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MUSD delivers 1 million meals

Precision greases the wheels of productivity — 10,000 per week

By Bill Coate
THE MADERA TRIBUNE

When the trucks rolled out of the Pine Street headquarters of Madera Unified's Child Nutrition Department on Tuesday, May 26, one of them had a special delivery. It carried the one millionth meal that the district has delivered to Madera's students since schools were closed on March 13 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

When the school board issued the closure order on that Friday, Brian Chiarito, MUSD Child Nutrition Director, and his staff had four

days to convert their warehouse into a meals factory, complete with assembly lines, and to be prepared to deliver food to the district's 18 elementary schools.

As Chiarito recalls it, everybody gave it everything they had on the Saturday, Sunday, Monday (a district day off), and Tuesday that followed the closure order, to develop a system in which they acquired the product, prepared the breakfasts and lunches and delivered them to the schools. On Wednesday, March 18, that system was in place and the trucks rolled.



FOR THE MADERA TRIBUNE
The Madera Unified School District Child Nutrition Department's production line fills boxes of food for students.

According to Chiarito, the meals program quickly evolved from daily deliveries to once-a-week deliveries. This meant meals had to be prepared, refrigerated or frozen, and stored until it was time to put them on pallets and deliver them.

Child Nutrition now has a failsafe procedure that delivers 10,000 meals every week for Madera's kids. Every Thursday the bulk shipments arrive. Truck after truck pulls up and unloads the ingredients for the meals. These include burritos, sandwiches, cereals,

milk, juice, waffles, snacks, chicken nuggets, sausage and biscuits, graham honey bars, instant refried pinto beans, instant mashed potatoes, chocolate chip cookies, and much more.

The next day, Friday, is preparation day. The assembly belts are lined with more than 60 workers who prepare the food for packaging. Somehow, scores of items are separated into breakfasts and lunches and wind up at the end in individual boxes — one for each student. Each box contains breakfast

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Chowchilla High celebrates 100th graduation



A group of Chowchilla High graduates social distance as they take a group photo in celebration of Chowchilla High's 100th Commencement Ceremony.



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Chowchilla High School graduates Mikayla Mendoza and Raymond Mendoza exit the stadium after receiving their diplomas on Wednesday.

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RIGHT — Melissa Middleton helps her son, Kai, straighten his cap as he prepares to graduate. Kai plans to serve in the U.S. Army.



CENTER — Marielle Equipado helps place her daughter, Roselin Lontok's CSF tassel on her cap.



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Parents Jennifer and Michael Woloszyn join their son Zachary following his graduation ceremony.

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Places of worship, salons and barbershops are now open in Madera County, since the state on Tuesday okayed the opening of such shops under rules of the Department of Public Health, which has been trying to keep the people safe since the onset earlier this year of the coronavirus pandemic. Rudy Contreras, right, and Julian Hernandez spent a busy day Wednesday trimming the hair and beards of their customers at Ruben's Barbershop at 1621 Howard Road. The men in town hurried to their barbers because they didn't want to be picked up by the dog catcher.

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