



COURTESY PHOTOS

Casey Fetter, 43, with sons David, 12, Tim, 9, and Jordan, 8, receive groceries from Auburn Interfaith Food Closet.

City council proclaims September as Hunger Action Month

STAFF REPORT

At the Aug. 27 Auburn City Council meeting, Mayor Bridget Powers issued a proclamation that September is Hunger Action Month. Feeding America created Hunger Action month nationwide so communities could band together to support local food closets and food banks and provide groceries where needed.

There are four agencies in Auburn providing those groceries and serving as a safety net. They are: the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet, the Adventist Community Services, the Auburn Salvation Army, and the Sierra Reach Ministries. They are not funded by the government but by individual members and businesses in our community. CalFresh indicates there are 3,000 eligible individuals who could be enrolled in CalFresh but are not.

Everyone can help. Even a dollar makes a difference. The Auburn Interfaith Food Closet provides groceries for about 1,900 individuals every month. There are 12,000 individuals in zip codes 95603 and 95602 who live on \$2,000 or less, said a press release from the food closet.

"It is primarily these individuals who need help," the release



Mayor Bridget Powers, Sandy Bassett of Auburn Interfaith Food Closet, and Steve Holm of Adventist Community Services at the Auburn City Council meeting where September was proclaimed Hunger Action Month.

said. "Many of them are working in low-paying jobs and are trying to make ends meet. Others are veterans, seniors, single mothers. The homeless make up only 7 percent of the individuals served."

Non-perishable foods or produce

from residents' gardens can be donated directly to the food closet. Family sponsors are also available as are volunteers to participate in the Auburn Community Food Drive. For more information, go to auburnfoodcloset.org.