

# 2021 THE BIG TELL WINNERS

**The Arts, The Gift That Keeps on Giving** by *Jeremy Miller*

Local legend Deborah McCoy shares what fuels her passion for dance, the role it has served in her life, and how she uses her talent to serve others.

**Good Fire** by *Erica Tom*

For thousands of years the North Fork Mono Tribe has used fire to restore Central Valley land. A look at this practice amidst a time of drought, megafires, and climate change.

**Hope in a Basket** by *Chad Saechao*

Asian strawberry farmers in Visalia share the roots of their business and what it takes to own one of the busiest strawberry stands in town.

**Kaweah Kweens** by *Zach Green Films*

From the foothills to Capitol Hill—middle school girls help pass national legislation combating climate change.

**Little Big Gym** by *Rigoberto Moran*

A small gym in Farmersville is a free outlet for kids to play and learn—and a source of inspiration for the community.

**Mammoths in Madera?!** by *Eddie Garcia*

A paleontologist uncovers Madera's Ice Age history after an intact mammoth tusk led to the discovery of a trove of fossils in a Madera landfill.

**Mi Elotero (My Corn Man)** by *Carolina De La Torre*

Community support is imperative as Latino street vendors face a rise in violence against them.

**Not Just any Restaurant** by *Matt Mealer*

A mother and daughter draw on 130 years of Central Valley heritage as they breathe new life into an iconic Basque restaurant in Los Banos.

**Beyond the Basket** by *Jennifer Robin*

A look at the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation's traditional basket making and medicine gathering. Elder basket weavers share why cultivating medicine is important to the tribe.

**Stan Bitters: Ceramics Wizard** by *Ed Goto*

A documentary focusing on the impact this local internationally-known ceramics artist had on the 1960's Organic Modernist Craft Movement.

