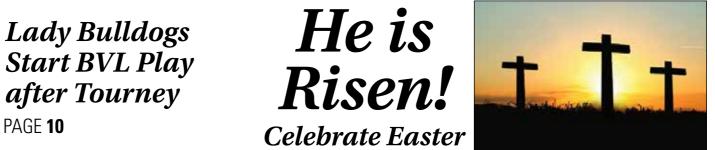


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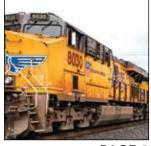
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Meet Matt!

Butte County Fairground Has a New CEO



Butte County Fairgrounds officially welcomes new CEO, Matt Reed. Pictured left to right: Jose Mendes - Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor, Matt Reed - Butte County Fairgrounds CEO, and Vanessa Wilson - Administrative Secretary. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Late August is a busy time of year at the Butte County Fairgrounds, and this last year was no exception as Matt Reed officially began his new role as the Fair CEO.

Long-time Fair CEO, Steve Kenny, stayed onboard as CEO of Infrastructure and Grant Writing, mentoring Reed as he familiarized himself with the day-to-day operations of the Butte County Fairgrounds (BCF) and helped organize the 2022

event. Six months later, Reed is still hard at work preparing for the 2023 fair, while streamlining and modernizing aspects of the fair and operations of the grounds.

Reed hails from an agriculture background and holds a BA and Master's in Ag Education. He taught Ag for 10 years, most of it at Gridley High School, and believes the skills he learned coordinating events with his students, especially with FFA, have prepared him for the planning and contracting abilities necessary

for running the BCF and the fairgrounds itself. Taking on more roles has allowed Reed to reduce some positions at BCF and as a result, costs to the fairgrounds.

The CEO has actively begun the process of contracting vendors, entertainment and more for the BCF and says that there will definitely be some new additions come fair time. He reassures the community that his goal is to keep the traditional feel of the BC Fair intact but bring it into the

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It's Not Too Late to Quit the Vape

Sapphire Marketing Group

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Sixth through eighth grade students at Live Oak Middle School have spent the past twelve weeks learning about marketing and public relations, all while planning a student-driven campaign to curb vaping. Eighteen students were given an opportunity to take the 12-week elective course led by Sapphire Marketing Group's CEO Kary Hauck through funding offered by the Live Oak Unified School District and the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools.

During the twelve-week program, students learn how to build a website, write a press release, lead a Focus Group, create designs, maintain brand integrity, identify the target audience, digital and social marketing, placing media buys, and more. "Many of the skills these students learn provide immense value as they enter high school, move on to pursue higher education and get started in their chosen career path," said Sapphire Group's Kary Hauck who led the 12-week course.

What makes the program unique is that the students make every decision regarding media buys, design, messaging and more. "I provide them with information, pricing, analytics and more and they choose how to spend their marketing budget," said Hauck. The middle school students participating in the course chose to purchase a billboard in Live Oak along state route 99 at Archer, produce posters for school sites, activate a website they helped design and film a video. Outfront Media, the company that leased the billboard space for the campaign, liked the idea so much they provided the students with 100,000 digital impressions (online ads) that will target people who pass the billboard, visit, or live within a 5-mile radius of the billboard, free of charge.

"LOMS students have taken a proactive approach to address the national youth issue of vaping," said Parm Virk, Principal at Live Oak Middle School. "Sapphire Marketing Group has provided our students a unique opportunity to learn about marketing and media to take their efforts beyond our school site and gain real world skills in the process," said Virk.

On Tuesday, March 28th, a student-led focus group was held with peers of the participants to test the marketing they had developed. During the next month, students will provide a presentation to the Live Oak Unified School District Board of Education and the City of Live Oak.

The curriculum for the class was developed by Sapphire Marketing Group and is made available to school districts throughout the Yuba-Sutter region. ★

EDD Deemed 'Non-Responsive' by Congressional Committee

By Thomas Buckley,

California Globe.com

Reprinted by permission. A person in a coma is considered to be non-responsive.

Unironically, also considered to be non-responsive is California's **Employment Development** Department (EDD) when it comes to answering Congressional questions.

The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability - which is looking into various aspects of the pandemic response, including its financial impacts - has deemed the EDD's answer to a January information request as not nearly good enough.

"The EDD has not provided documents requested by Chairman (Kentucky Republican James) Comer," said a committee spokeswoman. "We intend to have additional follow up on the document request."

When asked by the



California has 12% of the nation's workforce, but had more than 20% of the country's unemployment benefit fraud

Globe for a comment, the EDD provided a copy of a letter it sent to Comer's committee in late January and did not address the current issue of their failure to provide the requested documentation.

Non-responsive, indeed.

The committee is attempting to get to the bottom of the massive fraud perpetrated against the EDD during the pandemic. The current estimate is that the EDD lost about \$40 billion to illegitimate claimants, including prisoners (and not just from California prisons,) garden variety local scammers, and international fraud rings, all of whom simply walked right in to the department's com-

pletely unprotected system. While the EDD has claimed it did the best it could, it should be noted that the EDD - even though it

could have purchased basic fraud protection software that would even work with its antiquated IT systems for about \$5 million- had no way to prove if an applicant was who they said they were until the end of 2020, months after the pandemic began.

The EDD also had no system to check to see if people in prison, people from outof-state, and people from

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The State of California is trying to find a way to have the healthcare, and other care costs of homeless people picked up by the Federal government by enrolling the homeless in programs paid for by Federal Medicaid. The news report on the radio said Federal Medicaid health benefits cover 13 million people in California. Thirty-nine million people are living in California as of 2021, so 33% of the people in California are on Medicaid. The Governor's office argues that it's cheaper to put homeless individuals on Federal healthcare insurance plans than have them walk into the emergency room or utilize other government facilities and services. Whenever I've gone to community service at a homeless camp or soup kitchen-type place, I ask the people there where their family is. It seems as if 95% of the time, the family bonds were wrecked at some point, and they can't rely on their family anymore for help when life gets rough. There is a clear

breakdown of family and the concept of relationship commitment linked to the number of people living on the streets.

Remembering that this column is supposed to be random and upbeat in its tone, here is a word of the week for you to memorize and then use on your friends and acquaintances: euphonious. So if you read the Gridley Herald by yourself, wait until someone else is in the room with you, and then ask them if they know the meaning of the word euphonious. Euphonious is defined as pleasing to the ear. Some synonyms are melodic, lyrical, melodious, dulcet, sweet, or golden.

March is a big deal in local newspaper history. It's the birthday of one-time Live Oak Times publisher and editor Nick Daddow. Mr. Daddow worked at the Gridley Herald and started the Live Oak Times. This March, if he were alive, 2023 would've been his 100 birthday. I think it's time for the publisher of the Gridley Herald, Mr. P. Scholl, to revive the Live Oak Times brand and the Biggs Argus. The Biggs Argus started in 1886, only seven years after the Herald started stamping in 1879. The tricky part is figuring out who owns the Live Oak Times and Biggs Argus intellectual property. Who owns the name Live

Oak Times? If the Times

were to start up again, would the Los Angeles "Times," show up in court and sue for stealing the trademarked identity of the "Times"? Registered what the Orville Register is, and you were mercury merging; the Chico Enterprise-Record was the merging of the weekend paper and the daily paper. It started as the Butte Record in 1853. Like many newspapers, it changed its name to pick sides during the American Civil War and became the Oroville Union Record from 1864 to 1866. The Enterprise and Record joined into one paper in 1946 because of the war and a printer's strike. So perhaps in the future, there will be a Herald-Argus for Biggs and Gridley or a Herald-Times for Gridley and Live Oak. Nick Daddow's dream of a Live Oak paper

may reappear. Good news for us from the Dallas Morning News. The State recently banned foreign countries hostile to the United States from owning electrical infrastructure in Texas. Hostile countries on the list were Iran, North Korea, China, and Russia. Locally it is good to know that only friendly governments control the energy infrastructure in Southern

Butte County.

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EDD Deemed 'Non-Responsive' by Congressional Committee

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overseas - all ineligible for benefits - were getting benefits in the form of a chipless debit card pre-loaded with up to about \$15,000 - each.

The EDD did not even cross-reference addresses to notice and potentially flag as fraudulent when a single home received dozens, if not hundreds, of cards (they used to have one but stopped paying for it when a federal grant ran out a few years ago.)

Particularly telling is that California has about 12% of the nation's workforce, it saw more than 20% of the unemployment benefit fraud in the country, meaning that word spread very quickly in the fraud world that the state was an especially easy mark.

In January, the committee requested the following:

1.All processes and procedures related to the disbursement of unemployment insurance benefits during the pandemic, including policies and procedures intended to ensure payments are made to the proper individual, and to ensure that the individual is a qualified recipient of unemployment insurance;

2. All documents and communications between employees of the California EDD and employees of the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the state's UI benefit program;

3.All documents and communications related to efforts to prevent payment of fraudulent UI

4.All documents and communications related

to efforts to recoup UI claims paid improperly; 5.All documents and communications related to identifying the total number of improperly paid UI benefits and documents sufficient to show whether those funds remain in the United States or were transferred to entities outside the

United States.

The committee spokeswoman would not specify exactly how the EDD was "non-responsive" - for example, was the information missing or unrelated or gibberish - but stressed the agency remains very prominently on Congress' radar.

In the January letter to the committee – the one that was re-provided to the Globe - department chief Nancy Farias blamed the Trump administration for the massive fraud, stating, in part, "... we object to the Chair's mischaracterization of California's response to the UI fraud attacks and the Chair's failure to acknowledge the inadequate response by the Trump Administration, which left neglected state UI systems fighting domestic and international criminal enterprises effectively on their own."

In other words, the feds didn't hold their hand tight enough.

Either way, this claim flies in the face of a California State Auditor's report that states flatly that the feds "warned the state at least three times in the early months of the pandemic to beef up its fraud protections."

The date for the next response deadline is not yet clear nor is exactly when Farias and other EDD employees will have to testify in front of Congress.

As of midnight Wednesday, the EDD which, again, suffered a very preventable loss of \$40 billion – still owed the federal government a principal amount of \$18,735,210,647.41 in addition to interest of \$142,361,804.80.

Finally, the state has increased unemployment insurance taxes on California businesses to make up the shortfall and it is not clear if anyone at the EDD has been fired for the failure; in fact, the person in charge at the time, Julie Su, could become, the next Secretary of Labor in the Biden administration.



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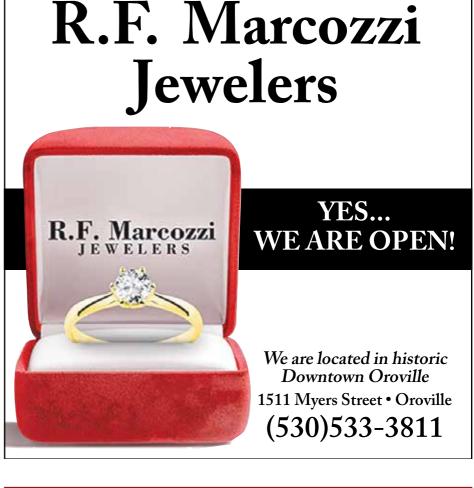


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Number Four: Pedestrian versus Train A Visit from Gridley Herald's Editor



CALFIRE/Butte Unit/Station 74's first responder looks up at the massive locomotive that apparently struck a woman Wednesday, March 29th afternoon. Photo by Will Sheffield

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, March 29th, shortly after 2:45 pm, a train versus pedestrian accident occurred in Gridley.

The Union Pacific train stopped accordingly, blocking 4 of 5 downtown

crossings, the 5th closed by law enforcement and first responders as they assessed

EMS ambulances were stationed at the Magnolia Street crossing, CALFIRE/ Butte Unit/Station 74's Ladder Truck at Laurel St. A victim was not visible down the length of railway spanning the 5 crossings.

Law enforcement walked the tracks and canvased the area after getting a description from the conductor. Gridley Police Department's Chief Rodney Harr confirmed that a woman was located walking in the vicinity with an injury to her matching the description of the person hit. She admitted to law enforcement that she had indeed been grazed by the train and is believed to have been transported to Oroville Medical Center for treatment.

This is the fourth train incident involving either a pedestrian or vehicle in Gridley over the last three months, the first occurring on December 28th, 2022. ★

Gridley Herald local editor, Seti Long, talks with Manzanita School's newspaper journalists and shows them her press pass. Photo by Brook Stocks

By Manzanita School Newspaper Staff

MANZANITA, CA (MPG) - The Manzanita School Newspaper team had a special guest on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 15th. The visitor was the one and only Seti Long, the Gridley Herald's Newspaper editor.

The fourteen members of the newspaper crew sat with Ms. Long in a circle, where she then informed the young journalists about the ins and outs of her work. The day before, they had prepared several questions to ask about her work. Long talked passionately about her career, its perks, and the many challenges of the job. She also explained how she got to where she is now.

After a fascinating talk about her job, she asked the class if they had any more questions. Everyone all of a sudden went silent. The teachers can barely keep them quiet, but when Ms. Long was asking them to talk, they were dead silent. One student asked some random questions, including one that stumped Ms. Long: "Who's better, Messi or Ronaldo?" She said she would refer to her sports reporter on those questions. After that, Long left, but before that, she asked Manzanita's team to write an article about that day, which is what you are reading right now!

So how did Long work her way up to become the Editor of the Gridley Herald? Long went to college out of state, where she started her college career in English but ended it with a BA in Fine Arts. Seven years ago, she started working for the Gridley Herald as a paper girl, where she

would pick up the papers from the printer, label them and take them to the post office. Long also wrote a weekly piece about Gridley's history called "Looking Back". After all that hard work, climbing her way up, she finally became the editor of the Gridley Herald and District Manager.

Being an editor takes multiple tools from your skill set. Long explained that to be an editor, you have to understand a few things about boundaries. You have to get permission for photos, and that there is a certain amount of words you must restrict your writing to. You also must know when you can and cannot include your opinion.

Ms. Long told Manzanita that her favorite part of her job was meeting cool people, like Mark Rober, an engineer famous for his various creative projects, which he posts on YouTube. Another favorite part of her job was having her Press Pass. Since she has this special pass, if there is an emergency situation and it is safe for her to enter, she can get close enough to get the information she needs to write an article. Since she has the pass, she can look at the problem to see what happened from her perspective, and then compare it to the perspectives of others who were witnesses.

In conclusion, the Manzanita Middle School newspaper crew loved having Ms. Long chat with them about her newspaper journey. They all got to learn a bit about Ms. Long and she was able to learn a bit about them as well. One young journalist stated, "It was a delight having this opportunity to meet and talk to Ms. Long. I hope soon we can get together with her again." ★

CAL FIRE Butte County to Hire Additional Firefighters

CAL FIRE News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Monday, April 17, CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department will hire 16 seasonal firefighters as we begin to increase our staffing in preparation for summer fire preparedness.

With the hiring of these firefighters, starting April 24, CAL FIRE will staff the following four stations with a statefunded engine and personnel: Fire Station 22 in Cohasset, Fire Station 36 (Jarbo Gap) in Concow/Yankee Hill, Fire Station 62 (Harts Mill) in Berry Creek, and Fire Station 63 at our Oroville Headquarters.

CAL FIRE Butte County Fire Chief Garrett Sjolund looks forward to putting

the additional four fire engines in place. "The additional staffing will allow us to take advantage of the current weather to continue fuel reduction projects and Defensible Space Inspections and increases the fire department's ability to respond to all types of emergencies throughout Butte County."

CAL FIRE continues to staff fire engines with personnel through the "Amador" program at three state stations in Butte County: Fire Station 35 in Paradise, Fire Station 54 in Robinson Mill, and Fire Station 23 in Forest Ranch.

This represents the first of multiple rounds of seasonal firefighter hiring over the next few months.

Meet Matt!

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modern age. For example, Reed is looking at earlier pre-ticket sales and the use of QR codes for faster entry and "trendy" food vendors to join the tried-and-true.

Reed is planning for more child-friendly activities, especially for the younger crowd. This year the BCF will feature a Kid Zone – a shaded area where children can play in a "rice pit" (think sandbox), tractors donated by Papé for the children to play on and explore, and activities like making smush hats.

A new edition to Thursday's Kids Day will be GellyBall in the arena, courtesy of NorCal Gellyball. Gellyball is very much like paint ball, but instead of hard paint balls, Orbeelike balls (very soft, gel filled balls) are used to shoot at rivals.

Overall, Reed hopes to engage more youth participation in all aspects of the fair. He encourages local teachers and students to enter their class projects or personal work into various stills categories, including the new Digital Media division. He goes as far to say that the fairgrounds will even hold the submissions until fair time if they bring them to the office in June and register for the corresponding departments. "It's good for kids to see that they got something for their work and their effort - they may get a ribbon for it!"

But there will be some things missing from the fair this year...

The Flower Bowl will not be on site at fair time and the two buildings across the street by the Gridley Pool will join it. Thanks to Assemblyman James Gallagher and Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, the BCF received a grant from the State to demolish the condemned structures. Reed hopes that he can preserve some of the grant funding by having local CALFIRE/Butte County use the buildings for training exercises, as the fair is a non-profit organization.

Reed brings a renewed energy to his position and says that he is "very excited" about the future of the fair and the potential events that may be held at the fairgrounds. He is looking at holding a "Night at the Fair" during the summer months, inviting food trucks for an evening for the community to enjoy. A Greek Festival may be on the horizon in the fall and Reed would personally love to reinstate an annual dog show at

In a testament to how Reed is doing as acting CEO, BCF's Administrative Secretary Venessa Wilson says, "It's been a pleasure working with him." She continues, "He has stepped up and is knocking every little task out of the ballpark."

Project Based Voucher Wait Lists The Housing Authority of the County of Butte (HACB)

will open its Project Based Voucher Program Wait List for Sunrise Village Senior Apartments (Ages 62 and over only) located at 1470 State Highway 99, Gridley, CA. 1-BR and 2-BR units available. Preapplications will be accepted starting 9:00 a.m. PST on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Pre-applications and instructions are available through the HACB website at www.butte-housing.com. For more information, application assistance or to request a paper application as a reasonable accommodation, call (530) 895-4474 x238, TDD (800) 735-2929.

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on April 14, 1988, at 1:28 p.m. and left on April 5, 2020, between the hours of 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. In the three years since, there has not been a moment that you have not been missed. I think of all that you have missed: birthdays, vacations.

Dustin, you came into this world nephews growing and changing into young adults.

Dustin, we love and miss you. Your loud, booming voice coming through the door asking "What's for dinner?", or the simple "I Love You" - things others take for granted.

Till we meet again my son, love family gatherings, your nieces and and hugs, Mom



IN MEMORY

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Those of you who are gardeners who like to see plants of all types know the delight of visiting a new garden. A person I've met through the Yuba Sutter Senior Center had me over to see her garden. Her collection of plants puts my friends and I at dead last in the "most plants"

competition. This woman collects exotic plants. Teeny tiny orchids, many succulents, African violets, Streptocarpus known as Cape Primrose. She also had many types of Salvia throughout her borders. With large trees and the biggest, oldest Yucca I've seen she has great summer and winter microclimates. It was a wonder of love, creativity and abundance of plants. Most of the plants in her collections I've never seen. She has a green house that is climate controlled so she and her husband go on trips and the delicate beauties have everything they need no matter what time of year. It was a delight to visit and I will be returning. She doesn't know how pesky I can be.

It did allow me to breath out and recognize that I loved seeing her plants but I don't need more. Of course, she gave me branches to propagate from some nice Salvia. Now, remember if I have a plant in the garden it is not getting another plant if that plant is of the same type. I know I've explained this justification about plant gathering when I've stated over and over that I'm sim-

plifying the gardens. When you read this the Chico Home and Garden Show is in the mists of memory. I showed several of my Bonsai in the Bonsai Show. The Silver Dollar Fair invites the Chico Bonsai Society to all of the Home and Garden Shows now.

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

"Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Holy week is finishing, and Jesus' death

and sacrifice has been remembered. On this Good Friday we wait for the great awakening on Easter Sunday. Let's not forget without a Friday there would be no Sunday.

Jesus had told His followers over and over what would happen to Him and them. Some fled. Some hid. Some stood at a distance watching. Some even followed Jesus on His walk to the cross and stayed while He died. Which one would you have been? How strong would your love (as a mother) be? How faithful to your Master (as disciples) would you be?

Jesus came, lived, taught, and died to give human kind His Father's gift of salvation. Now almost 2,000 years afterward, we are still walking down the road to a hill outside of town, to listen to Jesus' last words and to see the pain and suffering He underwent for ALL of US!

Easter us the final story given by God

beginning between His and us. The earth went dark and cried in anguish when Jesus died. But, a few days later, United the earth woke up to an empty Methodist tomb and the glorious story of Church forgiveness and love.

> Just as we celebrate Sunrise services and greet the new day of blessings and joy, we can step forward in God's power, mercy, grace, and love to a new life with Him.

> Don't be afraid. God is in charge. He knows what comes next and it is awesome. God through His Son has promised an eternity filled with light, love, and celebration with the heavenly hosts, and believers before us.

> Happy Easter! Enjoy your family and friends and go celebrate with open door churches who will present to you a new hope for a new life. The Gridley United Methodist Church at 285 Magnolia Street will have a Sunrise service on April 9th at 7:30 am followed by our annual potluck Easter breakfast. Come worship our Lord.

You can also come by for a free Bible and our free religious book give away Thursday the 6th and Friday the 7th from 3 to 5 pm. On Saturday, the 8th to complete His great plans for a new from 12 to 3 pm.



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Robert "Bob" Leroy Trueax passed away on March 29, 2023, two days after his 88th birthday. Bob was born in Dallas, Oregon, on March 27, 1935, the eldest of four and the only boy. He was raised outside of Dallas, where he attended a one-room grade school for eight

years. After high school, he attended college in the Los Angeles area for two years. Next came four years in the U.S. Coast Guard, mostly in Alameda, California, as a dental technician. After the service, Bob became an x-ray technician, and pursued that field full time for six years, until he decided to become a tool-and-die maker, a field in which he continued until his retirement in 1999.

While in the Coast Guard, Bob met and married Ruth Elsie Dillard, of Gridley, California, who was in nursing school at the time. She is now retired from that field. They lived in Oakland, until 1971, when they moved to Danville; in 1991, they relocated to Gridley. They have two daughters: Melanie Lynn Hunter and Kimberly Jonay Miller; four grandchildren: Timothy Dickinson, Tracey Dickinson, Jordan Miller and Jocelyn Broschat; and four great-grandchildren: Taylor, Eliet, Waverly and Benjamin.

Bob had a lifelong love of cars. As a child he would identify each car on the road. His first car was a 1935 Chevy, but his second one was a 1938 Buick and that started his love affair with Buicks. Over the years he owned many cars, but his all-time favorite was his 1938 Buick Brewster Town Car. Bob's passion for cars led him to become the founding member of the Redwood Region of the Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association (CHVA), which eventually became the largest CHVA region in the country. Along with the Redwood Region of CHVA, Bob was a member of three other CHVA regions as well as seven other car clubs. Bob's favorite car club activity by far was traveling on both local and long distance tours. Together, Bob and Ruth led three CHVA national tours and participated in 24, in addition to joining countless local and weekend tours. On tours, Bob was known as "Iron Doc" due to his extensive knowledge of all things mechanical, which made him the go-to guy when

cars needed roadside repairs.

In 1996, looking for a way to serve his community, Bob joined the Gridley Lions Club. He served as Lion Tamer, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Vice President, and President of his club. On the district level, Bob served as zone chair and region chair, vice district governor and district governor. He also served on the youth outreach committee, the allstar football committee, and the health foundation. Bob's greatest passion in Lions, though, was the Lions Diabetes Camp at Lake McCumber, where he was fondly known as "Papa Bear." Bob served as camp administrator for about 20 years, and over that time he also managed to get his entire family involved with the camp in one way or

In addition to his CHVA and Lions work, Bob was involved in a wealth of other activities. He was a man of strong Christian faith and served as both a deacon and an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He was on the board for the Silverado Concours and several other fundraising car shows. While his daughters were growing up, he was a 4-H leader. He was also a member of Sons of the American Revolution and Mensa, serving as a local officer in both.

A celebration of his amazing life will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Gridley First Presbyterian Church, 446 Kentucky Street, Gridley. The service will be followed by a simple pie and ice cream reception. In lieu of flowers, donations earmarked for Diabetes Camp can be made in Bob's memory to the Lions Health Foundation, 2911 Monte Bello Drive, Redding, CA 96001.



With the spring planting season finally here, the Gridley Fire Fighters would like to talk a little about some landscaping options while still staying

A fire-safe landscape isn't necessarily the same thing as a wellmaintained yard. A fire-safe landscape uses fire-resistant plants that are strategically planted to resist the spread of fire to your home. Fire resistant plants are great in California because they are often drought tolerant too.

The good news is, you don't need a lot of money to make your landscape fire safe. You will find that a fire-safe landscape can increase your property value and conserve water while beautifying your home.

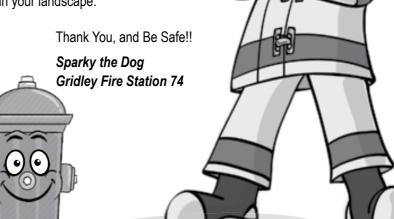
- · Create fire-safe zones with stone walls, patios, decks and roadways.
- Use rock, mulch, flower beds and gardens as ground cover for bare spaces and as effective firebreaks.
- There are no "fire-proof" plants. Select high moisture plants that grow close to the ground and have a low sap or resin content.

 Choose fire-retardant plant species that resist ignition such as rockrose, ice plant and aloe.

· Fire-resistant shrubs include hedging roses, bush honeysuckles, currant, cotoneaster, sumac and shrub apples.

Plant hardwood, maple, poplar and cherry trees that is less flammable than pine, fir and other conifers.

Check your local nursery, landscape contractor or county extension service for advice on fire-resistant plants that are suited for your environment, and help to plan your landscape.





School Board Eyes New GHS Classroom Building



This rendering of the new GHS classroom building shows its location between the 400 wing and the ag buildings. Image courtesy of GUSE

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In November of 2022, voters in the Gridley Unified School District agreed by over 60% to a \$16.3 million bond measure. The first series of the bond has been issued to the district for \$5.8 million. At their March 15 meeting, the school board acted to create a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to meet regularly to review how bond funds are being used.

The committee must have at least seven members, and the members are currently listed as Diane Wilkerson, Susan Schohr, Elizabeth Tolman, Benjamin Taylor, Rebecca Mittag, and Lacey & Ray Stogsdill. The committee plans to meet quarterly.

The bond oversight committee must have members that meet the following demographics: one from a senior organization, one from a business organization, one from a taxpayers' organization, one who is a parent of a child enrolled in the district, and one who is a parent of a child enrolled in the district and also a member of a parent-teacher organization. Two members can be "at-large." Members cannot be district employees, vendors, or contractors. There can be more than seven committee members. Community members who are interested in participating will find the two-page application on the GUSD.org website.

Phase I and the first project under review by the bond oversight committee will be the construction of a GHS classroom building. The classroom building will consist of eight classrooms, including a special education classroom, and restrooms.

The classroom building will break ground in the next few weeks and be built in the area currently used as an amphitheater. Completion is expected in 9-12

Phase II will eventually see the

demolition of the English wing classrooms and the construction of four science classrooms. Also included in this phase is the construction of a student quad, planned for the area between the library wing and new science classrooms. Justin Kern, GUSD Superintendent, will be seeking student input for the quad and expects it to include amenities such as phone charging stations, specialized seating, speakers, and view-

Kern noted that the GUSD bond passage last November was unusual for a conservative-majority district. In preparation for the election, the district worked with citizens engaged in previous bond elections, asking, "What were your concerns before? What can we do differently?" The bond oversight committee will help ensure that ongoing community concerns are receiving attention and are aligned with bond goals and priorities.

The GUSD board also accepted a contract with AT&T to provide higher-capacity internet to district facilities. The capacity will increase from 1G to 5G and better serve the increase in devices throughout school sites. Esperanza High School will especially benefit. Esperanza has depended on point-to-point wireless internet from the district office, about two blocks away, which has been unreliable. The contract provides for hard-wire internet service to the Esperanza building. Esperanza serves 30-40 students, mostly high school juniors and seniors, who are credit-deficient and working toward

About the seven current school board members, Kern commented, "I'm very fortunate to be in Gridley." Noting there are many school boards that face intensely divided boards and communities when it comes to directionality and instructional practices, Kern said, "People have expressed confidence in the direction we're headed, and the outcomes desired by our board."

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LaMalfa and Pappas Reintroduce **Bill to Repeal Federal Excise Tax**

From the Office of Congressmen Doug LaMalfa

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - On March 8, 2023, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R - Calif.) and Congressman Chris Pappas (D – N.H.) reintroduced legislation to repeal the twelve percent Federal excise tax on heavy trucks. The 12% excise tax on heavy trucks is the highest excise tax levied on any product in the country and could add \$15,000 to \$30,000 to the cost of new heavy trucks, trailers, semitrailer chassis, and tractors for highway use. Off-highway equipment such as agriculture, earthmoving, forestry, and mining machinery are exempt from the tax. This tax is paid at the time of sale and is not levied on used truck sales, consequentially encouraging the purchase of used vehicles.

For more than a century, the Federal government has levied excise taxes on heavy duty trucks to raise money for wartime mobilization in WW1 and WW2, fund Great Depression-era programs, and for the Highway Trust Fund. The Senate previously attempted to repeal the tax in 1975, but the House failed to include it in their version of a broad tax bill. It was last increased in 1982 to twelve percent, and although it was set to expire in 1987 it was extended in 1987, 1991, 1998, 2005, 2012,

Representatives LaMalfa and Pappas previously introduced a similar piece of legislation last Congress, and are joined by Representatives Darin LaHood (R – IL) and Earl Blumenauer (D - OR) to reintroduce the proposal following a renewed appeal from the National Automobile Dealers Association.

"On one hand, regulators want operators out of older trucks, but on the other hand, this tax penalizes them for trying to update their equipment. Repealing the 12% Federal excise tax on heavy trucks and trailers will help all businesses reduce costs, address supply chain challenges, and lower costs for essential goods for families, especially in rural areas. The Federal

excise tax has outlived its original purpose by more than a century. Truckers are an essential cornerstone in our supply chain, yet the tax code disincentivizes them from purchasing the most up-to-date equipment. I'm urging Congress to support this common-sense, bipartisan bill, and drop the burdensome tax preventing our truck drivers from having the most modern, highest technology and safest equipment on the road," said Congressman LaMalfa.

"As a small business owner, I know just how challenging it can be to operate a business, and every potential saving we can deliver makes a difference," said Congressman Pappas. "Cutting the federal excise tax on heavy trucks and trailers will help America's Main Street economy grow, address supply chain challenges and shortages, and lower costs for essential items that families need, including groceries and gas. This legislation will also support the adoption of newer, safer, and cleaner trucks that reduce our dependence on foreign energy. I urge leaders in Congress to take up our bipartisan bill, and act to provide immediate relief to small businesses and consumers alike."

"Nearly half of America's trucking fleet is over 10 years old," said Scott McCandless, Chairman of ATD and President of McCandless Truck Center LLC of Aurora, Colo. "Repealing the FET will be a giant step toward achieving our national goal of turning over America's aging truck fleet."

"The federal excise tax was created more than 100 years ago to finance the nation's efforts in the First World War. Today, it serves as a nearly \$25,000 barrier to putting safer, more environmentally friendly trucks on the road," said ATA President and CEO Chris Spear. "I want to thank Congressman Doug LaMalfa, along with Representatives Chris Pappas, Earl Blumenauer and Darin LaHood for their leadership. If Congress is serious about creating jobs, reducing emissions and improving highway safety, then repealing the FET should be a top priority."

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

When any proposal is made to establish trustee areas, rearrange the boundaries of trustee areas, or increase to seven or decrease to five the number of members of a governing board, the Butte County Board of Education must call and conduct at least one public hearing in the district on the matter (Education Code Section 5019). The public hearing will be held at Butte County Office of Education on April 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting, is for the Butte **County Board of Education to inform the** public and receive public comment on the proposed establishment of By-Trustee Area elections of Governing Board Members for the **Butte County Office of Education. The current** method is a hybrid of By-Trustee Area.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the meeting, the demographer will receive public comment and or questions on the plan by Butte County Board of Education to change the manner in which members of the Governing Board are elected.

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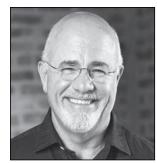
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Pay Off My Home, or Buy a Rental?

Dear Dave,

I'm going to sell a rental cabin I own, and the sale should bring me about \$388,000. Should I take the proceeds from the sale and use it to pay off my home and other debt or use the money to buy another, similar rental property where I could collect about \$1,500 per month in rent? Right now, I owe \$200,000 on my home, and I have just under \$50,000 in miscellaneous debt.

- Valerie

Dear Valerie,

Let me start by asking you a question. If your home were paid for and you **Dave Ramsey Says**

didn't have a mortgage at all, would you take out a loan against your home to buy a rental property? Let me give you a hint. The answer should be a big, fat no.

The shortest distance between where you are right now and a high-quality financial life – including wealth building – is getting your home and other debt paid off. Then, use the cash flow that's freed up, and the increased peace of mind, to rapidly pile up a bunch of money and buy another rental property.

There's nothing wrong with owning rental properties and other kinds of real estate, Valerie. I love real estate, and today, I have several rental properties of my own. The difference is I bought all of mine with cash. I didn't go into debt for them. I learned my lesson about debt the hard way over 30 years ago, and I don't want you to take a chance

on suffering through all that crap too.

Use the money from the sale of the cabin to pay off your home and other debt, and to make sure you've got a solid emergency fund of 3-6 months of expenses set aside. After that, if you want to start saving aggressively for another rental, go for it. Just make sure it's a smart buy when the time comes and that you pay for it in cash!

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eighttime 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.



American Farm Bureau Federation Applauds Ruling Halting WOTUS Rule in Two States

Agricultural groups have expressed concerns over the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's latest "waters of the United States" rule - or WOTUS. The American Farm Bureau Federation filed suit, arguing the law creates confusing standards for "navigable waters" under the Clean Water Act that can impact routine farming operations. Now, in a separate suit, a judge has granted a preliminary injunction to halt enforcement of the rule in Texas and Idaho. AFBF President Zippy Duvall said, "The judge recognized the new rule likely oversteps EPA's authority."

Hanford High School Teacher Honored as California's Top Ag Educator

A teacher at Hanford High School has been honored as California's 2022-23 "Ag Educator of the Year." Jason Ferreira received the Golden Owl Award during the California FFA State Leadership Conference in Ontario. The prize comes with a \$3,000 Nationwide-funded donation to the school's agricultural education program. Award finalists included Brian Kim of Sunny Hills High School, Emily Brown of Corning Union High School, Celeste Morino of Ripon High School, Beth Swehla of Anderson Valley High School and Lauren Peterson of King City

Researchers Test Groundwater Recharge, Eyeing Solutions to Keep Nitrates Out of Aquifers

A new study by University of California scientists is offering insights for farmers on how to recharge groundwater while preventing nitrates from fertilizer from entering aquifers. Torrential rains have piqued interest in recharging depleted groundwater supplies. Recently, UC researchers gathered groundwater recharge data from two vineyards in Fresno County to compile information on preventing leaching of nitrates. Study author Helen Dahlke said it is important to understand how much nitrate is in soil before considering flooding fields.

USDA Announces New Funding Round for Farmers in Financial Distress

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is providing additional financial relief for farm loan borrowers who are facing economic difficulties. The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act provided \$3.1 billion to help distressed borrowers. In October, \$800 million in assistance went to help 11,000 delinquent or distressed borrowers, plus another 2,100 borrowers who had farms liquidated yet still had remaining debt. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced March 27 that another \$123 million in funding would be allocated, beginning in April.

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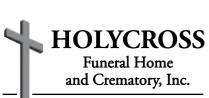
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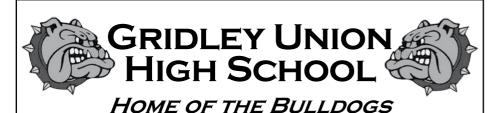
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000223 The following person(s) are doing business as: IULI TRAINING, 65 Pinedale Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

Faaiuga Iuli and Jodi Iuli, 65 Pinedale Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000263 The following person(s) are doing business as: CHOCOLATES BY MEGAN, 5 Willowbrook Way, Unit A, Chico, CA 95926 Megan Armstrong, Willowbrook Way, Unit A, Chico, CA 95926

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000289 The following person(s) are doing business as: BUCKS STORE, 12130 La Porte Road, Clipper Mills, CA 95930

Kent Kihlstrom, 12130 La Porte Road, Clipper Mills, CA 95930 Date filed in Butte County: March 16, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 2/3/2005

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Date filed in Butte County: March 21, 2023. The Registrant com-menced to transact business under the above business name on: March 21, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000294 The following person(s) are doing business as: SUNSHINE MOBILE NOTARY AND SIGNING, 1150 Hobart Street, Apt. B, Chico, CA 95926 Amarissa S. Norris, 1150 Hobart

Street, Apt. B, Chico, CA 95926 Date filed in Butte County: March 20, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 19, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000292 The following person(s) are doing business as: STAN'S BAR & LOUNGE, INC., 280 Fairview Drive, Gridley, CA 95948

Stan's Bar & Lounge, Inc., 280 Fairview Drive, Gridley, CA Date filed in Butte County: March

20, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 7, 2023 This Business is conducted by:

Corporation. 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 state-ment does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 2023 STAN 4-21-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000269 The following person(s) are doing business as: THE PLANT BARN AND GIFTS. 406 Entler Avenue, Chico, CA 95928 Magnolia Gift and Garden, 1367 East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926 Date filed in Butte County: March 10, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name

on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME – STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000998

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: THE PLANT BARN AND GIFTS, 406 Entler Avenue, Chico, CA 95928 Denise Lynn Kelly, 406 Entler Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

Original filing date: 8/11/2021; Statement expires: 8/11/2026. The Registrant began transacting business on: 9/20/2006. Business conducted Individual.

Date Filed in Butte County: March 15, 2023. This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County

s/W. Schroeder, Deputy Publish: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 2023 PLANT

NAME CHANGE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME

CASE #23CV00308

Petitioner DeLanna Seaton aka DeLanna Clayter filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Del anna Joan Seaton aka DeLanna Joan Clayter to Isla Kepeloni Seaton. THE COURT ORDERS that all per-

sons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing May 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on February 7, 2023 Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 2023

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV00423

Petitioner Mandolin Sarah Ortega Kladko filed a petition Sarah with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Mandolin Sarah Ortega Kladko to Mandolin Sarah Kladko

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing May 2023. 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA

Filed on February 21, 2023 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 2023 MANDOLIN

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 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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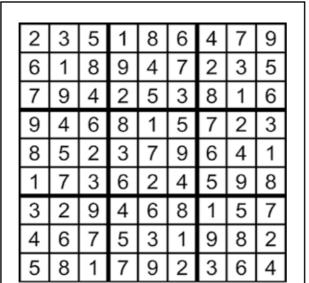


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Lady Lions Beat Volcanoes Big

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak Lady Lions beat the Chester Volcanoes in dominating fashion and snapped a five-game losing streak 14-1 at a non-league tournament game at Gridley High School last Saturday, April 1,

The win came after Live Oak was beaten in the first round of the Gridley tournament 11-1 by Sacramento Valley League foe Willows 11-1.

The Lady Lions did their main damage in the second inning as they plated 12 of their 14 runs in the game as eight out of the nine Live Oak players scored at least once around the bases.

Live Oak (2-5,0-4 Sacramento Valley League) head coach Kevin Mederios expressed to the Herald that it was a boost his team needed.

"They've had it all season and it is coming together," Mederios said.

He added that it's something that they needed for the rest of the year to clear their heads.

The Lady Lions erased a five game skid of losses that came off the hands of defending Northern Section CIF Division V champion East Nicolas in an SVL series where Live Oak got swept by the Spartans. The Lady Lions also got swept by Colusa.

Live Oak junior shortstop and captain Olivia Nanez told the Herald that it felt great to be out and be able to be on a day of sunshine.

"Everyone was super excited and pumped to be out here," Nanez said.

Nanez had a great day at the plate as she went two-for-four with three RBIs and included an inside the park home run in the second inning.

Nanez said that when she saw the ball in front of her at second

base, that she told herself to keep going and going because she believed she could make it from the initial thought of the possibility of a triple.

All nine of the Lady Lions that played against Chester scored a run last Saturday.

Sophomore pitcher Izabella Pacheco pitched a gem as she pitched five innings of two-hit ball along with giving up one run.

Pacheco told the Herald that she was thankful to be in the circle. She added that her fastball and changeup worked well throughout the game.

"I was able to get into the zone and treat it just like I'm at practice," Pacheco said. She also had five strikeouts against the Volcanoes.

"She's (Pacheco) consistent with throwing strikes non-stop," Mederios expressed to the Herald. Live Oak had nine hits against

Chester and Nanez said that it was encouraging to get all the hits versus the Volcanoes. "Knowing we can do it to other

teams, we have to believe in ourselves that we are capable again," Nanez said. The Lady Lions played Durham in this week's SVL

matchup and looked to get their first SVL win of 2023. Pacheco added that she said Live Oak gained their confidence

back after the win over Chester. Mederios said that he has all the confidence in his team to consistently get the job done. The biggest trait the Lady Lions show is the way they are one crew.

Mederios remembered that when he took over the program, he wanted to unify all of the girls and make them a cohesive club.

Pacheco and Nanez both noted the same idea that Live Oak is one big club.

"We are one team, all together and no side groups," Pacheco said.



Live Oak sophomore pitcher Izabella Pacheco tosses a pitch in the Lady Lions 14-1 win over Chester on Saturday at Gridley



Live Oak sophomore third baseman Aleena Ramirez gets ready to throw a ground ball to first base in the Lady Lions 14-1 victory over Chester on Saturday at Gridley High School.

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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

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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)

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Lady Bulldogs Start BVL Play after Tourney Split

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Lady Bulldogs split a double-header on Saturday, April 1, 2023, as they hosted a tournament right before they started Butte View League play this week.

The Gridley bats erupted like Mount Vesuvius over the Chester Volcanoes 24-5 in the first game. The 23 hits by Gridley were the most by the Lady Bulldogs in a game since head coach Tammy Carr took over the program.

Carr expressed to the Herald that it was great to have a solid outpour of hitting. Carr was able to put every player in her roster in the game against the Volcanoes, and all players recorded a minimum of one positive stat in the game.

Gridley (7-2) senior catcher Gracie Dunning and junior first baseman Maddie Garcia, who both now are tied for the Lady Bulldogs season hits leader along with junior third baseman Alyssa Thompson both contributed three hits against Chester.

The Lady Bulldogs had 13 different players that recorded RBIs and a total of five extra base hits in the game.

Garcia pitched four innings and surrendered three hits and recorded eight strikeouts.

The second game for Gridley against the Willows Honkers went a different direction as the Lady Bulldogs lost 11-0 in five innings.

Gridley ran into a strong pitching performance from Willows senior pitcher Emily Thurman. Thurman fanned 12 of the Lady Bulldogs for strikeouts as part of her one-hit shutout performance Saturday afternoon.

Thompson said that Thurman had good movement on her pitches throughout the afternoon

ternoon. "We haven't seen much





movement like that other than West Valley so far," Thompson said. Gridley lost to West Valley in the Anderson tournament 6-0 on March 17.

Thompson added that it was good to see, especially before the beginning of BVL play, which the Lady Bulldogs began this week.

Gridley sophomore pitcher Reese Stevens took her first loss of the season in her 4.2 innings pitched with two strikeouts.

The game was tight until the fourth inning before the Honkers were able to get some separation with a 6-0 lead inning.

Gridley committed untimely

errors throughout the game that just wouldn't happen on a regular game-to-game basis. "We know we're not going to be perfect and with today being

positive," Stevens said.

Thompson added that every team is going to have a bad

an off day, we're going to be

Carr said that it took the girls a while to adjust to Thurman but she saw good approaches at the plate.

The Lady Bulldogs began BVL play this week as they hosted Corning on Tuesday and traveled to Oroville on Thursday.

"The girls are ready," Carr

Although Gridley didn't win the championship as the host of the tournament, Carr said it was fun to have other local teams join in on the tournament as well.

"A lot of their fans were able to make it out and enjoy it with the great weather," Carr expressed. ★

Top photo: Gridley sophomore pitcher Reese Stevens (2) pitches against Willows in the Lady Bulldogs 11-0 loss on Saturday.

Left: Gridley junior third baseman Alyssa Thompson (5) waits to receive a ball from the outfield in the Lady Bulldogs 11-0 defeat versus Willows on Saturday.

