people navigate long journeys by land and sea.

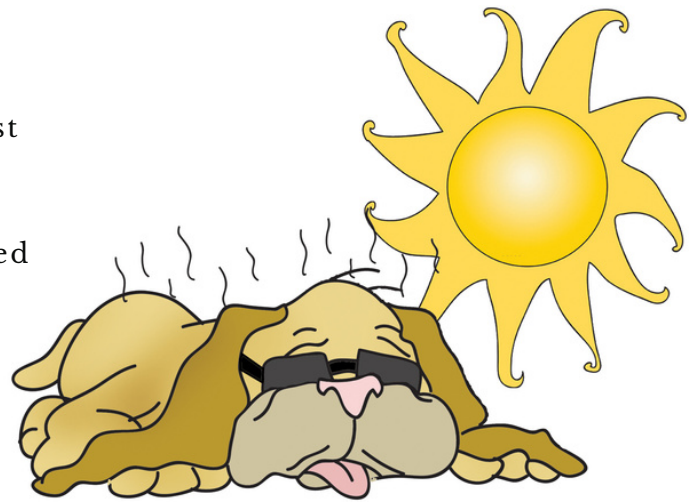
Following stars to mark time was like following a calendar, said AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Jim Andrews. "Stars will have virtually the same position in the sky at a given time during a solar year," Andrews said. "So it was that, some thousands of years ago, people learned to use the night sky to track the seasons," he said. "The Dog Star came into position at the time of the expected onset of the hottest season of the solar year."

Sirius was not just an important marker of summer days for the Greeks and Romans, but also served the ancient Egyptians nearly 5,000 years ago, according to [Space.com](#).

Rising just before the sun around June 25 in ancient Egypt, the "Nile Star" marked the return of annual floodwaters overflowing the Nile River. Its appearance signified a time for irrigation and renewed fertility in the surrounding lands, according to the report.

While the movement of stars was an exceptional means of keeping track of time for ancient people, the accuracy of the "dog days" corresponding with summer heat does not hold true today based on a variety of factors.

Unlike today's solar calendar, the ancient population marked a month's time by the duration of a moon phase. The words "month" and "moon" have similar origins in language for this reason.



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER, cont'd

The lunar calendar only has about 355 days versus the 365 of the solar calendar. "Thus, the seasons would happen during different lunar months over a normal human lifetime and thus would not conform to the same lunar month over multiple years," Andrews said. "The 10- to 11-day difference between solar and lunar calendars is the key."

Another reason Sirius' position in the sky does not correspond with the hottest days of the year for some people is because of their latitude, which will change when the astronomical "dog days" occur.

Even now, the "dog days" for the ancient Greeks no longer correspond to the ones of today because of the Earth's movement.

As the Earth spins, it wobbles like a top, which changes the position of the stars depending on which way it is wobbling. Every 26,000 years, the Earth will complete one full cycle of precession.

"What is interesting is that, owing to changes in the rotation of the Earth, or precession, the Dog Star no longer comes into position at the same time of the solar year," Andrews said.



PAPA SMURF UPDATE

by Bob Schreiner, Logistics Section Chief



Who's "Papa Smurf", you ask? It's the nickname we have given our new (to us) land-sea container that we finally, after months of delay due to weather, have installed behind the fenced in area at Vantage Pointe. We also had a welder install a walk through door, security for locks, and add vents with "whirly birds" on the top.

Our next project is to insulate the container, build walls, and add wiring, lights, and outlets so we can have one secure, climate controlled area for all of our equipment and supplies. This will allow our trailer to be converted to a mobile warming and cooling station, as well as serving as a mobile command post. Yes, there is a method to our madness.

Our current challenge is how to attach wood studs to a metal container. Fortunately, a couple of our members have experience with such things, and we hope to have this project finished soon.

LEARN HOW TO EASILY CREATE A "GO BAG"

by Margaret Lawrence, Training Officer



Preparedness is one of our main points of focus here at THA-CERT. When we aren't being deployed, we concentrate on preparing ourselves, by way of training, and educating our community on emergency preparedness.

THA-CERT Go Bag and Emergency & First Aid Kit Training

Are you prepared to leave your house in 5 minutes in case of an emergency or mandatory evacuation?

Join us as Program Manager, Carol Hallett, demonstrates how to pack a "go bag", as well as emergency and first aid kits.

In our no cost, no obligation class, you will learn what and how to pack for yourself, your family, and your pets to be ready in case of emergency.



Saturday, August 26, 2023
0900 - 1200
Twain Harte Community Center
18775 Manzanita Drive
Twain Harte, CA

This class is open to all.

Having a go bag packed and ready, as well as emergency and first aid kits, enables you to leave your home quickly, in case of evacuation.

Our August training is our popular Go Bag and Emergency & First Aid kit demonstration by our Program Manager, Carol Hallett.

Carol has been doing these demos for various groups within Tuolumne County for several years and it's always a popular topic.

I hope you will join us on Saturday, August 26th, from 9 am to noon, at the newly refurbished Twain Harte Community Center for this interesting and important training.

WILL BENDIX - FRIEND, HUSBAND, KIND HEARTED MAN



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One of our early CERT members, Will Bendix, passed away this month. In the end, the treatments he suffered through to fight brain cancer took him down. He endured more 'knock downs' in his life than anyone should ever have to, yet his faith and positivity made him get back up and continue fighting. He was a strong pillar of our community, always there to help others. He was involved in many different organizations; Rotary, Veterans, Parkinson's Disease support group and of course CERT. Will was well liked and respected by all who knew him. He was a good, kind man who will be dearly missed.

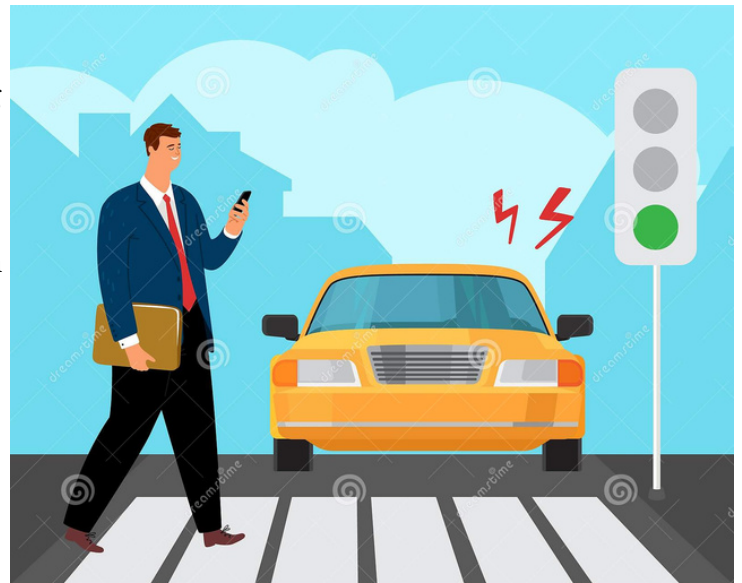
TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

by John Buckingham, Safety Officer



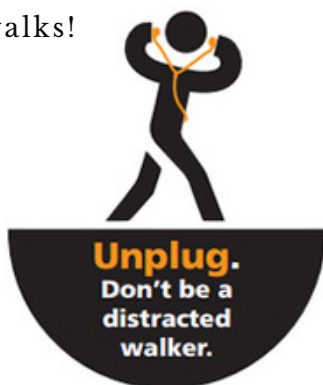
Safety in our crosswalks is important for everyone at all ages but especially the mature, where accidents can be very serious. Drivers are more distracted these days so pedestrians must be very proactive and aware.

- Use Sidewalks and Paths
- Walk Against (facing) Traffic
- Wear Bright Clothing During the Day
- Use Lights and Reflectors for Night Walking
- Use Crosswalks
- Put the Cell Phone Away
- Pause and look both ways before crossing the street, noting if oncoming traffic acknowledges you
- Never assume oncoming traffic will stop
- Do what you have to do to draw attention to yourself and your desire to cross the street
- Devote all of your attention to crossing the street safely
- Make sure all minors and/or pets that accompany you on your crossing are in your control and are following you closely, not darting ahead



Be alert and be aware; crossing the street safely is your responsibility.

Have safe walks!



HARD WORK PAYS OFF ...

Volunteering is what we do but there is so much more to the Twain Harte Area Community Emergency Response Team. Our board, which is made up of 15 members, is well aware of all the obstacles we overcome to have success. All the hard work that goes on everyday to ensure that we accomplish our goal(s). The staff and the volunteers make this happen. To those looking on, they only see the tip of the iceberg.



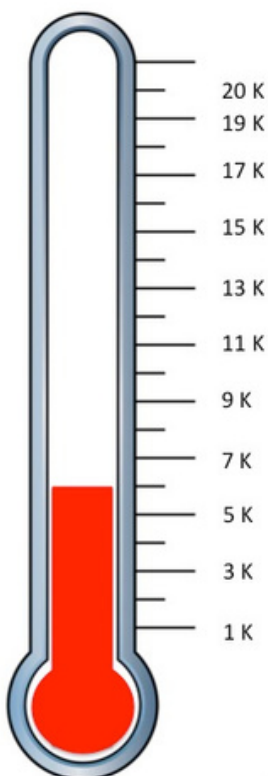
The streets of Twain Harte were filled with craft vendors again this year. It was hot but that did not stop the fun. Vendors displayed their wares and, with smiles on their faces, spent time with the residents and visitors.



The Gearhead Revival Car Show was an amazing success this year with 103 beautiful cars on display. Each year the car show committee picks a non-profit to make a donation to and this year they chose THA-CERT. They made a donation of \$1,500.00. This will really help with all the projects we are working on. Thank you car show enthusiasts and the car show committee.

The promoter, Brother's Production, made a \$250.00 donation to THA-CERT for all their efforts in helping with the event.

GOAL!



LUCAS Device



The Twain Harte Summer Outdoor Festival was a fundraiser for the LUCAS Device. We tallied about \$2K in profit. So our grand total so far is \$6K.

Thank you to all who so generously donated and to the volunteers that made this all happen.

CLEAN AND READY



Sending out a special thanks to Matt Kain and his grandnephew, Michael, for spending a morning with me to wash both the 2004 Chevy Truck and the Firefighter Rehab vehicle. They are both shiny and clean for the National Night Out on August 1st.

JOIN US IN THE FAMILY FUN, IT IS A TRADITION

Twain Harte

28th Annual Firemen's Pancake Breakfast

Sausage, Eggs,
Melon, Juice or
Milk, Coffee and

*All You Can Eat
Pancakes*

Adults \$15
Children 5-12 \$10
(children 4 and under
no charge)



Sunday, Sept. 3rd, 2023

8 am to 12 noon

At the Firehouse

18781 Cedar Drive

Twain Harte



WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

by Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief

The total THA-CERT volunteer hours for July are:

Administration = 170.5

Training = 0

Deployment = 164.5

Total July hours = 335



Events

Visit Tuolumne County:

<https://www.visittuolumne.com/events>

Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce:

<https://www.twainhartec.com/events>

Training

August

August 26, 2023

Go Bag, Emergency Kit & First Aid Kit demo

0900-noon

Location: Community Center
Manzanita Dr, Twain Harte
(based on the completion of the remodel)

Save The Date!

September

September 3, 2023

THFD Pancake Breakfast
Twain Harte Fire Station
18781 Cedar Dr, Twain Harte, CA
8:00 am - noon

Meetings

THCSD Board Meeting

<https://www.twainhartecsd.com/board-meetings>

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 9:00 am

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Please join the
Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office
along with law enforcement officers from
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Highway Patrol
California State Park Police
Sonora Police Department
Tuolumne County Animal Control
Tuolumne County Probation Department
U.S. Forest Service
Yosemite National Park




Tuesday, August 1st
6:00 — 8:00 p.m.
Epron Park
22901 Meadow Drive in Twain Harte

National Night Out is a community-building event that is held across the nation each year on the first Tuesday in August as a way to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement under positive circumstances while bringing back a true sense of community.

In addition to meeting the officers, you will also be able to get an up-close look at the Sheriff's Office SWAT vehicle, check out the Boat Patrol boat, see some of the Search & Rescue equipment, and meet one of the K-9s.

This is a very family-friendly event. Be sure to bring your kids or grandkids.

Hosted by Twain Harte Community Services District and Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office. Any questions please call Deputy Chris Passeur at 209-533-5866.


Radio Net

Join the Twain Harte Radio Net. We meet twice a week. Wednesday at 7:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am. If you want to borrow a radio to test, we have some available; once you test it, you should purchase one for yourself. Each of you should be on this net.

CERT & Fire Association Board Meeting

Thursday, August 10, 2023, 9:30 am

We hope you enjoy this month's issue. Our goal is to provide information to the community, focusing on safety and health. If you have a suggestion for future articles, please contact twainhartecert@gmail.com for consideration of the topic by the board.