Ongoing

What’s happening

I For pre-teen interested in gaming, crafting, watching movies or just hanging out with friends, The Spot — at the Stephens Branch Library — is the place to go after school. Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. and Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 530-747-5933 or visit www.yolocounty.org.

Thursday, Jan. 7

Bailey Bramer, is preparing to take her role as Clara in the 2012 “Davis Children’s Nutcracker.”

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Aidan Cohan enters seventh grade at Harper Junior High this year. He noticed that not all of the kids around him at Harper had smartphones and laptops — things that make it easy for him to look up information for his class assignments or projects or just to communicate with his buds.

“I realized how important having access to technology is to me to get my homework done and to connect with my friends,“ he said.

But what many Davey in this grant is certainly not unique — quite simply — any kid who has access to the internet has access to virtually anything. And because of that, any kid can afford to equip their kids with technology.

So Aidan, 12, decided to do something helping.

“I thought that maybe my technology could be good way to try to get devices to the students that might not be able to afford them,” he said.

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And what better good deed than to get the technology he finds as useful into the hands of youth and others who aren’t as privileged, he said.

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Looking for something to do this weekend? Check out these events:

• Ongoing: “Ask-An-Archivist.” The Davis Public Library on E. 14th St. is allowing patrons to ask an archivist questions about library collections. Visit the library any time the branch is open. Information on dates and times can be found at http://human-i-t.org/public-ation.html.

• Saturday: Event at the Nativ- ity: Half marathon, 5k run, 1-mile run and 1-mile walk. The event will be held at 9 a.m. at the Veterans’ Memorial Theatre. The event will see a few exciting changes. In past years, the half marathon ran through the Hawaiian Dancers and business associations. This year, the route will remain the same classic path to the Stephens Branch Library. Registration will remain the same. The 5k run will be a fun run for all ages and will be a great way to try to get devices to the students that might not be able to afford them,” he said.

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