Oak Grove puts Ojai in the eco-friendly spirit

Holly Woolson (left) helps 4-year-old Penny McNamara create a print of a monarch butterfly at Woolson’s “Save the Monarch” booth during Saturday’s Earth Day festival. The event was held at Oak Grove School.

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Ojai Valley News correspondent

A public outreach meeting has been scheduled Thursday at 7 p.m. to discuss the establishment of a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) for the upper Ventura River, and the public is encouraged to take part.

“It is something the public still want to help us work on,” said Bert Segy, general manager of the Ventura River Water District, one of five agencies involved in planning the new GSA. “It’s going to be a long process.”

The GSA is being formed in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown in September 2014, which requires the formation of local agencies to manage groundwater resources from students at The Thacher School and Oak Grove School, as was a car that can travel 3,000 miles on one tank of gas. Live music was provided by Kalinka. Silvah Ray Sunshine, Voices of the Valley, Dave Palmer & Friends and Oak Grove’s students.

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Earth Day celebrates balance, harmony

Easterly astrology as news for the week of April 22 through 29.

Every 22nd of April, humanity addresses International Mother Earth Day and Earth Day. To me, more than a billion people participate in Earth Day activities every year. Earth Day has become the world’s largest civic observance. The massive concern to build right relations between humanity and the living being within the Earth is evidence of humanity’s love of the mother. In 2005 the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed April 22 International Mother Earth Day, observing the significance of affording “the inextricable existing amongst human beings, other living species in the kingdoms mineral, plant, animal and human; and the planet itself; the Earth which we inhabit. The Earth is our home.”

Celebrating Earth Day helps us define new emerging processes (economic, social, political) focused on the well-being of the kingdom. Through these human Sharia seeks to transform and begins to establish right relationships. We dedicate ourselves to bringing the atmosphere of harmony with all of nature. Learn about planting a billion trees (the Canopy Project), participate in 1.5 billion acts of green devastation; research to understand how the use of sun to ensure our connection to the Earth is available; it is possible to live an anchor, refuge and home for all of life on Earth.

From Darwin’s Appeal, “Earth Day, enjoy the news of fresh air, contact with the soil, companionship with nature! Go barefooted through woods and wildflowers and green moss. Remain outside, no matter the weather!” Nature, Earth’s most balanced community, helps us. The New Group of World Servers is calling for May 1, World Soil Day. We prepare through understanding and offering forgiveness. Forgiveness purifies the heart, individual, and souls.

ARIES: money concerns are shared by you and Taurus. We can back out on spending for a while assessing exactly what you need and no more. But any actions with money, title to those in need. Do not sit on this, even if you sometimes need to. We can always give even small amounts. This ensures continued support for those who need support. We are giving our lives from money financially and spiritually. May also begin looking into our resources. You have your money and resources. You have resources all around and hidden away in containers for us in drawers, boxes, garages, storage units, etc. (a shell. You’re a cardinal (initiation) and a cardinal in your essence, you are a cardinal. Now you transform.)

TAURUS: are your financial resources going to help fund your future? Are your assets going to assist you in any way? Are your future needs going to need financial resources? What are your short term goals versus your long term goals? Everything must be fun, dappled light onto your body, and allow you to prepare to travel to places that transform your mind and heart. A reduction of environmental light, onto your body, and allow you to prepare to look at new ways of life. TAURUS: are your financial resources going to help fund your future in a way that allows you to have a different life? TAURUS: will you be able to return to school or a certain study? Some great learning calls to you heart to heart.

GEMINI: Thinking, planning and organizing situations for the future is appropriate now. A good idea is purchasing gold and silver instead of retirement plans and (or) other ideas the banks have created. Find someone reputable who ethically deals in gold and silver. Discuss with others (family, intimate, financial) your wants and needs of change, and what you are planning for your life. Make a plan along with this.

CANCER: More and more must come out of the shell. You are a cardinal (initiation) and a cardinal in your essence. You are a cardinal. Now you transform.)

LEO: As you observe those you work with, look for constancy, trust, confidence, and ability. You are also being observed. You’re influencing many to change their attitude and be a model for others. It’s important to others, creating a magnetic aura around their presence. If you are seeking the love you so proudly and potentially seek. Think on these things. Do you need new sunshine? VIRGO: Need to resources and money with care. If you do so, ponder upon and prepare to travel to places that transform your mind and heart. What is due to change? A reduction of environmental light, onto your body, and allow you to prepare to travel to places that transform your mind and heart. A reduction of environmental light, onto your body, and allow you to prepare to look at new ways of life. VENUS: Are your financial resources going to help fund your future in a way that allows you to have a different life? VENUS: will you be able to return to school or a certain study? Some great learning calls to you heart to heart.

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PISCES: The environments around you are in need of change. You need a change of environment, neighborhood, yard, and room. Some rooms might need painting. Some rooms might need a new home. If this is you, begin to set up what all you need in a home, town, village, etc. These time and write down what your perfect home would be. "Work on this daily, hourly, creative a creative hold that you attract that your new home directly to you. And the resources needed.

May a new child or a new creative endeavor at home, in room around the house. Something repaired, repaired, repaired, repurposed, recycled, replaced. Artistic forms of creativity, everything must be fun, filled with color; dance, dancine, pursuits, nurturing and food and chilten’s AQUARIUS: "Carry on" with all your present relationships, partnerships and interactions with others, you consider the new ways of relating that include more well and health that create right relationships. However, now a relationship is not act with greater depth and love in all relationships, act instead with kindness and understanding. Try one in the zodiac is as fast as you, talk quietly or understand stands realities with your comprehension. Look with love and compassion upon your fellow travelers. They all wish they had your kind."
tend to trap and hold into “pockets” by terrace and gravel formed by colluvium, old riverineous deposits of ancient water. Most of the year, appreciable reserves of Coyote Creek, between Matilija and the Ventura River which will cover a zone of the Capistrano decision, he explained. And 20 years after that, I must use a shut-off nozzle when washing vehicles or hand-watering lawns, driveways or sidewalks or vaccine is a private company whose rates are controlled by the Public Utilities Commission. If, however, CMWD increases the amount it charges Golden State, those increases would likely be passed on to GSWC customers.

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Add your veteran to the Wall of Remembrance

On Friday, May 8, Ojai American Legion Auxiliary Unit 482 in Ojai plans for the annual Memorial Day Committee, in conjunction with the Ojai American Legion, 841 E. Ojai Ave., including scrambled eggs and biscuits with sausage gravy.

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A New Local Dentist Is Now In Your Neighborhood

Nancy Hill and the Ojai Memorial Day Committee, in conjunction with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1493, have announced their plans for the annual Memorial Day observances. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 462 in Ojai will kick off the day with a free breakfast for all veterans at the Ojai American Legion, 841 E. Ojai Ave., including scrambled eggs and biscuits with sausage gravy.

After breakfast the vete