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## Swift, Strong, and Proud!

Celebrating our Firefighter Heroes



In a dramatic rope rescue, CALFIRE's Swift Water Rescue Team saves an elderly woman from her home that had been cut-off by raging white-water rapids. Photo provided by Mike Conaty

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Red Suspenders Day is a unique event to our area which puts the focus directly onto our firefighters.

For over six decades, Gridley has been celebrating these heroes, whose day-to-day duties include responding to a variety of emergency situations, fire education, community service/

outreach, and the constant honing of their individual and team skill sets.

Gridley's CALFIRE/Butte County/ Station 74 happens to be equipped with highly specialized staff, state of the art gear and craft, not to mention superior ranking specialized teams such as the Type 1 OES Swift Water Rescue Team (SWRT).

In mid-March of this year, the SWRT was deployed on its first

CAL OES deployment which lasted nearly two weeks. Within just a few hours of being prepositioned by CAL OES, the 16-man team rolled out to the San Luis Obispo area and later Tulare County, where they assisted in 18 rescues.

Stationed in the Three Rivers area where runoff from heavy rains created surging river rapids, SWRT

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### **Gridley City** Council **Approves Multi-Family Development**

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -Discussion about a new multi-family development on Highway 99 was focused on concern for easement and setbacks needed by the Butte Water District to maintain Lateral 4.

The Orchard View subdivision agreement came before the Gridley City Council for approval at the May 1 council meeting. Located on the west side of the highway, north of Hust Brothers, a Reclamation District 2056 drainage ditch borders the property on the south, and BWD maintains Lateral 4 on the north. The developers plan fencing along both facilities.

"I thought it was understood that they would have a 20' easement to the south of that ditch, and this map does not show that," said Mayor Mike Farr, speaking of BWD Lateral 4. "They've got to be able to get their equipment down that ditch to clean it."

City Planner Donna Decker replied, "The City is currently in discussion to mitigate concerts of both Butte Water District and RD 2056, and I can assure you that this map would not be recorded prior to those mitigations being agreed upon."

Council member James Roberts noted that the developers needed timely action from the council in order to apply for grants to underground Lateral 4. Farr added he would be watching the process closely, to be sure people in the development are safe and that water can be delivered to Gridley's farmers.

The City of Gridley sits within the Sutter Buttes Basin, with flood protection and levee construction managed by the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency. Councilmembers voted to approve an impact fee requested by SBFCA. The one-time impact fee will be collected on new single-family, multi-family, commercial, and industrial development at the time permits are issued. SBFCA is asking all land-use agencies in the basin to adopt Continued on page 3

# Fish On is Right On! Gridley Kids Fishing Day Reels in a Big Crowd



That's a big one! First place winners for "biggest catch" Colton Johnson (left) and Breylyn Emery (right) both caught fish over 6 lbs. They also won some nice new wheels!

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Little anglers made their way

west to Gray Lodge Wildlife Area on Saturday, May 13th, for the annual Gridley Parks and Recreation Fishing Day.

As early as 7:00 am, families and youngsters arrived to be shuttled out to parking lot 14 via Gridley Unified School Buses and

trekked an additional 1/4 mile to Bone Yard Pond. There they registered for free fishing, free lunch, Continued on page 2

TOGETHER WE GROW















By Josh F.W. Cook

McDonald's, the amazing worldwide restaurant chain that started in California, is turning 75 this year. Can you remember the first time you went to a Mcdonald's?

Congress in 1967 declared May 15 to be Peace Officers Remembrance Day. Six Butte County peace officers have died while on duty: Lt. Bill Estes and Deputy Bill Hunter in 2001, Deputy Randy Jennings in 1997, Deputy Charles Brown Jr. in 1959, Sheriff Alvin Kister in 1937, and Deputy Constable A.D. Miner in 1934. Deputy Constable Arthur DeWitt Miner was killed in Gridley in 1934. He and volunteer Fireman Tony Soares were stabbed by a criminal arrested near the downtown Southern Pacific Railroad depot. Soares lived, Miner died. There is a plaque on Hazel Street that memorializes and honors Deputy DeWitt. Of the others, I can say I knew Larry Estes. He was a wonderful man and a great

manager of people and

programs in the Sheriff's

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Office. Sheriff Kory preferences. This includes Honea recently commented that at a crucial time in his training, Estes gave him an opportunity that changed the trajectory of his career forever. At this year's Butte County Peace Officer Memorial ceremony in Oroville, Lt. Estes's son Brian Estes spoke about things his Father taught him and how those lessons live on in the work he does as the Fire Chief of Placer County.

There used to be more dairies in Butte County. Historic photos show a place called the Gridley Creamery, and it was one of the most profitable businesses in the Biggs/ Gridley area for many years. There has been a trend towards larger dairy farms in California, with smaller farms either going out of business or being bought out by more extensive operations. This increased the average herd size from around 500 cows in 2010 to over 1,000 in 2021. Dairy farmers in California have been using technology more extensively in recent years to improve efficiency and productivity. For example, automated milking, cow monitoring, and precision feeding systems are becoming more common (robots taking over). Diversification of dairy farmers have been

exploring new mar-

a growing interest in non-dairy alternatives such as plant-based milk, niche products like fancy odd cheeses, organic dairy products, and milk with added proteins and variations for lactose intolerant types. The estimated gross value of agricultural production in Butte County for 2021 totaled \$609,955,303. This is a \$15,429,406 decrease over the 2020 gross value total of \$625,384,709. Butte County's 10-year average is \$713,185,710. Dairies only report \$1.1 million of activity. In 1992 Butte County Milk production was reported at \$2.7 million (in 2023, dollars would be \$5.2 million). The simple fact is that dairies got bigger and moved to wide open spaces in the Central Valley. This topic came to the forefront of mind because there is an effort afoot in Washington, D.C., inside the United States Department of Agriculture to remove Chocolate Milk from the national school lunch program. Is America really still America if we ban Chocolate Milk from our schools? Write your member of Congress today and stand up for Chocolate Milk.

Josh F.W. Cook is an dairy products: California administrator and educator. Views expressed in this column (though kets and products to wildly popular) are his meet changing consumer alone.

## The New Pi-Line Fish On is Right On!



California Fish and Game Warden J. Frazer helped this little guy with his snagged fishing line.

Continued from page 1 and received tickets for the chance at 32 random raffle prizes managed by Gridley Parks and Rec.

Those that didn't have poles were able to borrow from the City of Gridley's supply, donated by Kiwanis Club of Oroville, and everyone was equipped with complimentary bait. California Fish and Game were present with an information booth and game wardens on the ground that assisted little ones with everything from getting the bait on the hook, teaching children how to take a caught fish off the line, and even getting lines untangled from stray casts.

Gridley Police Department, CALFIRE/ Butte County/Gridley Fire Department, California Fish and Game and Gray Lodge Staff were present to assist and safeguard the fishermen and fisherwomen, while Gridley Lions Club manned the grill and dealt out tasty lunches.

The pond was stocked with 900 lbs. of live channel catfish and throughout the day excited cries echoed around the banks as kids made catch after catch, many for their first time! Those reeling in large fish logged their weight at the fish weigh in station and entered their name for the "biggest catch" contest.



Juliana Aguirre exclaimed, "Oh my gosh! I am so excited! I finally got one!" and beamed with pride after catching her first fish! Little brother Fernando Aguirre looks on excitedly.

Pulling the biggest catfish from the pond for the girls was Breylyn Emery with a 6.94 lb. catch and Colton Johnson for the boys with a whopping 7.16 pounder. Second place for the girls was Sophia McBride with a 6.67 lb. catch and Jack Morey for the boys with a 6.63 lb.

First place winners took home brand new bikes courtesy of Four 1 Logistics and Amy and Daniel Ayala. Second place winners were equipped with brand new poles.

At the end of the 5-hour long event, registration logged 871 participants. Parks and Recreation Director, Ashley Ayala said, "I would like to thank everyone who came out to participate in this year's event. We gained great insights to make this event that much better in the future," and paid tribute to the generous sponsors of Kids Fishing Day.





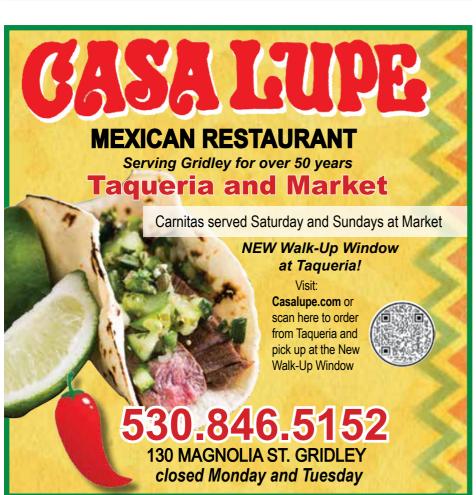


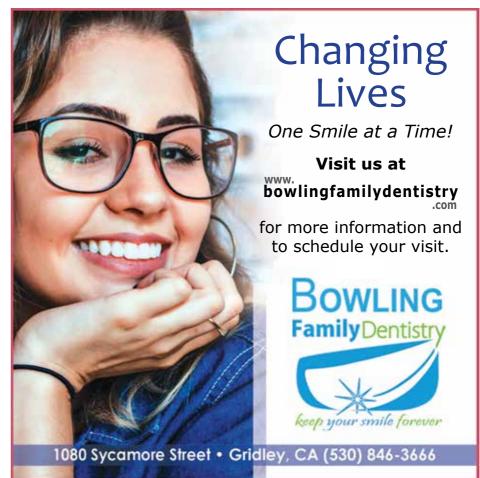
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## **Gridley City Council Approves Multi-Family Development**



Jake Carter (left), Electric Utility Director, and Ryan Carlson, Electrical Supervisor, reported to the Gridley City Council that their attendance at a utility conference was beneficial. Photo by Cindy Scott

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the impact fee, and it will only go into effect if all agencies agree.

SBFCA will need \$625 million in levee improvements in order to maintain the required certifications. They will receive \$604 million in grants, leaving \$21 million in needed funds. The impact fee was determined by calculating the number of developable acres in the basin in the next 30 years, then dividing the remaining needed funds by the projected square footage. The fees will be \$428 per 1000 square feet of conditioned space.

Council members voted on several items related to the Gridley Industrial Complex off West Liberty Road. First, they named a road in the complex "Dewsnup Road," after Farr commented that the Dewsnup family were original owners.

Second, the council approved the sale of two parcels. The complex was originally purchased by the Gridley Redevelopment Agency, using bonds from 2008. When the RDA was dissolved, the city became the successor agency, with obligations to close all activities and properties once held by the RDA. Because several taxing agencies were involved in the original purchase of the property, the city will receive 18-19% of the sale proceeds.

One parcel will be sold to Chad and Amanda Hansen, owners of CAT Transportation on Nielson Avenue in Gridley. Chad said, "We've just outgrown the space we have now and want to purchase land for growing more."

Aaron Pamma, from Live Oak, is purchasing the second parcel. He is working with a manufacturing company similar in size to COE Manufacturing and consistent with Tuff Boys/Sutter Buttes Manufacturing, which will be across the street. Pamma plans on building two 6700 sq. ft. warehouses, hoping to promote jobs for the Gridley and Live Oak areas.

Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson thanked Pamma for his plans, saying, "It's going to create some buzz out there, and we'll fill them all up." Pamma responded, "When you see something that develops nicely, it opens doors for someone else to come in.'

The city is set to receive a \$1.28 million payout from a lawsuit filed by Northern California Power Agency against the US Government. The city is a member of NCPA, a consortium of several locally owned electric utilities which make joint investments in energy resources. NCPA challenged the government's calculations for payments made to NCPA related to power and water deliveries. This one-time payment to the city will be returned to the electric enterprise fund for possible future infrastructure enhancements.

Ryan Carlson, Electrical Supervisor, and Jake Carter, Electric Utility Director from the Gridley Electric Department, discussed the benefits of attending a utility conference. They developed relationships with other municipal utilities - paving the way to support and help each other, learned about conducting their own pole testing as a cost-saving measure, and saw new tools and protective clothing that would improve safety. Farr responded to their report by saying, "We hear nothing but good about our electrical department. We're really lucky to have you."

## Swift, Strong, and Proud!



CALFIRE/Gridley Fire Department Station 74 crew members stand before its state-of-the-art Ladder Truck 74. Pictured left to right: John Hartman, Rob Kenyon, Nick Del Chiaro, and Jesse Carrasco. Photo by Seti Long

Continued from page 1 retrieved 17 campers who had been cut off for 10 days, participated in a dynamic rope rescue of an elderly woman with a tension parallel highline that later went viral online, and since 6 of their team members were large animal rescue specialists, they were able to save a horse which had fallen victim to a sinkhole.

Gridley's Station 74 acts as the hub for the SWRT and Biggs' Station 73 also houses the teams Type 1 OES trailer and jet skis, says Battalion Chief Mike Conaty. He explains that Gridley's somewhat central location to the areas that tend to get high volumes of water-rescue calls makes it the prime location to act as the SWRT's base.

Conaty attributes the development of the CAL OES SWRT to CALFIRE's Sean Norman. Norman got Station 74's first boat and began the process of building a SWRT and focused on curriculum cadre, which has resulted in a level of excellence where Gridley's firefighters are "truly experts" in tactical water rescue and technical rope rescue.

The depth of the department's abilities is something that Gridley should "absolutely be proud of," says Conaty. Although Gridley doesn't always get to see their firemen demonstrating their skills in the action, they are allowed a look at the specialized equipment that helps keep them and the surrounding communities safe throughout the year.

The Red Suspenders Day (RSD) celebration



Saving more than just people, CALFIRE's Swift Water Rescue Team members responded to large animal rescue call. With multiple members large animal rescue specialists, the horse was removed from the sinkhole in which it was stuck without injury. Photo provided by CALFIRE

affords county, local, and surrounding CALFIRE/ fire departments the ability to advertise the variety of rescue vehicles and apparatus to the public as they parade through the heart of downtown Gridley. Conaty reminds the public that there are always units in place to respond to an emergency so that the equipment present at RSD is freed from duty unless necessary.

This year, Conaty hopes to have even more equipment present for RSD with a bit larger SWRT display, thanks to the team's growing notoriety.

Another highlight of RSD is the Fireman's Games where volunteer companies and area departments battle it out shooting high pressure blasts of water from hoses aimed at a barrel suspended from Ladder Truck 74. Competition is growing fiercer, and this year may see even more teams competing. These "games"

are physically challenging and rigorous, demonstrating hose technique and handling skills of our firefighters. Meanwhile the public, especially the children, enjoy the errant sprays from the hoses and close-up look at their heroes.

Of what it means to be celebrated in Red Suspenders Days, Gridley Station 74's Rob Kenyon says it incorporates them (firefighters) into the community and makes them feel like "neighbors". Gridley 74's Nick De Chiaro adds that it allows them the chance to talk and socialize with community members outside of responding to emergencies and both agree that they, and the rest of the department, enjoy it immensely.

"For us, it's a big deal. It's the only parade or event in the entire county that's... solely there to honor firefighters." Says Conaty of Red Suspenders Days. "We take pride in that."











Local law enforcement helped support the hospital by volunteering to man the ice cream station for the evening. Pictured left to right: Sutter County Sheriff's Office Captain Jason Piazza, GPD Officer Phil Prater, GPD Lt. Todd Farr, Becky Harr, and GPD Police Chief Rodney Harr.



Orchard Hospital Auxiliary members sold tickets for the annual all-you-can-eat Ice Cream Social. Pictured Left to right: Marvine Elliott, Kirsten Storne-Piazza, Joan Clarke, and Cindy Crov.



Members of the GHS Volleyball Team picked the winning tickets for the various raffle prizes and



Many families came out to enjoy the night at the Orchard Hospital Auxiliary's Ice Cream Social. Pictured here left to right: Bree Leishman, Sofia Solis, Victoria Solis, Juan Solis and Maribel Solis. Front: Saxon Ross and Emma Solis.

#### Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Last Thursday evening, May 11, 2023, the ladies of the Orchard Hospital Auxiliary held their annual Ice Cream Social.

The event has been held for so long that many of the current hospital auxiliary members can't recall the exact year of its origin - just that at that time, all the ice cream was hand made. The two-part event included ticket sales for cake and/or ice cream and a raffle.

All funds raised by the auxiliary support the hospital in purchasing needed equipment and medical supplies, providing scholarships for staff or students, and items for the gift shop, which is now being housed in the Medical Specialty Center building.

Gridley High School students came to the aid of the auxiliary, setting up tables and chairs before the social, while the GHS Volleyball Team assisted the evening and ran the raffle event. Gridley Police Department donned aprons



Sutter County Sheriff's Officer and local, Jason Piazza, was tasked with manning the mint chip barrel, serving scoops of the sweets stuff to those in attendance

justice, they dished out scoops of patrons' choice of ice cream.

Raffle tickets were sold up to 7:30 pm when the drawing for each of the prizes was held. In a fun twist to the evening, Kirsten Storne-Piazza, Chief Clinic Administrator and liaison between Orchard and the auxiliary, announced winners of gift baskets with a GPD cruisers speaker. Lovely

raffle prizes were donated

and instead of dealing out by the following Orchard Hospital departments and affiliates: Emergency Room, Business Office, Radiology, Orchard Hospital Foundation, Case Management, Medical Specialty Center, Human Resources and Administration.

Winners were elated with their take home and everyone in attendance enjoyed the community spirit, ice cream, and of course, supporting our local hospital.

## We All Scream for Ice Cream! Sex Offender/Burglar Sentenced to 10 Years, 8 Months

**Butte County DA News Release** 

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Chico man was sentenced in Butte County Superior Court on May 4, 2023, to 10 years and 8 months in state prison for raping an unconscious woman and for two separate and unrelated home burglaries.

Jacob Ruiz, 22, was sentenced to the maximum term by Superior Court Judge Kristen Lucena following a plea to his

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the rape case stemmed from the early morning hours of July 16, 2022, when Ruiz encountered a highly-intoxicated 23-year-old woman in downtown Chico, took her back to her residence, and sexually assaulted her on her back porch. The young woman remembered almost nothing of the assault. When she awoke the next day, she participated in a sexual assault exam at Enloe Hospital, leading to DNA evidence that eventually linked Ruiz to the crime.

In the meantime, before the DNA results returned, Ruiz committed two separate burglaries on the morning of August 17, 2022. A homeowner called the police at approximately 7:00 a.m. to report a burglary in progress at a residence on Mission Serra Terrace. The woman was upstairs when she heard a door open. The woman found Ruiz standing near a bathroom sink.

The woman's elderly mother was sleeping downstairs and discovered Ruiz had rummaged through her personal belongings and taken some items. Ruiz was found near the scene and was identified by the homeowner.

A resident of an apartment complex nearby also called Chico Police at about 7:55 a.m. that same morning to report someone had broken into his studio apartment through his kitchen window, stealing his cell phone, wallet, and other items. These items were found on Ruiz when he was captured at the Mission Serra Terrace burglary.

In court today, Ruiz's attorney asked the judge to give his client the low term in prison. Ramsey said his office requested that Ruiz be sentenced to the upper term in state prison, noting his predatory behavior and the fact that Ruiz was on two separate grants of felony probation for theft from San Joaquin and Sutter Counties when he came to Chico.

Ruiz had told investigators he came to Chico because he heard it was a "party town." However, he became homeless and admitted he broke into vehicles to steal to

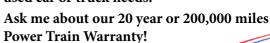
Each of Ruiz's offenses qualifies as a prior "strike" under California's Three Strikes Law. In addition to the sentence imposed, Ruiz will be required to register as a sex offender for life.





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Earthquakes can also cause serious injuries and fatalities. Scientists cannot predict precisely when or where one will occur. It's important to know what to do before, during, and after an

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- In a small room or hallway
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- Family members can become separated during an earthquake. Be prepared by creating a plan for how to reach one another. Establish an out-of-area contact (such as a relative or family friend) who can coordinate family members' locations and information should you become separated. Make sure children learn the phone numbers and addresses, and know
- Prepare a family disaster supply kit. Families with children should have each child create their own personal pack.

- Stay Calm. The precautions you should take are determined by where you are when the earthquake begins.
- If inside, take cover and if you must move for safety, take only a few steps and stay there until the shaking stops.
- If outside, stay at least 10 feet away from any building from which window glass and other debris could fall. Move away from trees, streetlights, and power lines. Crouch down and cover your head.
- If in a vehicle, park in a location away from trees, wires, buildings, bridges and overpasses. Stay where you are, with your safety belt fastened, until the earthquake is over. Never stop under or on a bridge.
- If in a coastal area, move to high ground.
- If in a mountainous area, watch for and avoid falling rocks, broken roadbeds, landslides and falling debris.

Earthquakes are dangerous, but the disasters they can trigger such as fires, floods, landslides, tsunamis and avalanches can be more devastating.

Expect aftershocks, smaller earthquakes that can occur after a major quake. Monitor radio news reports for updates and the latest emergency information. The risk of injury increases for those who go outside too soon. If you lose electricity, use a flashlight. Never use candles because of the possibility of a gas leak and the danger of fire. When authorities say the event has ended, check your home for structural damage, gas leaks, and fire. Report any problems to the appropriate authorities.

Record any damage that has resulted from the

Source: FEMA, National Earthquake Information Center



Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog **Gridley Fire Station 74** 

## **Paradise Felon Pleads to Theft** and Multiple Firearms Charges

**Butte County DA News Release** 

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A 44-year-old Paradise man who previously worked for PG&E was sentenced to over nine years in prison on May 4, 2023, on his pleas to two charges related to felony thefts from PG&E as well as six firearm-related felonies. Included in the firearm pleas were charges for manufacturing a fully-automatic machinegun, manufacturing an assault weapon, and possession of more than 32,000 rounds of ammunition.

David Alexander Elkinton, 44, of Paradise, appeared in Butte County Superior Court and was denied probation and sentenced to a total of nine years and four months in state prison for his crimes. He was also ordered to pay over \$60,000 in restitution to PG&E.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Elkinton was initially arrested in December 2022, when he was caught stealing a PG&E forklift from a work yard in Paradise. Although he offered to give the arresting officer a couple of motorcycles in exchange for releasing him, Elkinton was arrested and later bailed out of jail on the vehicle theft charge.

As Elkinton was out on \$15,000 bail, a second series of thefts from another PG&E work yard in Paradise was discovered in January 2023. Elkinton was a suspect and surveillance footage tied him to those thefts where tens of thousands of dollars of equipment and copper wire was stolen.

GPS tracking of a PG&E vehicle stolen and used in the January 2023 thefts led the Paradise Police Department to Elkinton's property in Paradise and the discovery of a butane honey oil (BHO) lab and tens of thousands of rounds of ammunition. Elkinton's criminal history revealed he was a felon and therefore prohibited from possessing

Ramsey said this started a series of five search warrants by the Paradise Police Department investigators, who found and seized two BHO labs, methamphetamine, fentanyl, cocaine, a pipe bomb, 25 pounds of explosive powder, and enough firearm parts and ammunition "to arm a militia".

Paradise investigators also found three un-serialized and completed "ghost" guns, along with a bomb-making manual. Of note, these weapons were all homemade firearms, allegedly built by Elkington in his garage where firearms manufacturing equipment was located.

In total, the Paradise investigators seized over 32,000 rounds of ammunition in over a dozen different calibers and thousands of gun parts sufficient to easily construct at least a hundred complete rifles and pistols, plus a half-dozen silencers.

Evidence was located in Elkinton's cell phone that suggested Elkinton had been constructing firearms and selling them for thousands of dollars.

Ramsey said that Elkinton's attorney argued that Elkinton was suffering from PTSD as a result of the Tubbs Fire, Camp Fire, and Bear Fire; and that he should be granted a chance at probation due to his self-claimed heroic actions during those fires. Prosecutors argued it made no sense that having trauma related to the fires would lead a person to possess multiple drugs for sale; steal thousands of dollars of PG&E materials, which would ultimately increase costs for other PG&E customers; cause a felon to possess thousands of firearm parts and ammunition, silencers and a pipe bomb; and manufacture and sell fully automatic ghost guns.

Prosecutors ultimately argued for the maximum sentence of 14 years in prison based on the wide variety of crimes Elkinton committed. Prosecutors also argued it was an insult to Camp Fire survivors to try to blame their shared PTSD for his crimes and it was a sign Elkinton was not really remorseful for his actions, but only remorseful that he

Judge Michael Deems sentenced Elkinton to a middle-term sentence of 12 years, stating that the aggravating factors did not outweigh the mitigating factors in this case. Additionally, the judge sentenced Elkinton to concurrent prison time for the three charges of felon in possession of ammunition as well as the grand theft from PG&E to which Elkinton had pleaded, further reducing the sentence from 12 years down to 9 years and 4 months. A restitution amount of \$60,607.64 was also ordered to PG&E.

Ramsey said Elkinton's prison sentence was the only way to protect Butte County from the thefts as well as the guns and drugs Elkinton was spreading throughout the community. However, the reduction of Elkinton's sentence by the judge was disappointing given the scope and breadth of Elkinton's crimes proven to have been committed.

## **Gridley Thumbs and Roots**



By Barbara Ott

I found a snail apartment complex of; multilevel, shady, moist and ideal for the slimers. There were generations of snails living in this compound. Cutting back narcissus leaves, I noticed snails and their poopy trails, then I stepped on narcissus leaves and snap, crackle, pop went the many shells I was accidently stepping on. They were well hidden and there by the hundreds, I think. As I've stated previously, I hate to step on them and hear that sound and feel the crunchy slime as their snaily bodies are smashed. That apartment complex was decimated when I removed all the greenery and sprinkled pet safe snail pellets all around. I'm happy to kill them but not happy to kill them by stepping on them.

Another snail observation I made this week was the way their slime trails cross over the sidewalk. I've wondered how come the shiny pathways go back and forth diagonally. Rarely do the paths go straight across from one side to the other. I've thought maybe it had to do with moisture for ease of movement. Then one morning I caught one of the slimers in action, crossing the sidewalk right before the sunlight hit that area. Sure enough, that snail was going in the diagonal and its friends had been going in diagonals a lot that morning, the sidewalk was traversed with slime trails. Maybe they can't go in straight lines, kind of like the Chinese evil spirits who can't bend their legs so a high step into the temple keeps them out. I'm thinking of spreading a snail killer paste I have onto places on the sidewalk to see if they can avoid it or not. We'll see. I'll keep you informed. Come by the Gridley Green Thumb Garden Club plant sale at Red Suspender's Day May 20. Great prices.

## **County Worker Arraigned on Welfare Fraud Charges**

**Butte County DA News Release** 

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A former Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services (DESS) worker was arraigned May 11, 2023, on welfare fraud and identity theft charges based on her using her inside access to department computers to obtain and use a welfare benefits (EBT) debit card in her boyfriend's name while he was in jail.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said felony counts of welfare fraud and identity theft were filed against Shawna West, 32, of Oroville, a now-former employee of the Butte County DESS.

Ramsey said West used her position as an employee to gain computer access to her boyfriend's electronic welfare benefits account while he was in jail on unrelated charges. It is alleged in the criminal complaint that West

canceled her boyfriend's previous EBT card and had a new one sent to her address. She used the money on the card to make personal purchases without her boyfriend's knowledge. Ramsey said West ultimately spent \$1,392 from the card.

When the fraud was discovered by the District Attorney's Welfare Fraud Unit investigators in March 2023, Ramsey said an investigation was launched in conjunction with the DESS administration which lead to West's resignation as an employee and the criminal complaint today.

West appeared with an attorney in court May 11, but did not enter a plea. She was released on her own recognizance pending further arraignment and entry of plea on her case on June 1, 2023. She faces a maximum penalty of three years and eight months in jail.



#### **Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce** Invites you to Five Alarm Fun at the 62nd annual

### RED SUSPENDERS DAY

Street Faire, Car Show, and Parade! Saturday May 20th

7-10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast in Railroad Park

8-1 p.m. Classic Car Show on Kentucky St.

Vendors, Food Trucks 8-3 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Bed Races on Virginia St.

11 a.m. **Parade** 12-2 p.m. Princesses 12-3 p.m. Live Music

1 p.m. Firemans Games on Washington St.

4-7 p.m. Gridley Drive Thru Museum Tri-Tip Dinner

## Fire Closure of the Buttes Area and Burning Regulations

By Jo Shalowitz, Sutter County Fire Chief

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In an effort to reduce the occurrence of destructive fires within the Sutter Buttes, the Sutter County Fire Department will enforce a ban, as we do each year, on open fires in that area. All persons with permits should complete their burning prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 19,

The area affected is that which lies inside the following area:

West Butte Road, North Butte Road, Powell Road, Pennington Road, south on Township Road, west on Clark Road, East Butte Road, Ahlf Road, Mallett Road, west

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## Thoughts to Ponder

#### by Kathy Neal

#### **Gridley United Methodist Church**

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May is a month of changes. Some colleges, universities, high schools, and others have graduations where people transform into adults with jobs, teens into high schoolers, and nursery school students move on to a higher grade. Change!

Also, many get married in May starting a whole new life and direction. Change! It happens to all of us at some time. It is then we look toward a future cast with light and shadows. What next?

A lot of people know where they want to travel next. A bigger stage where they learn and grow into their chosen life careers. Scared? Yes! Determined? Yes! Hope? Yes! People step out in faith toward their goals.

There are some things to carry with us as we go forth: 1. Confidence in self to achieve what

- we can.
- 2. Hope for better times and paths.
- 3. Family support as much as possible. 4. Most of all: Bring along the Lord of
- All to walk alongside and guide every step in the directions He puts before us. As Jesus promised: I will never leave

you. Never will I forsake you! That's a promise.

There will always be times as we adventure out in the walk, that we will feel alone, abandoned, or even forgotten. It is then, we really come to realize that a mightier, higher power, that walks along with

Far away from home, at college, at a new job in a strange city, or in a home with a married partner, all set up situations we must face, but not by ourselves.

As we grow older, aged with life, and find ourselves facing days alone, we too must dig deep down in our faith and pull out, God's word and promises. There is not a thing we have to face that doesn't carry a promise from our Heavenly Father.

Yes, May can be a month of change, but we are blessed to know that with change comes a faithful, compassionate, and loving Father who guards and protects His

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#### **Gridley City Council ORDINANCE 846-2023**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY AMENDING GRIDLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 14 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 14.05, SUTTER BUTTE BASIN REGIONAL LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM **DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE** 

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on May 15th, 2023, by the following

Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Sanchez, Calderon, Roberts

Noes: None Absent: None

Motion passed, 5-0

A complete copy of this ordinance is available for viewing at City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley.

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#### **Manzanita Elementary School District PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPER FEE STUDY AND THE INCREASE OF THE STATUTORY SCHOOL FEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Manzanita Elementary School District will consider input from the public on the proposed adoption of a Developer Fee Justification Study for the District and an increase in the statutory school facility fee ("Level 1 Fee") on new residential and commercial/industrial developments as approved by the State Allocation Board in February 2022. The adoption of the Study and the increase of the Level 1 Fee are necessary to fund the construction of needed school facilities to accommodate growth due to development.

Members of the public are invited to comment in writing, on or before June 28, 2023, or appear in person at the following location:

> Manzanita Elementary School, Room 2 Location:

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Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023

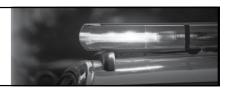
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Materials regarding the Study and the Level 1 Fee are on file and are available for public review at the District Office located at 627 E. Evans Reimer Road, Gridley, CA 95948.

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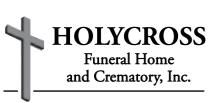
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Date filed in Butte County: March 15, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on:

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Publish: April 28, May 5, 12 & 19, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000397 The following person(s) are doing business as: Dakotas, 706 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969. Dakota Eugene Tindill, 706 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969. Date filed in Butte County: April

24, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/1/2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000351 The following person(s) are doing business as: Home business as: Home ons, 2176 Esplanade, Solutions, Chico, CÁ 95926. Jennifer Pearce, 12 Creekwood Court, Chico, CA 95926.

Date filed in Butte County: April 3, 2023. The Registrant com-menced to transact business under the above business name on: 4/1/2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000405 The following person(s) are doing business as: California K9S. 4497 Wookey Road, Chico, CA

Katherine Rose M California K9S, 4497 Wookey Road, Chico,

Date filed in Butte County: April 26, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 4/26/2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000403 The following person(s) are doing business as: C and S Family Venture, 2331 Schohr Ranch Road, Gridley, CA 95948. Carl Douglas Schohr and Susan

Kay Schohr, 2331 Schohr Ranch Road, Gridley, CA 95948. Date filed in Butte County: April 25, 2023. The Registrant com-

menced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/1/2019.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000351 The following person(s) are doing business as: Nolt Family Partnership, 85 Curly Lane, Biggs, CA 95917. Marlene L Fifield, P.O. Box 1099, Condon, MT 59826, and Roberta L Wilson, 85 Curly Lane, Biggs, CA 95917, and Karen Zorbas, 286 Pinyon Hills Drive, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: April 5, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 7/31/2007.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000330 The following person(s) are doing business as: Young Rancher Hat Co, 2041 Eagle Meadows Drive, Gridley, CA 95948. Christina Harris, 2041 Eagle Meadows Drive, Gridley, CA

Date filed in Butte County: March 29, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 3/28/2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000309 The following person(s) are doing business as: Big Sky, 1047 14th Street Suite 64, Oroville, CA 95965.

Brenda Williams, 1047 14<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 64, Oroville, CA 95965

Date filed in Butte County: March 22, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000409 ing business as: Ray of Hope Eco Friendly Cleaning Services, 112 Apache Circle Oroville CA 95966. Spirit Connected Store LLC., 112 Apache Circle, Oroville, CA 95966.

Date filed in Butte County: April 26, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/25/2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000425 The following person(s) are doing business as TMD Cleaning 1630 Nord Avenue, Chico, CA

Ruiz, 1630 Nord Isabel L Avenue, Chico, CA 95926. Date filed in Butte County: May 1, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 27, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000421 The following person(s) are doing business as 4B Ranch, 977 Larkin Road, Gridley, CA 95948. Matt and Amber Bozzo, 977 Larkin Road, Gridley, CA 95948. Date filed in Butte County: April 28, 2023. The Registrant com-

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This Business is conducted by: a married couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code Publish: May 12, 19, 26 and June 2,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000428 The following person(s) are doing business as: Subzero Gifts and Treats, 4055 Oro Bangor Highway, Oroville, CA 95966. Roden Enterprises LLC, 4055 Oro Bangor Highway, Oroville, CA 95966.

Date filed in Butte County: May 1, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 1, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000433 The following person(s) are doing business as: Sprinkler Pro. 1030 W 11th Avenue, Chico, CA

Ernest E Cox and Lisa G Cox, 1030 W 11th Avenue, Chico, CA

Date filed in Butte County: May 2, 2023. The Registrant comto transact business under the above business name on: May 1, 2023.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000363 The following person(s) are doing business as: Night Vision Security, 205 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948.

Miguel A Rubio, 205 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000461 The following person(s) are doing business as: Ishi Country Tax Service, 125 Grand Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965. Orval Webster, 125 James

Grand Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965 Date filed in Butte County: May 9, 2023. The Registrant com-

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASF #23CV00939 Petitioner Joanna Lee Dolnev

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Filed on April 14, 2023 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 12, 19, 26 and June 2,

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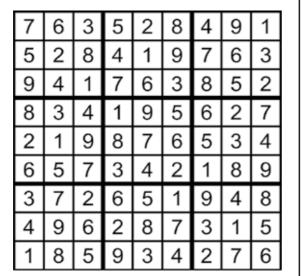
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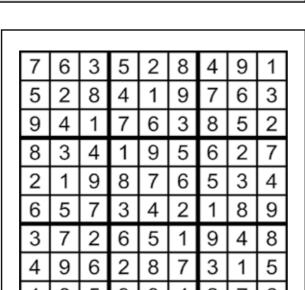


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## Bulldogs' One Win from Section Final, Lions' Season Ends

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

#### **GRIDLEY**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley High School baseball team put the Lassen Grizzlies away early in the second round of the CIF Northern Section playoffs as a crooked number by the Bulldogs in the first inning led to a 11-1 victory on Friday, May 12.

Gridley drew the number one seed in the NSCIF playoffs, so they get to host the rest of the section games on their home field.

Bulldogs head coach Javier Solis is grateful and happy that his team gets the advantage of playing the remaining section games in Gridley.

"With us being on this field since January and all different types of data whether it's been cloudy, sunny or hot, that's a benefit for us," Solis told the Herald.

In the first inning the home field advantage showed a small glimpse as Gridley sophomore third baseman Gus Stogsdill hit a pop fly to right field and the sun blocked the view of the ball and passed right over the head of Lassen sophomore outfielder Tony Carvalho.

Carvalho was wearing sunglasses, but the sun shifted at the right time for Stogsdill as it resulted in a three-run-swing and extended the Bulldogs lead

Gridley (13-5) added three more runs in the first to take a controlling 9-0 lead at the end of the first. With a comfortable lead, Bulldogs freshman



The Gridley High School baseball team huddled up following a 11-1 victory over Lassen on Friday, May 12 in the second round of the CIF Northern Section Division IV playoffs.



Gridley freshman pitcher Tanner Abbott (5) throws a pitch in the Bulldogs 11-1 win over Lassen in the second round of the CIF Northern Section Division IV playoffs on Friday, May 12.

pitcher Tanner Abbott had to just throw strikes and trust his

defense to get outs. Abbott expressed to the Herald that his main job was to throw strikes. Abbott threw 72% strikes of his 81 pitches during the game.

"I knew I had to come in and throw each ball as best as I could," Abbott said.

The Bulldogs nearly doubled their season average of hits as they collected 11 on the day against Lassen.

Gridley senior infielder and captain Michael Ryan told the Herald there is a lot of work to still do. Ryan and Solis added they got a lot of hitting practice this week with differationa that included live pitching and cage work.

Ryan told the Herald they made a great adjustment to the first pitcher for Lassen.

"We had to be patient in the

box and when it came across our zone, we let the bat fly," Ryan said.

The Bulldogs collected 11 total hits including eight runs-batted-in (RBI). Ryan went two-for-three with two doubles and two RBIs.

Abbott pitched five strong innings for the win and recorded seven strikeouts. Gridley had two opportunities to clinch a spot in the D-IV section final for the second consecutive year whether it was a win over West Valley. If the Bulldogs lost against West Valley, they would have another opportunity to get into the final as they would have played the winner against Lassen and Orland, who played early Tuesday.

The section final is set to be played this Saturday at Gridley High School with a time to be determined.

#### LIVE OAK

COTTONWOOD. CA (MPG) - The Live Oak High School baseball team lost in the first round of the NSCIF Division IV playoffs as they lost 10-0 against the West Valley Eagles on Tuesday,

The loss resulted in the 16th consecutive defeat for Live Oak after they started 3-0 on the season with a win over Biggs and a double-header sweep against Lindhurst.

The Lions managed to get a single from sophomore first baseman T.J. Ehrke. Live Oak goes into the off-season with hopes of improvement next season. They should bring back most of their roster as they are graduating two seniors this season.

## Lady Bulldogs Play at UP In Playoffs, Lady Lions End with Loss

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

#### **GRIDLEY**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley High School girls' softball team traveled to Redding on Tuesday for the opening round of the CIF Northern Section Division IV as they took on University Prep this past Tuesday, May 9.

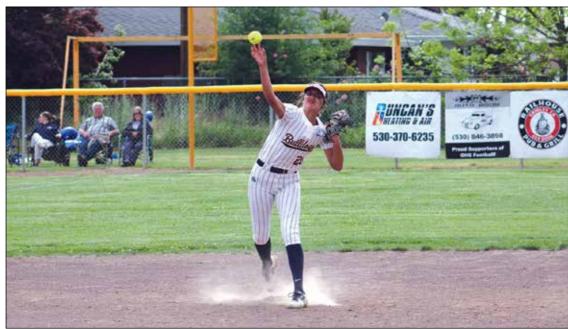
Gridley drew the seventh seed in the D-IV bracket as they tied with Butte View League foe Orland for the sixth ranking in the NSCIF D-IV playoff points system.

With the Lady Bulldogs dropping the second meeting against Orland in BVL play, Gridley finished third in the league standings and was the reason Orland got the higher seed in the playoffs.

Gridley (14-6) head coach Tammy Carr expressed to the Herald that she is confident in her team to play with anyone.

University Prep (24-4) finished second in the Northern League. The common opponents between the two schools are Orland and West Valley.

The Lady Bulldogs dropped a



Gridley senior shortstop Kennison Cota (28) fires a rocket to first base in the Lady Bulldogs 15-9 win over Winters

6-0 game to West Valley in the middle of March at the Field of Dreams tournament in Redding.

In the final week of the regular season, Gridley dropped games to Las Plumas 10-1 and Orland

Carr told the Herald that was a tough one to drop at Orland in the season finale, but it had a playoff feel and was a learning

experience for her team.

This is the second consecutive year the Lady Bulldogs have made it to the playoffs as they lost in the opening round of the D-IV bracket last season to Colusa.

The positive note for Gridley is they have the taste of playoff experience and this group of senior led Lady Bulldogs was

ready to give it all they had.

Gridley senior catcher Gracie Dunning is the leading hitter, but also has a great supporting cast as the Lady Bulldogs had eight hitters in their roster with 15 or more hits during the regular season.

Gridley junior pitcher Maddie Garcia has gone 3-2 in her last five starts. The Lady Bulldogs

have improved this season with three more wins than they did last season. This is the first .500 and above season for Gridley since the 2006 spring season!

#### LIVE OAK

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak High School girls' softball team missed out on the playoffs this season as they ranked 13th out of 15th place in the CIF Northern Section Division IV playoff points rankings.

Live Oak played its final regular season game on Thursday, May 11, where they got beat 11-1 by Anderson.

The Lady Lions look to bounce back into the playoffs next season as head coach Kevin Mederios continues to build the program up and plant his seed on Live Oak being a stable program.

Live Oak graduates one senior and brings back plenty of talented players next season in hopes of making another push for the playoffs.

The seven wins this season was the second most games that were won (7) during the season by the program since the 2017 spring season.

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## Gridley High School Track and Field **Athletes Advance to State Meet**



Gridley High School Track and Field athletes are recognized. Left to right: Brian Brown (High Jump), Sidney Allard (Triple Jump), Shmaas Khan (110m Hurdles & High Jump), AnaGloria Estrella Luevano (100m Hurdles & 300m Hurdles). Image courtesy of Estrella Favian, GHS Yearbook/Track Athlete

Submitted by Jaime Luevano, GHS Track and Field Head Coach

#### GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)

Congratulations to four members of the GHS track team, all juniors, that advance to the Northern Section meet on May 19, 2023, at West Valley High School. Sidney Allard leaped 32' 10.25" in the triple jump. Shmaas Kahn cleared the 110m hurdles in 17.10, and AnaGloria Luevano had a personal record for the 100m hurdles, crossing the line at 17.42. All three athletes are BVL All-League Champions and are also Northern Section Division 2 Champions in their respective events. Brian Brown qualified in the high jump with a mark of 5'8". He also leaped 20' for a third-place finish in the long jump securing medals in both events.

Luevano's mark is



AnaGloria Estrella Luevano set a personal record for the 100m hurdles, crossing the line at 17.42. Image courtesy of Estrella Favian, GHS Yearbook/Track Athlete

impressive since it was her 5th time running hurdles in her three-year journey on the track team. She also placed 2nd in the 300m hurdles with 48.80 setting another personal record. Tannah Taff from West Valley took the win with 48.44 leaning at the line just a fraction of a second ahead of AnaGloria.

Khan's personal best for the 110m hurdles is 16.64 set at the Butte

View league meet on April 26 and is seeded 5th for the northern section. For the rest of the Bulldogs, Allard is ranked 2nd in the girl's triple jump while Brown is seeded 8th in the high jump. Luevano gets the 2nd position for the girl's 100m and 300m hurdles.

Section champions automatically advance to the state meet in Clovis on May 26-27.

## **Grand Slam!**



The Gridley Little League meets Saturday mornings to play a game of baseball or softball; These young athletes are the known as the "Diamond Dozen". Photo courtesy of the Manzanita School

#### Manzanita School Investigative Journalism Unit

MANZANITA, CA (MPG) - Gridley Little League has hit a Grand Slam in the creation of their Challenger League.

The Challenger League provides an opportunity for atypical children to do more than just watch their friends and siblings play a game of baseball or softball every Saturday, now they are the athletes taking the field and stealing our community's hearts. It has been a win for the athletes, other Little League players, and the community as a whole.

The program started when the local little league board saw a prospect for an inclusive program. Parents in our community jumped on the opportunity that would involve their Challenger athletes and other local youth.

For a number of the Challenger athletes this is their first experience in playing an organized sport; Their excitement as they take to the diamond is palpable. Every Saturday morning, they start with a practice, where members of both Challenger teams and other Gridley's Little League baseball and softball players, known as their coaches, meet and practice drills, catching, throwing, batting, and base running. After practice the two teams play one to two innings, and the level of their play is based on their abilities. Some players are hitting off a tee, while others are getting soft pitches from adult volunteers.

There have been comments heard by coaches from parents whose children have asked them, "How many more nights until my game?"

Another homerun is watching the youth coaches volunteering their time and sharing their love of the game with the Challenger athletes. They show up early, on a crisp Saturday morning, before their own games to provide community service. This is a great opportunity for youth servant leaders to understand how they're valued and needed by contributing to their community. A wise woman once told this journalist, "You can only really learn to love those you serve".

Parents of Challenger players have commented on the support and acceptance their children have received from the community. As for our community, we are the ones winning with the new Challenger League.

Take time to show up on a Saturday morning to experience a great game of baseball. It can only put you in a positive mood for the rest of the day. To hear both teams cheering each other on, families and friends applauding through both accomplishments and encouraging through mistakes, brings joy to our Little League field. Come on out and enjoy a great time and see the adult volunteers, youth servant leaders, and the spectacular athletes known as the "Diamond Dozen" shine. ★







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**Date/Time:** Wednesday, **May 24,** 2023; 9:00am — 11:00am Cost/Location: Free; Colusa City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa

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Date/Time: Thursday, June 1, 2023; 8:30am - 10:30am Cost/Location: Free; Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

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