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## Sprouting Education

*Wilson School Garden Celebrates Grand Opening*



Members of the Garden Team, teachers, staff, volunteers and students pose by one of the completed mural panels that were created by students the day of the opening. Each student contributed to the mural, either by finger painting, painting with foam stamps, or brushes to create the group mural. Photo by Dr. Joan Schumann

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - After months of hard work by the Wilson School Garden Team, students, staff, and volunteers, the Wilson School Garden finally got students digging!

Thanks to a \$3,000 grant from Whole Foods Kids Foundation procured by teacher Doug Mocek and retired teacher/Butte County Master Gardener Joyce Hill, the garden became a reality for Wilson. Mocek believed his moderate to severe special education students would benefit from participating in the garden and



Students from multiple grade levels cycled through the garden throughout the day, each contributing to the experimental beds and learning about the science projects in those dedicated to their grade level. Here, students pose questions to Garden Team Member and one of the forces behind the garden, Joyce Hill (yellow apron). Photo by Dr. Joan Schumann

took the initiative to write the grant. Hill, who holds a Master's Degree in Science

and leads the Master Gardeners Team that focuses on school gardens,

worked closely with her daughter, Principal of Wilson School, Dr. Joan Schuman to design the curriculum and more.

The project is not only intended to let students get their hands dirty but part of a 5 "E" curriculum: Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate. "It's a way of designing instruction in science we use," says Hill. "We align these questions and experiments to their grade level science standards." She continues, "kids learn best when they're actually engaged and they're involved with their own

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## Gridley Developers Begin Discussion of Grievances with City

**By Cindy Scott**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - As requested in a previous meeting, Visinoni Brothers and S&S Construction were given the opportunity to air their grievances concerning working with city consultants, specifically planning and engineering consultants, at the April 17th Gridley City Council Meeting.

The topic consumed over two hours, the bulk of which was a well-prepared detailing by Mike Visinoni of delays, billing practices, and other irregularities he said they have experienced in developing Steffen Estates, a project located at Little and Richins Avenues in Gridley.

Steve Stapley, of S&S Construction, recounted similar frustrations, and specifically requested the city reinstate the 75% impact fee discount that expired at the end of 2022. In the public comment portion of the discussion, Sunny Dhami, local developer, expressed his personal concern that current city practices will discourage housing development in the city for the next 15 years.

After the developers' presentation, Mayor Mike Farr said of the city consultant and staff, "There's been a lot of accusations here against their integrity, against their ability to do their job efficiently or the right way. Our professionals, our city planner, our engineer, and our city administrators, have a right to discuss that." City Planner Donna Decker and City Engineer Dave Harden will be given the opportunity to address Visinoni's and Stapley's comments and concerns at the Monday, May 15 regularly scheduled city council meeting.

Moving forward, Ashley Ayala, the city's new parks and rec director, discussed upcoming activities with the Council. The annual Kids Free Fishing Day will be held from 7am-12pm on Saturday, May 13th at the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, with the event at Bone Yard Pond. The pond will be stocked with 900 lbs. of live channel catfish. Fishing will be free for children and youth ages 1-15. More details, such as raffle prizes, free bait, free lunch, and shuttle services can be found on the Gridley Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

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## Red Suspenders Day Unjustice Court Warrants Now Available!

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A prelude to Red Suspenders Day Saturday activities, Unjustice Court is a quirky, fun way for the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce to raise money.

This annual fundraiser has been a part of festivities for years and the Chamber would like to get more people involved. It is the only part of Red Suspenders Day activities that directly raises funding for the Chamber, according to Chamber President Lynne Spencer.

Here is how it works.

The Chamber provides "warrants" for arrest to the public. Fill one out for your boss, coworkers, friends, family - anyone who you would like to see "behind bars" for a few hours of fun. Turn your warrants into the



From left to right: Gridley Police Department's Officer Garringer and Officer Lopez cuff Annette Boone, who evaded arrest last year for Red Suspenders Day's Unjustice Court! Photo by Seti Long

Chamber of Commerce up the day of the event, and our local Gridley Police Department or firefighters

will track down your selection. They get a friendly ride in a PD vehicle or an escort on a Station 74 firetruck by

our CALFIRE/Butte Unit/ Gridley Firefighters to "jail" at Rotary Park in Gridley.

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

This edition of the Pi-Line comes from my friend Dan Cohen in Israel. Dan has taken to writing a religion newsletter from time to time. For those of you who have never had the chance to read any thoughts from Judaism, this column from Dan is entertaining as well as educational.

Here is Dan’s scriptural teaching for the week: The details are hazy but at some point in 3rd or 4th grade, I spoke behind a kid named Rocky’s back and said some mean things about him to our friend group. He found out, and one day he pounded me with fist after fist against the playground wall. In hindsight, I deserved the whooping.

Thankfully, he and I found a way to get past that, and by the time we reached 5th grade, we were buddies again. But he did hold me accountable for my actions and I learned a valuable lesson about speaking Lshon Harah.

In the Jewish tradition, the portions of Leviticus named Tazria and Metzora are often read together on a Saturday morning in the Spring. These are located about halfway through the Book. This combination means that when it’s read aloud, we learn not only about Tzaarat’s (Biblical Leprosy) causes but also its remedies.

The portion Tazria focuses on the mystical malady of Tzaarat as some kind of holy combination of leprosy, psoriasis, and mold that impacts a person’s skin, clothing, and even the stones that form their home. Sages and Torah tell us the cause of this divine malady is often focused on hateful speech or “Lshon Hara.” The outcome was that the “sinner” had to first confer with a Kohen (Priest) for a diagnosis. If shown to be Tzaarat, that person’s clothes and home were cleaned while she or he spent at least a week outside the camp for contemplation and healing. The Torah is clear in the portion comprising Tazria about sending the individual outside the camp as punishment.

In the portion comprising Metzora, the focus is on how that person can return. Thinking back to last week, the question is...can someone who has spread Lshon Harah - like spreading feathers around the village from a torn pillow - really return to life in the community? The logistics of how this might happen are laid out in this week’s Parsha.

For the why, we’ll turn to Rav Shimshon Rafael Hirsch, a 19th century scholar and a man who sought to straddle tradition

and modernity in Germany. Torah tells us that the returnee must, after the time away and a dunk in the ritual bath, bring offerings. The first offering is a procedure involving two birds - one who is slaughtered and another set free. After that, our returnee must also immerse in the mikveh and even after returning home, must live outside the tent for another seven days. Then, on day eight after returning home, the individual must bring an offering of two unblemished [male] lambs, one unblemished ewe lamb in its [first] year, three-tenths [of an ephah] of fine flour mixed with [olive] oil as a meal offering, and one log of [olive] oil. The Kohen slaughters the animals as both a sin and guilt offering. The Kohen also offers the oil as an ascent offering. These offerings are THEN followed by an exchange between the Kohen and the individual seeking purification that is worth exploring. After the slaughter, the priest dabs a drop of blood on the right ear cartilage of the person being purified. Then he puts a drop of blood on the right thumb. Finally, he puts a drop on the right big toe. The Kohen repeats this with the oil from the ascent offering, dropping a dab on the right ear, right thumb, and right big toe again.

Rav Hirsch looks at this ritual - the ear, the thumb, and the big toe. He links it to our lives and what it means to be fully integrated with Gd and community in our body, spirit, and actions. In his commentary for Ch. 14 Verses 17 and 18, Hirsch identifies that the blood and oil must be put on the “outer” surfaces of the ear, thumb, and toe, as opposed to hiding them behind the ear, under the thumb and toe. Placing the oil and blood on the outside - the active surfaces where we hear, do, and move through the world - is a message to ourselves about how our actions must be reformed.

He also identifies a “profound truth.” He says that through these actions, Gd is demanding something from each individual before she is readmitted to both society and the sphere of holiness at the sanctuary. Hirsch says that our physical state is dependent on our spiritual and moral health. Our body is only as healthy as our spirit and our mind. The individual is being told and retold with this process that she must use her physical gifts in service of the Torah. This may be something she forgot as she engaged in Lshon Hara. Hirsch shares more specifically that putting blood and oil on the ear symbolizes that we must use our minds to absorb the ideas of the Torah. Putting oil and blood on our thumb is to remind us that our deeds and actions are to be put in service of the Torah.

Finally, dabbing our big toe is to symbolize that even our possessions and relationships are to be put in service

of the Torah. These drops teach us that every thought, every action, and every aspiration must be directed to the fulfillment of the Torah. Our dreams, ideas, and actions are here to help us become and remain dedicated servants to Hashem and members of the community.

Let’s be honest...sinning isn’t that hard. The Yetzer Harah (Evil Inclination) is strong and strategic. It is both natural and clever. Our mission in life is to exercise self-control and the spiritual strength to resist it. That’s the same control I didn’t have when I gossiped about my classmate. But we do mess up. And what we do after that matters. Often more than the sin itself.

The Torah, with Hirsch’s help, outlines how we return and what we are to learn after committing a serious and intentional mistake. As a family, sometimes we laugh about “The story we tell ourselves” and yet, it’s exactly those stories that can lead us to feel justified in our negative behaviors. Perhaps that is why our ears are selected, not just for proximity to our brain, but also for the idea that at the root of our desire to engage in Lshon Harah, we stopped listening to, empathizing with, and caring for a fellow human. Lshon Harah can minimize or belittle another. If we truly felt that individual was worthy of our attention and made space for them, we likely wouldn’t speak ill of them. The same holds true with the dab on our thumb. Hirsch writes that this is to symbolize our deeds.

To return to the community, sometimes we have to show we are worthy. In this process, we are called upon to take action - to bring an offering - which is a stand-in for ourselves - and put ourselves on the altar. This self-offering can serve as a starting point to make amends with the individual of whom we spoke ill. It may also serve to demonstrate that we understand the severity of our actions.

Finally, the big toe. Hirsh says this action symbolizes putting our aspirations, possessions, and relationships back in harmony with our neshama. Jealousy, self-loathing, and envy are often drivers of gossip. And that’s exactly what we are called to rise above. Looking down at our big toe, and by extension making space for others, can be a reminder to us about our reorienting the motivations that led us to commit this sin and the remedies to avoid it in the future. Re-entry into a relationship or community after a sin like Lshon Harah can be difficult and humbling. I learned the hard way on the playground. Hirsch outlines a path to make the experience memorable and impactful and hopefully a bit less painful.

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Josh F.W. Cook is an Educator and Public Administrator. ★

# Lions Citizen of the Year



Kathy McKenzie was awarded the Gridley Lions Club Citizen of the Year. From left to right: Joyce Middleton, Kathy McKenzie, and Mandi Daniels. Photo by Groverlee Dahl

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - During the 2023 District 4C-1 Lions Convention held in Redding, California, the Gridley Lions and Lions International Club selected a local woman for a prestigious award.

Lions District 4C-1 is quite large, spanning from Wheatland to the Oregon border including 12 counties, minus those that make up the coast. This year’s recipient of District 4C-1’s Citizen of the Year went to Gridley’s Kathy McKenzie.

The Gridley Lions Group nominated McKenzie, who Lion Barbara Ott describes as a “mega volunteer”. McKenzie works with Mi CASA Education, a non-profit afterschool enrichment program for K-6th graders in the Butte County Farm Labor Housing development in Gridley. Her service efforts span throughout the community and its organization.

The Gridley Lions submitted a recommendation letter on behalf of McKenzie establishing her as their nominee, and after review, she was selected from four other candidates by the Lions District Leadership Team to be named as Citizen of the Year.

At the annual District Convention, held between April 21-23, McKenzie was presented the honor during the awards banquet Saturday, 22. Past International Director Joyce Middleton, who came from Boston, Mass., for the event, and District 4C-1 Governor, Mandi Daniels from the Gridley Lions Club, presented McKenzie with the award.

Daniels praised McKenzie for her service saying, “She is instrumental in our community. She has been wonderful working with children and helping with what they need.” She continues, “The Lions are thankful to Kathy for all the work she does in the community of Gridley.” ★





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## Unjustice Court Warrants Now Available!

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Upon their arrival, “deputy” Annette Boone will get their “booking photo”, “Judge” Gridley Police Chief Rodney Harr will assign them an amount for their “bail”, and “court clerk” Lynne Spencer will collect their fine. Your inmate will then spend some time in the slammer and allowed calls until someone comes to post their “bail”. Meanwhile, they will feast on free pizza from Our Town Pizzeria and drinks. Unjustice Court always treats their inmates with care!

If you want to avoid the process, there is a flat \$40 “get out of jail free” fee that you can pay to those who come to collect on your warrant, or you can take your chances

at a possible lower bail fee assigned by the judge. But don’t hide! Last year, “Deputy Boone” was caught evading arrest and was assessed a \$100 fine! The Chamber added that there are a few outstanding warrants from last year, and they will be looking for those that slipped through the cracks in 2022.

Unjustice Court warrants can be picked up outside of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce office at 890 Hazel St., Gridley. You can return your warrants there as well using the drop box to the right of the door until Friday, May 19th, just be sure to get them in early. Unjustice Court begins that day at 10:00 am and wraps at 2:00 pm. Bail can be posted with cash or check. ★



# Sprouting Education



Wilson Garden Team Members, composed of teachers and parents (back row), joined Wilson School Students and a GUSD board member (front) to officially open the Wilson School Garden project. Photo by Seti Long

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hands, their own eyes and seeing, observing, collecting data as opposed to reading about it.”

The perimeter of the garden is lined with various garden beds having larger plots in the center, all dedicated to a grade level between 2-5. The perimeter beds have native pollinators, cut flowers, annual native flowers, etc. Each bed is equipped with a sign asking students to make observations. The center beds are the experimental beds. For example, a 2nd grade experiment bed asks students the question: “How does watering frequency effect plant growth?” After students plant tomatoes, they will water every day, every 3 days, and every 5 days to see how it effects growth. Experiments get more in depth as the grade level of the students increases.

Garden Coordinator, Stephanie Taylor, a biologist by trade and parent, says that she was always a kinesthetic learner, and that she feels the garden will bring another avenue of learning to Wilson Students. She also shares that Phase 2 of the project will include an orchard, designed so that there are trees fruiting in every season: orange and mandarin, a gala and fuji apple, a kumquat tree and grafted apricot.

The day of the garden’s Grand Opening, students gathered with the Garden Team, teachers, GUSD board members, Master Gardeners and parents that turned out for the event – some there to volunteer and some to instruct.

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Teachers and volunteers helped students plant seeds and plants at the many experimental garden beds placed throughout the garden. Photo by Dr. Joan Schumann

introduced the project and honored members of the Garden Team and others for their hard work, which included teachers Mr. Dennis Jackson, Mr. Doug Mosec, Ms. Pamela Hewitt, Ms. Joyce Hill, parents Stephanie Taylor and honorary member Heather Rogers. After a brief word from each garden team member, students shared their favorite parts of the project and some even wrote poems. Then the time came to officially open the garden and Wilson School students had the privilege of cutting the ribbon to excited cheers and smiles.

Students would cycle through from each grade

level as the day went on, getting a turn at their various stations and having the chance to plant. They also lent a hand, literally, to create a large mural of flowers, plants, and vegetables.

Dr. Schuman, the Garden Team and Wilson Students would like to thank the following sponsors: Pyramid Farms, NorCal Casting and Worm Farm, J&H Farms, Candelario Ace Hardware, Grocery Outlet, Mac’s Hardware, Ag Seeds Unlimited, Green Tree’s Nursery, Linda Presley, and volunteers. A special thanks to the Gridley Lions Club for a \$3,000 donation to fund the project’s garden shed. ★

# Orchard Hospital Foundation to Help in Local Health Care Crisis

## Orchard Hospital Foundation News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The escalating health-care crisis across the nation is increasingly evident, particularly as vital facilities such as the Advanced Imaging Center in Yuba City, the Immediate Care Center in Chico, and the surgical services at Orchard Hospital cease operations.

The primary reason for these closures can be attributed to the growing discrepancy between the escalating operational costs in the healthcare sector and the reimbursement rates provided by Medicare, Medi-CAL and private insurance companies, not to mention providing free care to patients without any form of insurance. For instance, in certain situations, local hospitals receive a mere 6% reimbursement on their expenses from Medi-CAL.

Moreover, we in Butte County live in the third poorest county in California and the multiple health concerns of our residents reflect the impact of that economic position. Access to health care is a constant struggle, especially since Butte County lost Adventist-Feather River Hospital in Paradise due to the 2018 Camp Fire devastation. Trying to get a primary care physician locally is almost an impossible search, with recent media reports identifying the ratio of 1 primary care physician available per one thousand residents in Butte County.

Locally, the Orchard Hospital Foundation’s purpose and mission is to raise funds and friends to help support Orchard Hospital. Over the Foundation’s 12 years of existence, almost one million dollars have been donated to the Foundation from our community members to support the hospital. Medical equipment, supplies, and scholarships, such as a state-of-the-art mammography machine, a van for the Senior Solutions Program, 30 state-of-the-art IV pumps, the new entry

to the hospital critical services area, and \$10,000 in staff development scholarships for members to strengthen their skills have been provided. These are a few of the improvements you as hospital Foundation supporters have helped make happen.

To keep health care viable in our area, we on the Foundation urge you to donate locally to ensure access to care at Orchard Hospital is available for our community members. Not everyone can physically and financially travel to the Bay Area for care, so it is important that we are a presence in the health care continuum for local residents. The Foundation, together with Orchard Hospital, is also in the process of lobbying federal, state, and local politicians to make them aware of how much our small, rural hospitals are struggling and seek out financial help.

The Foundation is planning several fundraisers this year which we ask community members to support: a golf tournament, a sporting clay event, a No-Show Gala, Giving Tuesday, and the Annual Appeal. Inclusions of the Hospital Foundation in wills, stock donations, and insurance gifts are most welcome and needed.

New Foundation members this year include Chris McIntire, Emma Ceballos, Kathy King, Jason Piazza, and Pedro Mota. They join Margaret Hughes, Heather Payne, Juan Solis, Dale Leishmann, Gabri Neves, and Marianne Lombardi to make up the all-volunteer Foundation Board.

Over the past several years, Friends of the Foundation, from the Knights of Columbus, Lions, and Rotary Clubs have assisted at Foundation events like the annual golf tournament; their assistance is so much appreciated. As ever, the generosity of our community members is golden! The Orchard Hospital Foundation Board thanks you in advance for your much needed support. ★

# Gridley Developers Begin Discussion of Grievances with City



The Steffen Estates development at Little and Richins Avenues is on hold as developers seek to address their concerns with City of Gridley planning and engineering staff. Photo courtesy of Cindy Scott

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There will be a limited number of poles available onsite, and no pets are allowed.

Ayala reported fall soccer sign-ups begin in May. Last year there were 423 participants. This year, because the GUSD fields are available, there will be room for 500-600 participants. Participants can sign up at the Gridley Parks and Rec booth during Red Suspenders Day on Saturday, May 22. Councilmember Angel Calderon encouraged screening and training for the volunteer coaches. Councilmember Catalina Sanchez asked if the soccer program was for Gridley residents only. Ayala responded that Gridley residents would be given the first opportunity to register, after which registration would be open to all. More information can be found on the rec department’s Facebook page.

Elisa Arteaga, City Finance Director, discussed the upcoming budget process with the Council and asked for their input on budget study sessions. Arteaga asked Council to be considering, “What are five things that are most important to you in the city; what are things that you would like to focus on?” She also stated she would like to see the city plan on reserves, so that “As we grow, we have enough funding in reserves.”

The Council accepted a Memorandum of Understanding with Butte County and its cities to coordinate edible food recovery efforts required by state law, adopted

as part of the effort to reduce food waste. City Administrator Cliff Wagner explained that there are currently organizations in Gridley, like Gleaners, involved in edible food recovery, but that the need for recipients will quickly outpace community capacity. Coordinating with the county on logistics will help the city meet state requirements and avoid fines and penalties.

Wagner added that this coordination will enhance the ability of our local Gleaners and other organizations to distribute food. The city’s financial obligation will be commensurate with our percentage of the county’s population, which is 4%. Sanchez noted that the amount is an estimated \$13,000 annually, a drop in the bucket compared to potential fines. Calderon added, “There’s a lot of need. There’s more poor people now than when I was a kid. Any little thing helps.”

In council reports, Calderon noted that a Day of the Child celebration is scheduled for Sunday, April 30th at Vierra Park from 1-6pm. Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson reported that the Butte County Mosquito Abatement District is purchasing a 2500-gallon stainless-steel tank for \$155,000. The tank will hold fuel or vegetable oil-based insecticides.

Gridley City Council Meeting agendas and recordings of past meetings are available for review at <http://gridley-ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council/> ★

## GRIDLEY RECREATION

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?

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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Warm weather has been tickling the air in the afternoons. I’ve started the transfer of the begonias and baby plants from the greenhouse to their outside places. The cymbidiums are under the orange tree, their blooms looking like a multitude of corsages out in the wild. The big begonias have taken

the place of ease that once belonged to the cymbidiums. The baby plants are set up where they get early morning sunlight, then bright light the rest of the day. Spring is here and the replacement of plants proves that in this yard.

I’ve seen two Preying Mantis (I use this form Preying on purpose) egg cases. Praying Mantis makes it seem like they are religious and sweet natured. They are not, they are predators of great prowess. If they were bigger, we would be afraid. With good reason. They have an insect intelligence that is a bit scary. They are avid hunters. They prey on other insects and sometimes other small animals. Anyway, I look forward to seeing the swarming

hundreds of babies fully developed but tiny scattering throughout the yard. I love coming eyeball to buggy eyes with them in the garden. It makes me wish that snails were on their menu.

I went on and on about the blueberries and I’m going to do it again. I planted another blueberry plant. There are now four. It looks like I will be having handfuls of blueberries once it warms up at night as well as during the day. There are a few strawberries. Once I had a full strawberry patch. Now, they are randomly growing with the blueberries. I get a few and that’s great. Blueberries are a better producer for the amount of water than strawberries. Plus, they use a smaller area in the garden. Win-win. ★

# Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Billy’s been a busy guy ever since he became the official town dog here. Sally had been the town dog until she passed away on Doc’s porch, and then Billy’s owner died just two weeks after that, so it was something of a natural progression. Sometimes offices are filled without an election.

The high school wood shop boys built Billy a dog house next to the school crossing, but Billy preferred Aunt Ada’s couch in the cold months and a nice dog depression under an oak tree when it’s warm.

Billy was making the

“I’m glad you came over today ... Billy”

rounds this morning. He had snacks at the Gates of Heaven Chinese café (back door, of course) and the Mule Barn truck stop, and conned a granola bar out of some kids just leaving the convenience store. Then he headed down the main street, turned right at the drug store, and ended up on the porch of The Rest of Your Life Retirement Home. A brief scratching and whining gave him access, and he cruised around, being petted and loved, until he found Pop Walker.

Pop can remember what happened in World War II right down to the mess hall menu, but he has a tough time with names and whether he’s had breakfast today or not.

“Uh ...?” Pop looked at the lady in the nurse’s

uniform.

“I’m Jean, Pop.”

“Oh sure ... Jean, okay if I go outside with the dog?”

“Only in the back yard, Pop. Okay?”

He grinned. “Okay.”

Pop and Billy walked around back there for a while, and Pop found a stick and threw it for Billy a few times. Then they went to a bench in the shade and Billy laid his head on Pop’s knee and got some free ear rumples.

Pop looked down at the dog.

“I’m glad you came over today ... Billy,” Pop said.

Pop remembers World War II, also.

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# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

“Some of us plant the seeds. Then some water and fertilize, but only the Lord can produce the harvest.” Each of us has a job set forth in God’s plans. Some spread the seeds of glory (the gospel) while others continue to encourage (water) and stimulate minds and hearts (fertilize). But the final callings and blossoms (good fruit) come from God.

Then we continue the process. We bloom where we are planted, rooted deep is God’s word, power, and strength. Sometimes weeds grow in amongst the flowers, but we are told to leave them alone until harvest, when God Himself will separate the good from the bad, right and left, sheep and goats.

There are times when God has to prune, cut back, and reshape the growth in us. But just as we do to our trees and bushes God prepares us for new growth. Our new bases (bodies) produce a great harvest because God has given us a new outlook on life, a new beginning.

It is hard to go through a trim in life. Sometimes it means a move away from established surroundings, friends, and even family. As God closes a door to something that hurts and holds us back from His plans for us, He opens a door, sometimes



a window, to a better place. Be it a job, an opportunity to expand, or a new adventure completely different than anything we have gone through. God is in control and provides the harvest He had in mind for us since our beginning.

All of us have planted bulbs for the spring flowers. I have some that appear years after being put in the ground. Like little surprises, they appear to offer beauty and color to our gardens. They bring joy and happiness after a cold, dark winter. The buds on trees show us that after a dead winter, trees are about to push forth leaves and blooms. It proves they aren’t really dead but waiting for the right moment to spring forth.

God want us to do the same, to spring forth in beauty and glory for a new season to provide shelter and shade for birds, beasts, and humans. We plant ahead of the time of harvest. We water and fertilize. God prepares the new growth and harvest. Step forth, spread your seeds of love, joy, hope, and life. God will do the work.

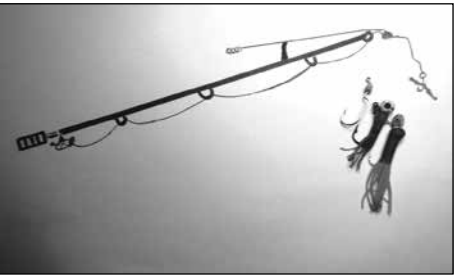
*The Gridley United Methodist Church can join you in planting, watering, and fertilizing as we continue to move in Gods ways to help Him harvest. Meet with us on Sundays at 10 am to seek His plans for us. We are at 285 Magnolia Street.* ★

**Brownie's BAIT BOX**

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## LOCAL FISHING

Boca Reservoir ice fishing for pan fish. Drill 6” diameter holes near the shore weed beds, big enough to haul out those huge bluegills. Use a simple tungsten 16 oz Jig Head fished on a Scepter spring bobber rod. The spring loaded bobber lets



Scepter Spring Bobber Rod

you know when you get a bite. Try Wax Worms. **Fisherman’s Comment.** “Brownie, try using my Pomodoro 5217 Rule. Fish for 52 minutes with 17 minute rest intervals, do this eight times per day to get more meat.” Signed: *Hungry Man.* Smud Rancho Seco Trout Derby. April 1,2nd. Winner adult: 7.57 lb. Rainbow. Winner youth: 4.62 lb. Rainbow.

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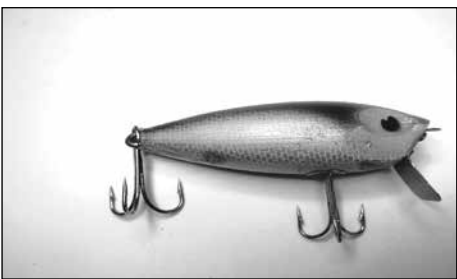
## COASTAL WATERS

Monterey Bay; sanddabs, petrale sole, crabs. Fish... Try: Tray Bait (b) Crab... Try: Fish Offal. (b)

## LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Folsom Lake bass. [Danger] lots of debris on the lake. Fish the shallow cold waters. Try: Swimbait on 8th oz. Head. (g) Blue Lake /Lake County. Ten thousand year old spring fed lake. No wind or snow.

Launch at Blue Lakes boat ramp and stay at Blue Lakes Lodge. A 12 mile speed limit keeps things quiet and calm. Target fish is the Large Mouth Bass. Try: Various Soft Worms. (b) Camp Far West Lake. 1849 Cantonment Far West aka Fort Far West. Established to safe guard routes to the gold fields. Located on the Bear River close to Johnsons Crossing, which was the stop-over place for the Donner rescue party. Soldiers deserted in 1852 to the gold fields. Spotted bass love...Try: Football Jigs, Carolina Rigs. (a) Pardee Lake; giant pikeminnow caught, 13 lbs. 13 oz. 31 inches long, 18.5” girth. Try: Power Bait. (b) Clear Lake bass fishing; fish 2’-5’ deep. 5.9 – 7.8 lb. large mouths for dinner. Try: Poe’s Nervous Miracle. (b)



Poe’s Nervous Miracle

## RIVERS

Sac. River system/Pittsburg. Sturgeon; caught, tagged and released two slot fish of 59.5” and 58”. Try: Lamprey eel, Pile Worms. (b) Feather River at Boyd’s Landing. Water clear, six fishermen in boat, four stripers in the box. Lots of small shakers. Drifting...Try: Jumbo Minnows. (a) Truckee River; rainbow trout spawn has begun. Do not fish the lower section, it stresses the fish and you may disturb their redds.

**Fisherman’s Comment:** “Brownie, all of my five kokes were 15/36th in size. Signed: *Anonymous.* { Do all fishermen lie, or do all liars fish?} **BROWNIE**



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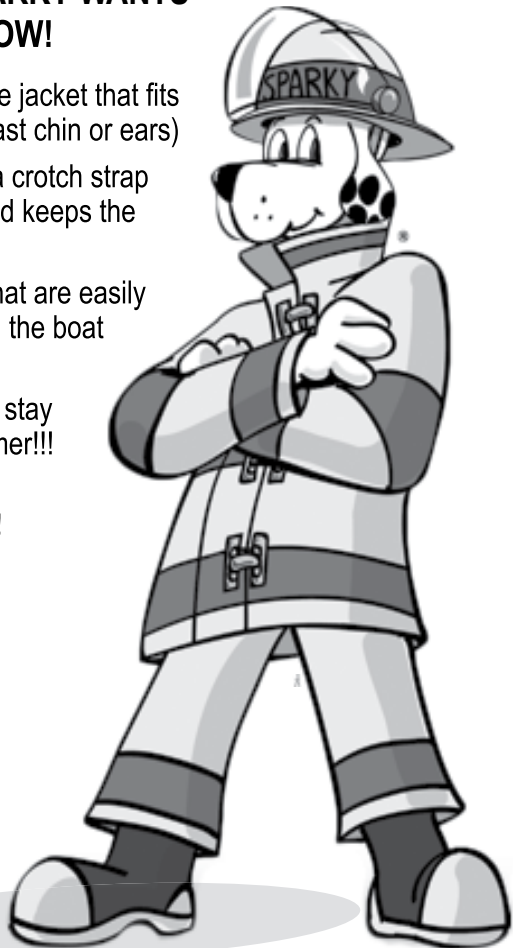
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## The Pavlov Fed

In an article out April 15, 2023, Yahoo Finance concludes that despite the brief 2023 rallies we have seen in the markets, the average retail investor is down 27% on average since November 2021.

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/retail-investors-are-sitting-on-heavy-losses-despite-a-2023-stock-rally-134826847.html>

Hopefully your portfolio didn't lose that much but them are the numbers.

Investors looking for a "V" type recovery like we saw after the 38% Dow trouncing in March of 2020 have been burned repeatedly by believing the bear market rallies we saw all through 2022 and even into the start 2023 were the real deal.

Instead, each 2022/2023 rally fell apart shortly after it started and the market continually plummeted to lower lows.

Most analysts agree that inflation and the Federal Reserves (FED) attempt to stop it is the cause of the continued market erosion.

Embarking on an historic series of interest rate increases, the FED has to dampen demand to cool inflation.

In my opinion, this market crash is very different than all those that preceded it in the last 40 years.

Since the 1980's, every market crash has had the same response from the FED. They lower interest rates, print up a ton of money, and spray it everywhere. Well, everywhere but to you that is.

Most of the newly created money is done under the guise of helping the average Joe and saving him from a crashing economy.

However, outside of the \$600 refund sent out to you during the 2009/2010 banking implosion, most of the money the FED gave out previously went exclusively to financial institutions.

The thinking was that the average citizen could roll over and the economy would survive. However if the banking system went kaput, the whole system would collapse.

Probably correct in this assumption, that our economy has arrived at the point where the financial piping is so fragile as to be susceptible to complete collapse is a problem of the FEDS own making.

Too big to fail comes to mind, while you are too small not to.

Since 1980, analysts have always warned that if the FED kept throwing money around to bail out failed intuitions, inflation would rise up and smash any recovery brought about by the money raining down from FED heaven.

Since 1980, every market crash has been followed by a firehose of FED cash. After multiple market crashes were put out by the FED cash firehose yet inflation *did not* rear its ugly head, the FED, and their handlers, Washington, came to think printing

up oodles of cash did not result in inflation, so repeated the process whenever markets crashed.

Market crashes were addressed from then on with the same remedy. More cash into the system. (Not your system mind you). But you knew that.

The FED thought they had found the Holy Grail, the sweet spot of markets, the magic blue pill, which fixed all crashes.

Print up trillions and toss it at the banks and whoever else was big enough to be a member of the "Too Big to Fail" club.

Like Pavlov's dog, every time the crash bell rang, they fired up the presses.

Fast forward to CoVid and the FED *slightly altered* the recipe however.

This time around, the cash went to the banking system, true, But now they thought they could turn the cash hoses on every man, woman and grown child in America.

After all, this CoVid thing had shut down the world's businesses entirely. This was not a slowdown, but a shut down. Down went commerce and their owners and customers as well.

This time around, the printing presses ran over time, and instead of a \$600 check, many individuals got thousands, hundreds of thousands, and even businesses and conglomerates held out their hand for billions more.

This time around the amounts given out dwarfed all previous amounts far and away of what is imaginable.

And finally, true to decades of analyst's warnings, inflation *did take* hold. Failing to recognize it early on, they kept the money spigots open, until such a time when the inflationary fires were raging hot.

Having finally put two and two together, the FED realizes the blue pill won't work. In fact, turning on the cash hoses now would only make things worse.

The FEDS cannot print away this crash. The inflation chickens have finally found their way home. The medicine is truly the cause of the illness. No more free cash. The printing presses must remain idle.

That is the reason this market correction has been so prolonged, and in this analysts opinion, will continue. And where it stops, nobody knows.

*"Watching the markets so you don't have to"*

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## Gridley Man to Serve in Mexico City

By Cindy Scott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Taylor Johnson will serve as a full-time missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, assigned to the Mexico Mexico City Northwest Mission. The Northwest Mission is one of seven missions in Mexico City, a city of over 22 million people. Johnson will begin his service with at-home remote missionary training, followed by several weeks in the Mexico City Missionary Training Center, where he will begin learning Spanish and prepare to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Johnson will address his home congregation, Gridley 1st Ward, at 9:00am on Sunday, April 30, at the meetinghouse at 400 Spruce Street. His parents are Justin and Becky Johnson. ★



Taylor Johnson will serve as a full-time missionary in the Mexico Mexico City Northwest Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Photo by Melanie Little

## A Day for the Children

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A new celebration is coming to Gridley!

North Valley Catholic Social Services, Promotores Outreach, Las Catrinas, Butte County, and EachMind Matters have partnered to bring the community the first ever Day of the Child.

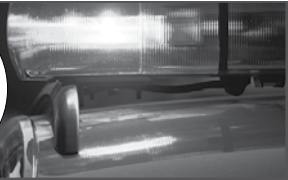
Gridley City Councilmember Angel Calderon, who has been involved in planning, says that traditionally in Mexico, there is a day to celebrate children, just like Mother's Day or Father's Day. Día

del Niño has been celebrated there since 1925, with children being honored and recognized for their importance.

The Day of the Child will be held Sunday, April 30th at Manuel Vierra Park in Gridley from 1:00pm – 6:00pm. Families and children are encouraged to attend this fun-filled event, take part in the activities and games, raffles, face painting, picture booths, piñatas, and more. There will also be free food provided.

For more information contact Calderon at [Calderonangel837@gmail.com](mailto:Calderonangel837@gmail.com) or Norma at [nlacy@nvcss.org](mailto:nlacy@nvcss.org). ★

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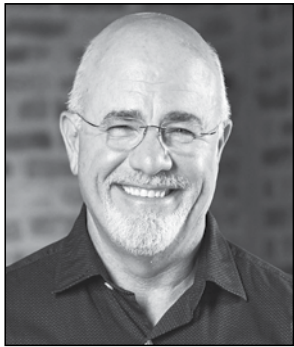
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and that'll clear things up.

I'm sorry the relationship didn't work out, brother. But I'm glad you're taking steps to be in control of your finances. And I hope making things right where the bike is concerned will bring you a little peace of mind.

– Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.* ★

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### Imperial Valley Farmers Await Federal Actions on Colorado River Supplies

The federal government is considering two options to prevent the Colorado River from running dry. Both plans announced last week would require water users in the river's Lower Basin to dramatically cut their use. The April 11 announcement of the two plans by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation came after the seven states that draw water from the river failed over several months to form a consensus on how to cut their water use. The outcome could significantly affect farming in California's Imperial Valley.

### Farmers in Shasta, Scott River Regions Still Face State Water Restrictions

Farmers along the Scott River and Shasta River watersheds in Siskiyou County have faced curtailments of water supplies since 2021. After storms dramatically increased snowpack and reservoir levels this year, a March 23 executive order by the governor temporarily suspended drought curtailment orders for some watersheds. But farmers in the Shasta and Scott watersheds respectively will remain under drought-emergency restrictions until at least April 30 and May 2, state officials say.

### New California Program Pays Ranchers for Livestock Losses, Impacts from Wolves

A new state program is compensating ranchers for livestock losses due to wolf depredation. California has allocated \$3 million for the pilot program. The first two parts were implemented last year to begin compensating farmers for livestock losses and deterrence. By early April this year, 32 applications had been processed and approved, with a total compensation request of nearly \$440,000. Of the 32 applications, 11 were for direct livestock losses and 21 were for wolf deterrence methods. ★

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# Magalia Man and Mothers Plead in Horrific Child Abuse Case

## Butte County DA News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A Magalia man pleaded no contest in Butte County Superior Court on April 19, 2023, to multiple charges of physical and sexual abuse against five minor children, stemming from over a year of violence within his Magalia home. The biological mothers of the children, who were in a polyamorous relationship with Chavez, also pleaded no contest today to multiple felony child abuse charges relating to their failure to protect the children and for attempting to dissuade the children from testifying.

Robert Chavez, 41, pled no contest to multiple counts of rape and molest of the women’s female children, ranging in ages from 4 to 16, plus a count of torture against one young boy. Chavez also admitted a count of mayhem in an unrelated case involving a former girlfriend. As a result of his plea, Chavez faces 80 years to life in state prison.

The children’s mothers, Amanda

Johnson, 38, and Kelsey Cabrera, 35, each pleaded no contest to four counts of felony child abuse and one count of dissuading witnesses. They both individually face up to 10 years and 8 months in state prison.

Chavez, Johnson, and Cabrera lived together at a home on Colter Way in Magalia, CA, and both women had their minor children living within the home.

The case began with a disclosure made by one of the children at school in January 2023.

After interviewing the child, investigators from the Butte County District Attorney’s Office went to the Magalia home to arrest Chavez. During an initial search of the home, Chavez was not initially located, but investigators discovered he was hiding in a crawl space above the home’s garage. After a prolonged standoff, involving multiple agencies, Chavez was eventually arrested and taken into custody.

Over the following weeks, the district attorney investigators conducted multiple interviews

and learned the extent of the abuse occurring in the home at the hands of Chavez. Multiple incidents of sexual abuse were disclosed, as well as extreme levels of physical abuse.

Investigators also began combing through a staggering amount of evidence located within the home.



District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the abuse committed by Chavez against the minor victims was truly horrific and was easily one of the worst cases his office had seen in some time.

Ramsey noted Chavez had been physically abusing all of the children, and sexually abusing some

of the female children for over a year, with incidents occurring so often that it was impossible to grasp the full extent of what the children suffered.

The children described Chavez shooting them with BB guns, beating them with whips and paddles, and punching and kicking them in their faces and bodies. Chavez would routinely take pleasure in torturing a young boy in the home, beating him until he could not stand and inflicting extensive bruising.

Chavez also burned a young girl with cigarettes to her face. Chavez would also threaten to harm the children if they ever disclosed any of the abuse.

Ramsey commended the courage the minors showed by speaking up, despite the physical, mental, and emotional abuse they suffered, and noted that the investigation would never have commenced without their bravery. The DA also praised the unwavering efforts of his prosecutors and investigators that worked “this truly awful case, which took a toll

upon them despite their hardened veteran status.”

During the extensive investigation, a former girlfriend of Chavez was also interviewed. She disclosed abuse at the hands of Chavez when she dated him several years before he moved to Magalia. Ramsey said the mayhem charge stemmed from an incident where Chavez strangled her during an argument and held a hot curling iron to an intimate part of her body, leaving permanent scars.

At today’s hearing, Chavez’s attorney requested Chavez be released pending sentencing, citing “difficulties” with other inmates at the jail. The judge summarily denied the request.

Chavez is currently set to be sentenced on May 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

His co-defendants, Amanda Johnson and Kelsey Cabrera, are scheduled to be sentenced on May 24, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.

All three defendants are being held in the Butte County Jail without bail pending sentencing. ★

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Date filed in Butte County: February 22, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
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Jenifer L Nichols, 464 Pearson Road, Paradise, CA 95969  
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Arborworks LLC, 1202N 75<sup>th</sup> Street, #222, Downers Grove, IL 60516  
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PATHFINDER 5-12-23

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The following person(s) are doing business as: CHURCH OF GLAMOUR / ULTRA BEAUTICIAN, 361 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Deryl Northcote, 899 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: March 15, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 1/1/2023  
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CHURCH 5-19-23

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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 95948 and Karen Zorbas, 286 Pinyon Hills Drive, Chico, CA 95928.  
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YOUNG 5-19-23

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHAEL GENE MORIN CASE NO. 23PR00173

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Michael Gene Morin.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Micah Morin, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Micah Morin be appointed as personal representative(s) to

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE SUTTER BUTTE BASIN REGIONAL LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Gridley City Council will hold a public hearing at 6 pm on May 1st, 2023 (rescheduled from April 17th, 2023) in the Council Chambers, at City Hall 685 Kentucky St, Gridley, CA for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments from the public regarding the adoption of The Sutter Butte Basin Regional Levee Improvement Program Development Impact Fee pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act (Government Code Section 66000 et seq.) The Sutter Butte Basin Regional Levee Improvement Program Development Impact Fee would provide funding for the implementation of 200-year flood control improvements in the urban (Northern) portion of the Sutter Butte Basin and 100-year flood control improvements in the rural (Southern) portion of the Sutter Butte Basin. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the said time and place any person may appear and be heard regarding the approval of the proposed impact fee. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any data required by the Mitigation Fee Act is available and can be mailed to any interested party who files a written request with the City of Gridley for mailed notice of any meeting considering new or increased fees or service charges. Written requests maybe provided to City of Gridley at its offices located at 685 Kentucky St, Gridley, CA 95948 Attn: Carmen Santana. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing and provide written and oral comments or suggestions concerning the proposed impact fee.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY PLANNING COMMISSION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a special meeting scheduled **Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, via email to [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us) or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Planning Commission for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting, will be provided on the Planning Commission agenda available to the public on Friday, May 12, 2023, located on the City of Gridley website.

**Pre-zone RZ 2-23;** An amendment to Ordinance No. 844-2023 adopted by the City Council on March 6, 2023 removing the open space designation as shown on APN 022-210-095, 80.48 acres, APN 022-210-087, 4.5 acres, and APN 022-210-051, 10.5 acres totaling approximately 95.5 acres and replacing it with R-1 Single Family Residential, and R-2, Medium Density Residential District.

**SUMMARY:**

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the Planning Commission on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Donna Decker, Planning Department, at (530) 768-5090 or email at [Planningdept@gridley.ca.us](mailto:Planningdept@gridley.ca.us)

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**Tentative Subdivision Map 2-23;** Application for a Tentative Subdivision Map to subdivide one parcel consisting of approximately 14.8-acres into seventy parcels, a rezone to amend the zoning designation from Residential Suburban (R-S) to Single-Family Residential District (R-1), rescind the existing Agriculture Overlay, and Mitigated Negative Declaration located on the south side of Sycamore Street and at the terminus of Laurel Street. (APN 010-270-121)

**SUMMARY:**

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administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Jill N. Robbins, 815 Cottage Street, Susanville, CA 96130; 530/257-8111

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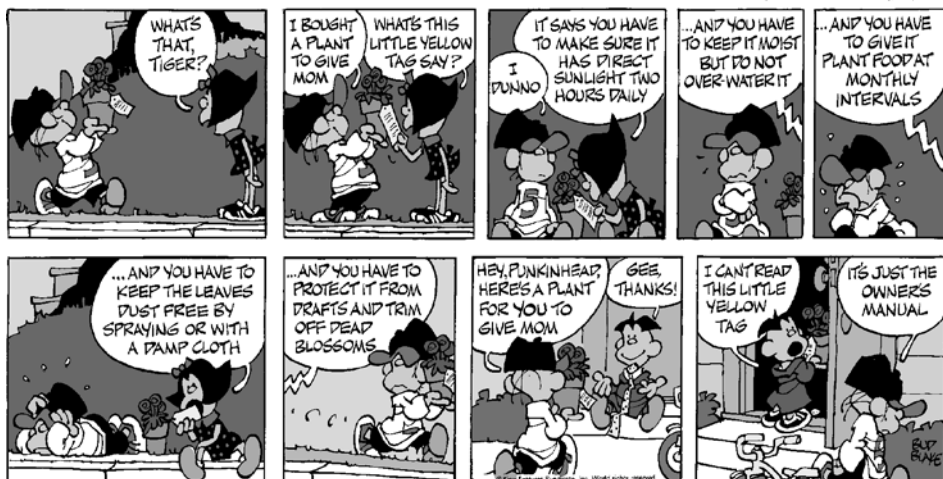
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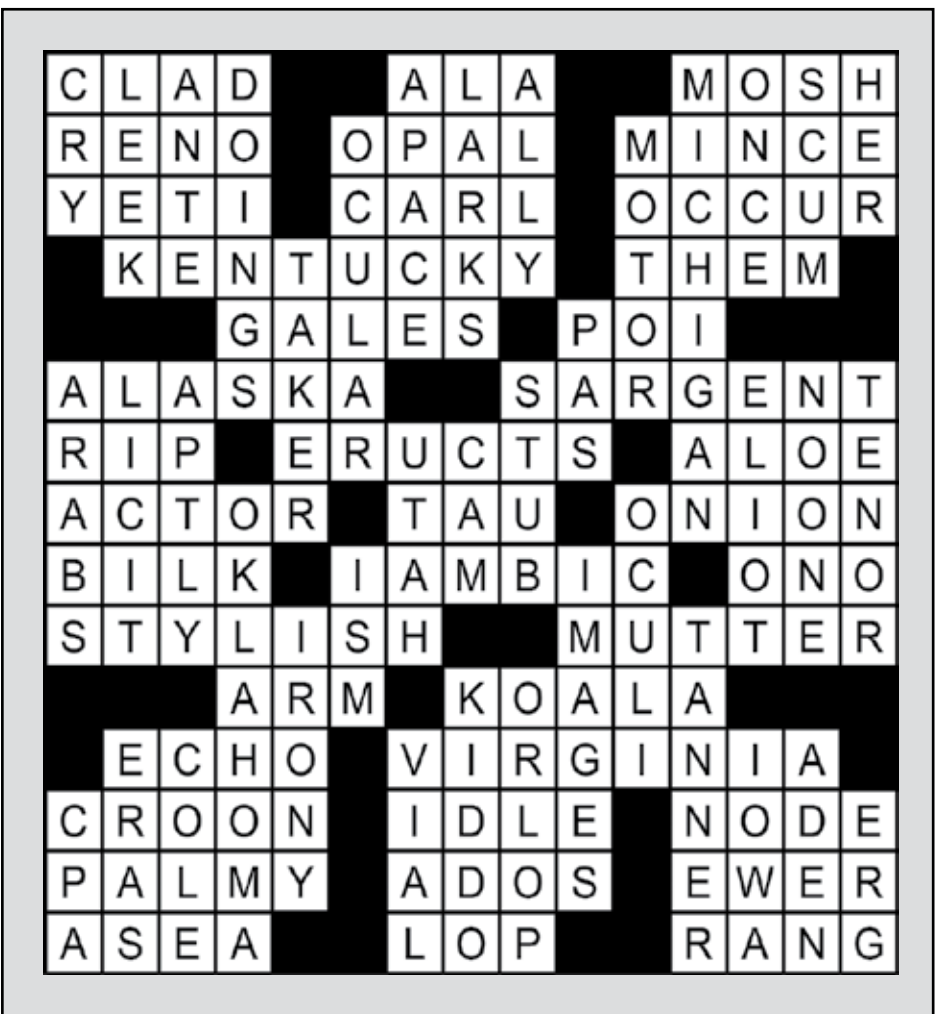
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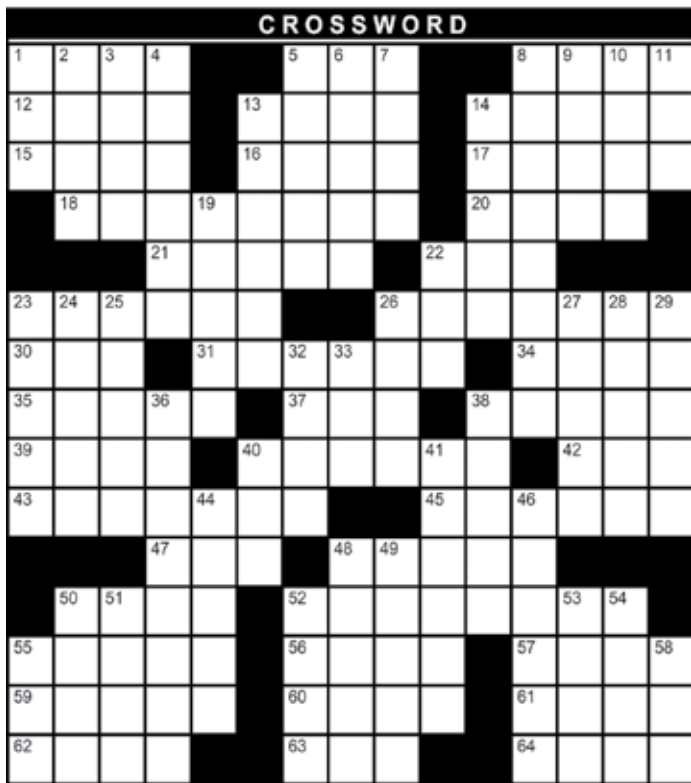
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# Lady Bulldogs Double Up RedHawks in Non-League Win

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Lady Bulldogs broke out their bats as they defeated the Colusa RedHawks 6-3 in a non-league matchup on Wednesday, April 19.

Gridley responded with the win the day before, where they suffered their lone Butte View League loss to Las Plumas.

In the circle, sophomore ace Reese Stevens dealt Colusa a strong hand of strikes as she pounded the zone repeatedly.

Stevens trusted her defense to make plays as she allowed six hits and one strikeout in the complete game outing.

Lady Bulldogs assistant coach Ally Stephens expressed to the Herald that this was probably the most complete and best game Gridley has played all season. “Our hitting, defense and morale were all on fire and on point,” Stephens said.

Gridley (10-3, 2-1 Butte View League) had 10 hits throughout the game, including multi-hit games from senior catcher Gracie Dunning and junior outfielder Alexis Porcayo. Dunning said that they recognized pitches at the plate and were able to compose themselves and swing at good pitches throughout the rest



Gridley sophomore pitcher Reese Stevens (2) slides under the tag to score the first run in the Lady Bulldogs 6-3 win against Colusa on Wednesday, April 19.

of the game:

Dunning went two-for-four with two extra base hits and Porcayo went two-for-three with two singles.

Stephens added that one of Dunning's best attributes as a leader is her positivity around the entire squad.

“She’ll (Dunning) never tear anyone down and is always seen cheering her teammates on,” Stephens said.

Porcayo put the Lady Bulldogs on the board first when she singled in Stevens for a run-batted-in (RBI) in the second inning. She exclaimed to the Herald that

once the team was able to adjust to the slower pitches in the box, they were able lift up the energy throughout the dugout.

On top of her great day at the plate, Porcayo also made great plays in right field as she was able to corral in some close plays. “My first instinct is always

to take a step in towards the ball and give it my all to get the ball in the glove,” Porcayo said.

The Gridley lead was short-lived as Colusa tied the game in top of the third inning. The Lady Bulldogs took the lead back in the bottom of the fourth as Dunning hit a base clearing triple to take a 5-2 lead.

Stevens controlled the pitch count consistently as she threw a mountain of strikes to where she allowed two walks in the complete game.

Gridley senior second baseman Ana Williams knocked in Dunning in the bottom of the sixth for an insurance run.

Dunning added to her team leading 22 hits on the season, including her eighth and ninth extra-base hits on the year.

She said the adjustment she made at the plate was her mindset as the ball creeps towards closer. “My goal is always to not let striking out be an option for me.”

The Lady Bulldogs went back into BVL play as they hosted Orland on Tuesday. Orland and Gridley are ranked right next to one another in the MaxPreps rankings that were last released.

“We’re going to continue practicing hard on everything and come in Monday and work on some of the mistakes we had from today,” Stephens said. ★



Gridley senior infielder Alyssa Thompson (5) fires a rocket across the diamond in the Lady Bulldogs 6-3 victory over Colusa on Wednesday, April 19.



Gridley senior catcher Gracie Dunning (7) attempts to hit a ball in play in the Lady Bulldogs 6-3 victory over Colusa on Wednesday, April 19.



Gridley sophomore pitcher Reese Stevens (2) throws a pitch in the Lady Bulldogs 6-3 win on Wednesday, April 19 over Colusa.



Gridley junior outfielder Alexis Porcayo (12) runs in after she catches a fly ball in the Lady Bulldogs 6-3 victory over Colusa on Wednesday, April 19.

# New Coach Era of Bulldogs Football Starts

Story by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The new regime of the Gridley Football program has begun as Mike Meyer accepted the job offer to be the next man leading the Bulldogs into the 2023 football season.

Meyer was previously the junior varsity head coach and the offensive coordinator for the varsity last season.

Meyer, who is in his younger 30's, expressed to the Herald that he is grateful for the chance at the head coaching position at his age. I have been working a long time for the opportunity to get the opportunity to become a head coach,” Meyer said. He

credits the mentorship of former head coach Matt Kemmis in helping him obtain the position. “I talk to him more than anyone at Gridley High School, and I appreciate everything he did for me,” he said.

The good news for Meyer coming into this position is he is not walking into the room as a stranger. The familiarity factor of him being the junior varsity head coach, and also working on the varsity level makes it an easy transition, as players know his expectations.

Meyer shared that some of his goals as coach included winning the Harvest Bowl yearly over Live Oak. Being on the coaching staff since the 2019 season,

he has seen how much the game means to the community and the kids in the program. “None of the boys want to be ‘the team’ that loses the first Harvest Bowl and gives Live Oak the trophy back,” Meyer said. Gridley has won nine consecutive Harvest Bowls.

Meyer said being an offensive minded coach, means he plans to keep the ground and pound approach while making a few adjustments on the offensive side of the ball. He added that he looks at what players he has in the program and his offensive/defensive adjustments will be based on what the program is looking like.

One thing that won’t change is the attention to the weight

training program, where Meyer believes they have a distinct advantage over other schools.

Meyer praised Kemmis as being the force responsible for revamping the weight program in the school. Meyer is looking to continue and grow the program now that he is at the helm. “Iron sharpens iron” and “don’t take any days off,” are just a few of the sentiments that Kemmis instilled in him, says Meyer.

With spring ball in full force ahead, Meyer told the Herald he can’t wait to get started over the summer as he gets all of the kids interested in being part of his inaugural year atop the program. He is excited to see how he can expand the program over time

under his leadership.

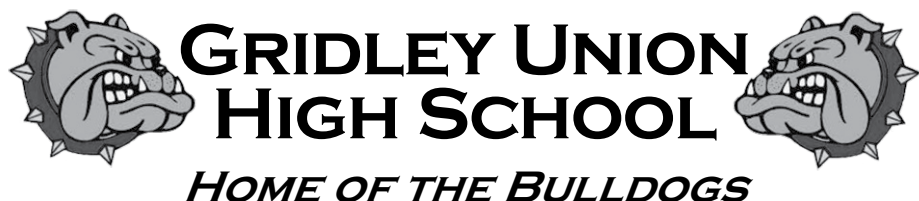
Meyer added that on Thursday, May 18, Gridley will host its second annual sports night in the Guardian Building.

This is a community event and a chance for everyone to meet the 2023-24 coaching staff for all sports, buy sports passes, and ASB stickers for the following year.

Gridley Medical Specialty Center will be doing free physicals for all incoming eighth graders and above at the event. Students are asked to arrive no later than 7:15 p.m. for the free physical.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to open the season on Friday, September 1 at Wheatland. ★





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**Date/Time:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
**Cost/Location:** Free, Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

### One-Day Trademarks Boot Camp (Chico)

Come and learn the best way to grow your business and protect your brand. Join Butte College SBDC and a trademark attorney from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a one-Day Trademarks Boot Camp. Learn best practices to protect your ideas, grow your business, and protect your brand. The training will include Fundamentals of Trademarks, Searching, Applications and Filing, TEAS Plus Demonstration, Responding to an Office Action, and Keeping Your Registration Alive. This in-person, one-day workshop covers: Definitions and Types of Trademarks, Benefits of Federal Trademark Registration, Selecting a Trademark, Filing and Registration and much more!

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 4, 2023, Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
**Cost/Location:** Free, Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

### The Basics of Bookkeeping (Oroville)

Learn basic concepts for setting up your bookkeeping and develop an understanding of financial statements to better manage your business. Learn and understand common terms used in bookkeeping so you can converse confidently with lenders and financial advisors. Learn key concepts for good record keeping for your business

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 17, 2023, Time: 9:00am - 11:00am  
**Cost/Location:** Free, The Axiom, 1420 Myers Street, Oroville

### Understanding Food Costs and Pricing (Colusa)

Join Butte College SBDC for a 2-hour workshop on understanding food costs & pricing. This training is for both existing & startup restaurants & food businesses. Topics include: Understanding Profit & Loss Statements, Industry Benchmarks for Food Costs, How to Work from a Budget, Industry Techniques for Calculating Plate Costs, How to Price for Profitability, and Best Practice for Managing Inventory

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

### Common Problems Encountered with QuickBooks Desktop Accounting (Chico)

Accurate bookkeeping is critical for successfully managing your business; therefore, taking the time to understand how to correctly use your accounting program is key for your business financial success. This 2-hour workshop is for individuals who have already set up their QuickBooks Desktop system, have been working with the system for 6 months or more, and need help with ensuring that they are using the system correctly (i.e., performing the necessary reconciliations, matching and categorization properly). We will cover reconciling your bank and credit card accounts to your ledgers, problems with categorizations vs. matching vs. rules, understanding reporting and problem solving the data, cleaning up Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable anomalies and cleaning up Balance Sheet misallocations. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 25, 2023, Time: 8:30am - 10:30am  
**Cost/Location:** Free, Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

To Register for Trainings CALL: (530) 895-9017

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