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President's Message

Dear Members, Associates, & Friends,

A big "thank you" to Assemblyman Juan Alanis for being our August featured speaker. We appreciate his relentless efforts to fight for what's best for the citizens of CA Assembly District 22!

-Julie Carroll, President

Treasurer's Message

On behalf of the fundraising committee of Modesto Republican Women Federated, I'd like to thank everyone for your support for MODESTO RWF.

Special thanks to our speaker Joey Jones! It was an honor to meet him, talk to him, pick him up from the airport & drop him off at the airport at 4am. God bless this young man. He did enjoy & love our group, & he did have fun that night; this came from him by email. His inspirational speech came from his heart, & his life gives us hope for this great country. God bless our Veterans!

I'd like to thank Rev. Mike Douglass for mentioning this event on his radio program every day. I received so much positive feedback! We had a lot of new people attend this event & they left very happy and inspired.

Special thanks to President Julie Carroll, and all the board members who worked hard to bring this event together. I hope I didn't forget any names, but these are the members who generously donated baskets, guns, and cheese:

Gun donation: Levi & Sara Bradley

John & Lydia Kanno

Program: Nineveh Abady

Baskets: Steve & Julie Carroll, Ginger Ratto, Linda Countryman, Vickie Godkin, Karen Knox, Lydia Kanno, Norm & Anita Martin, Caroline Soony, Lynelle Hains, & Nineveh Abady

Website: Michael Wood

National Anthem: Claudia Ridgway

Special thanks to Margarito & his staff for the great dinner & service.

Thank you again - I'm so proud of every member of Modesto Republican Women Federated!

- Lydia Kanno, CFRW Treasurer





Next Meeting: September 12th, 2023

Time: 11:30

[Masonic Center of Modesto](#)

[800 Rose Ave, Modesto](#)

[*COST: \\$22 per person](#)

[*RSVP \(209\) 567-3399 or](#)

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****RSVP REQUIRED!! NO LATER than the Saturday PRIOR!**

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Upcoming

Dates/Events

September 5th – Labor Day

September 11th – National Day of Service and Remembrance

September 12th – MRWF Luncheon meeting

September 17th – Constitution Day & Citizenship Day

“I have told you these things, so that

In me you may have peace. In this world

You will have trouble. But take heart!

I have overcome the world.”

~John 16:33 NIV



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or your lunch on our website:

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Membership

Renewal = 42

New=17

Associate =10





SEPTEMBER FEATURED SPEAKER:



STANISLAUS COUNTY

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SCOTT KUYKENDALL



Superintendent Biography

Scott Kuykendall was elected Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools in November 2018 and sworn into office on January 7, 2019. He was re-elected in 2022 and sworn into office for a 2nd term on January 4, 2023. As Superintendent, he oversees the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) with a staff of over 1,150 and a budget of over \$301 million. SCOE provides direct instructional programs and support services to the 25 school districts in Stanislaus County. This includes 200 schools and over 108,000 students. The office also provides regional programs and services in a seven-county area.

A graduate of CSU, Stanislaus, Kuykendall began his career in 1994 as a high school teacher. Since then, he has served as vice principal, principal, and director at both the district and county level, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Options at SCOE, and now Superintendent of Schools.

Kuykendall led the Educational Options Division at SCOE for eight years and was instrumental in developing innovative programs for students and adults. He's been responsible for overseeing all SCOE alternative education schools, including the Stanislaus Military Academy, Valley Charter High School, and CBK Adult Charter School, a program offering adults a second chance at a high school diploma. He was also responsible for implementing the culinary arts program in Oakdale. Kuykendall promotes the success of students through a shared vision of learning that truly encompasses all students. His vision of learning stretches the full gamut because he knows one size does not fit all. Different students need different experiences.





Capitol Update



From the Desk of Mary Ervin, CFRW President
Submitted by Jeanne Solnordal, Legislative Analyst
August 17, 2023

What is our Governor up to?



California to fine school district \$1.5M for rejecting textbooks

Author: **Staff (ABC10)**

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Updated: **9:18 PM PDT July 19, 2023**

CALIFORNIA, USA — The Temecula Valley Unified School District is [getting new textbooks from the state](#) along with the bill and a \$1.5 million fine.

In a news release from Governor Gavin Newsom, he said the board's decision to reject textbooks will leave them without proper instruction materials for the new school year.

The governor said the state is entering into a contract for textbooks to provide students.

“The three political activists on the school board have yet again proven they are more interested in breaking the law than doing their jobs of educating students — so the state will do their job for them,” said Governor Newsom. “California will ensure students in Temecula begin the school year with access to materials reviewed by parents and recommended by teachers across the district. After we deliver the textbooks into the hands of students and their parents, the state will deliver the bill — along with a \$1.5 million fine — to the school board for its decision to willfully violate the law, subvert the will of parents, and force children to use an out-of-print textbook from 17 years ago.”

Officials said district students are using a textbook that was published in 2006. According to a news release, the district is out of compliance with at least three separate state laws and frameworks with its current curriculum.

Despite state officials calling on the school district adopt updated curriculum, the school board voted to reject the adoption of a new social studies curriculum on July 18. The curriculum was recommended by teachers in the district and reviewed by parents. Citing the school district, Newsom's office said the 98.8% of parents, educators and community members were supportive or impartial to the curriculum.

Newsom is also working with the legislators and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to fine school districts that don't provide "adequate instructional materials" to students.

Newsom will be visiting schools and high school career academies around the state — including today in Elk Grove — to emphasize career pathways.

The governor, [who is helping lead recent efforts against book bans](#), also pushed back on the narrative from “outside agitators” on classroom culture wars, saying that parents are involved in the educational process.

Resources:

<https://calmatters.org/>
Legislative Analyst's office



Constitution Day

- **Observed on September 17th.**

Brief overview

Constitution Day is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become United States citizens. We celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th each year, the anniversary date the Constitution was signed by thirty-nine delegates at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. In June of 1788 nine of the thirteen states had ratified the framework of the government of the United States of America, the Constitution. By July 4th, 1788 the people of ten states had ratified the Constitution, and we became a nation. In 2023, our nation's founding document is 236 years old.

The United States Constitution is our formal plan of government and the Supreme Law of the Land.

- The most famous and powerful three words of the Constitution, **“We the People”**

These three powerful words symbolize and represents the idea of a Constitutional republic that, in principle, governs with the participation and consent of its citizens.

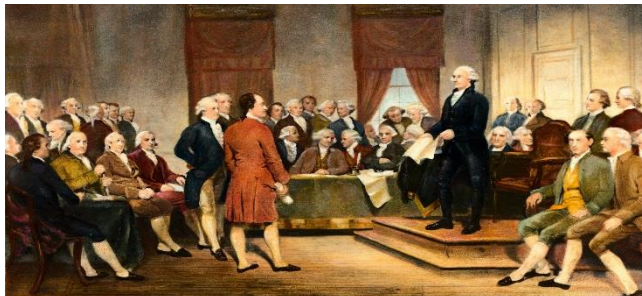
The Constitution establishes that the People of these United States grant power to the government and is accountable to the American people. The government receives its authority from the people, and we adhere to the Constitution in order to maintain our freedoms.

The Constitution formed a solid foundation for its people and has proven to be durable and a blessing. It created a new and stronger American Union. The Constitution extended a republic based on popular sovereignty, a nation of free people whose rights and liberties are protected by a written constitution.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated that the United States Constitution has proved itself the most marvelously elastic compilation of rules of government ever written.

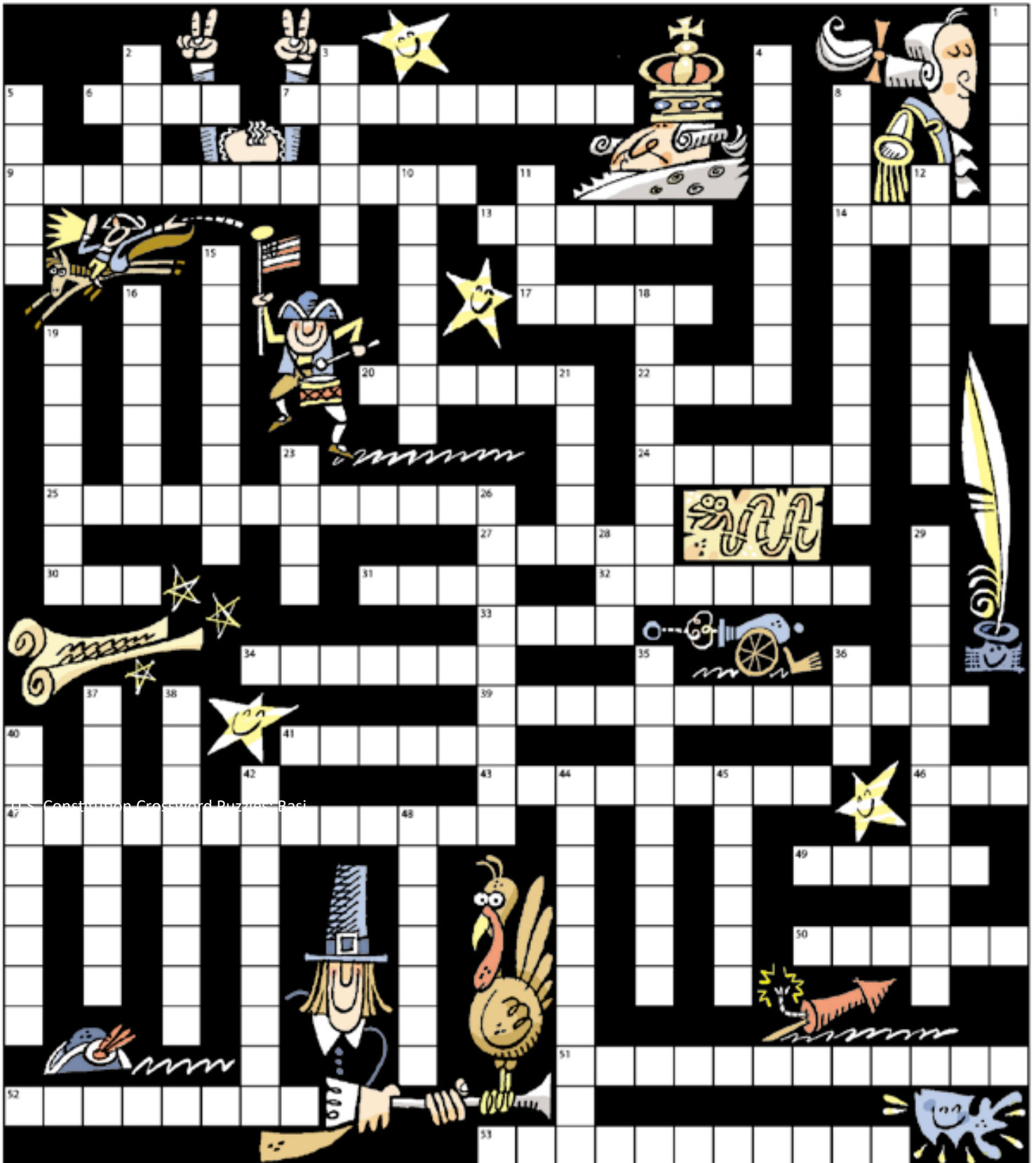
As part of the cultural heritage of the United States, we celebrate and continue to value this remarkable document that is the result of ideas from many people and several existing documents including the Articles of Confederation and the Declaration of Independence.

It's a privilege to be able to write this very brief overview of the federally observed holiday, Constitution Day.
Linda Countryman



****Here's a fun crossword puzzle – print the following 3 pages and enjoy!**

CONSTITUTIONFACTS.COM



ACROSS

6. The United States president is elected for _____ years.
7. King of England during the American Revolution.
9. The Declaration of _____ was a proclamation of the former American colonies that they were now and henceforth free states.
13. The 50th state added to our Union was _____.
14. How many branches are there in the government of the United States?
17. This British act levied an internal tax on various documents and articles in the American colonies.
20. The date of Independence Day is July _____.
22. There is one _____ for each state in the Union on the United States flag.
24. The 49th state added to our Union was _____.
25. One of the 13 original colonies.
27. What is the head executive of a city government called?
30. Article _____ states that the Constitution shall be the supreme law of the land.
31. Article _____ sets forth the ways to amend the Constitution.
32. One of the 13 original colonies (two words).
33. How many Supreme Court justices are there?
34. The Constitution of the United States can be _____.
39. One of the 13 original colonies.
41. The _____ of the United States elect Congress.
43. One of the 13 original colonies

- (two words).
46. How many full terms can the president of the United States serve?
47. The _____ (2 words) becomes president of the United States if the president should die.
49. How many stars are there on the United States flag?
50. The _____ Continental Congress called for peace, made preparations for war, and declared independence.
51. What holiday was celebrated for the first time by the American colonists?
52. Colonist who remained loyal to the King of England during the American Revolution; a Tory.
53. One of the 13 original colonies.

DOWN

1. How many stripes are there on the United States flag?
2. Al _____: President Bill Clinton's vice president.
3. A Boston patriot, Paul _____ rode to warn Lexington and Concord that the British were marching their way.
4. Pilgrim agreement (compact) before landing at Plymouth to pass and obey laws for the good of the colony.
5. The stars on the United States flag are _____.
8. George Washington was Commander-in-Chief of the _____ Army.
10. Bill _____: The president following George Bush.
11. It is the duty of Congress to make _____.
12. Benjamin _____ was a statesman who helped arrange a military alliance with France and headed the American peace talks.
15. The Senate and the House of

- Representatives is what we call _____.
16. The destruction of a cargo of tea by colonists who were opposed to the tea tax is known as the _____ Tea Party.
18. The name given to the clash between British soldiers and Bostonians was the "Boston _____" - several colonists were killed.
19. The _____ on the United States flag represent the original 13 states.
21. Patrick _____ was a Virginia patriot whose eloquent speeches helped to stir up resistance to Britain.
23. The colors of the United States flag are red, white, and _____.
26. A change to the United States Constitution is called an _____.
28. Article _____ of the Constitution tells how the Legislative Branch of government should work.
29. The _____ is the supreme law of the United States.
35. Established in 1607, this colony became the first permanent English colony in America.
36. The stripes on the United States flag are _____ and white.
37. Name given to the British soldiers by the people of Boston.
38. One of the 13 original colonies (New _____).
40. What is the head executive of a state government called?
42. The Pilgrims came to America for _____ freedom.
44. The first president of the United States was George _____.
45. There are 50 _____ in the Union.
48. On Independence Day we celebrate independence from

ANSWERS:

The crossword puzzle grid contains the following words:

- THIRTY
- FOUR
- GEORGE III
- MAY
- CONFERENCE
- HAWAII
- INDEPENDENCE
- BOSTON
- PENNSYLVANIA
- MAYOR
- NEW YORK
- CHANGED
- MASSACHUSETTS
- PEOPLE
- NEW JERSEY
- VICE PRESIDENT
- SLAVES
- FIFTY
- SHOW
- SECOND
- THANKSGIVING
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