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Westmorland Union Elementary School students walk to school Wednesday with parents, teachers and public health staff as part of the International Walk to School Day in the USA in Westmorland. ROMAN FLORES PHOTO

Students take to the streets

BY ROMAN FLORES
Staff Writer

WESTMORLAND — A thriller dance, ghost wiggle and stirring of boiling brew, and the children were ready.

“Are you guys ready to walk to school,” asked physical activities manager Starr Cloyd. “Yeah!” the students replied.

Such was the scene during warm-ups before Westmorland Union Elementary School participated Wednesday in the International Walk to School Day in the USA in Westmorland, where students walked to school with parents, teachers and public health staff.

The Walk to School event brought various agencies together to encourage students to take on a healthy living lifestyle including regular physical activity and eating healthy, said walk coordinator and Westmorland food service



Fourth-grader Marla Vital (left), 9, tries to toss a beanie ball into holes in an apple in an apple toss game Wednesday at Westmorland Union Elementary School as part of the International Walk to School Day in the USA in Westmorland. ROMAN FLORES PHOTO

director Julie Mitchell.

“It’s just to incorporate physical activity in order to get kids thinking about Walk to School.

We also talk to them about safety and walking to school,” she said.

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING



“You had to walk around to stay healthy.”

Kaleb Rodriguez, 10, fifth grade



“We made our own posters and all that.”

Nicholas Jacob Castro, 10, fifth grade



“We respected our school. It was awesome. Be healthy.”

Aubrey Elizabeth Cazares, 10, fifth grade

ON TO ECRMC

Longtime chamber executive moves on

BY ALEJANDRO DAVILA
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Cathy Kennerson was appointed as the new director of development at El Centro Regional Medical Center.

“I came from the health care industry and it’s always been my passion,” said Kennerson, who resigned Wednesday as chief executive officer of the El Centro Chamber of Commerce after 16 years of service.

“I’m really excited to go back to the health care industry,” she said.

During her time as CEO the chamber became financially independent from the city “and that was a huge accomplishment,” said El Centro Chamber of Commerce president Cherisse Alford.

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FOR 1 MORE YEAR

Calexico’s chamber covets city currency

BY CHELCEY ADAMI
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CALEXICO — City Council here decided to look into possibly funding the ailing Calexico Chamber of Commerce through the city’s general fund and not to allocate Measure H funds to it during its Tuesday night meeting.

The chamber has lost funding that normally comes from the city’s redevelopment agency. The agency’s funds have been frozen as a result of the governor’s efforts to do away with RDAs.

Chamber representatives described the chamber’s status as “crisis mode,” explaining that it has had to cut staff, hours and will need to scale back services as a whole.

Council members agreed the chamber is integral to the city but haven’t come to an agreement as to how much to fund the chamber or where the money will come from.

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SMILE OF THE DAY



“Because I get to see British soldiers with guns.” Martyn Lizarraga, 11, of Seeley

OBITS

Paula Gaulin 52, Holtville

Kathleen Rhodes 46, Seeley

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WHAT BILLS?

Imperial residents angry over water

\$50 to turn on water

BY ELIZABETH VARIN
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IMPERIAL — Water bills caused City Hall to fill when between 60 and 80 residents gathered in protest of their water being cut off.

The situation is ridiculous, said resident Lucy Trujillo, 30. She had to take time off work to head downtown after the babysitter called, saying the water had been shut off.

She had just received the bill for water

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in September, didn’t get any notice that her water was going to be turned off and had to pay \$50 to have it started again, she said. And so many others had come to City Hall with the same problem.

City Hall was packed Wednesday as residents protested the water getting turned off and the \$50 fee attached to start service up again. The issues are coming out of a city that residents say already faces high water bills.

Every month a number of residents’ water is turned off, City Manager Marlene Best said.

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Imperial residents line the counter at City Hall to questions city staff about their water service Wednesday. ELIZABETH VARIN PHOTO