

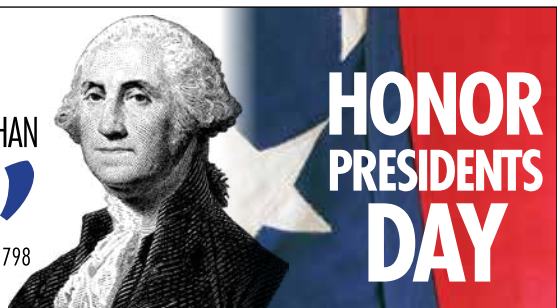


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## Melly the Fighter

*Gridley Girl is Battling for her Life*



Melody “Melly” Spurgeon keeps her beautiful smile while she fights a never ending battle with brain cancer. Photo provided by Lillis Spurgeon

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Lillis Spurgeon was expecting a longer MRI when her 2-year-old daughter, Melody “Melly” Spurgeon, was transferred to UC Davis Children’s Hospital. Melly had been having seizures and arching her back strangely – previous doctors were unsure why. Seven hours later the doctor came out and said some of the most terrifying words a mother can hear from a

physician “we need to talk.”

Curly haired, bright-eyed Melly was diagnosed with a combination of Pilocytic Astrocytoma Glioma and Rosette-forming Glioneuronal Tumors, and Hydrocephalus, which blocked the path for her spinal fluid to drain properly. Melly’s type of cancer is very rare, and unlike typical Pilocytic Astrocytoma Glioma, which can be treated easily, her combination is highly aggressive. Due to the brain tumor’s location, total

removal is not possible and there is always a chance the tumors could migrate into her spine.

Crushed, Spurgeon was told that this would be a life-long battle for her daughter. At just two, Melly began a grueling treatment of surgeries, radiation, and chemotherapy. Now 6 years old, Melly has known nothing but constant treatment and procedures at UD Davis Children’s Hospital and UC Davis Cancer Center since

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## A Petition for Removal: Parents Want Action

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - A petition for the removal of Wilson School Principal, Dr. Joan Schumann, has been circulating after a parent has questioned the way she has handled an issue with a student.

The petition was started by parent Teri Zarate after her daughter was allegedly forced to sign a note she did not write herself after a teacher had allegedly made physical contact with the child. Zarate says that she was not made aware of and was not present during the conference between the teacher, Dr. Schumann, and her child when this occurred.

An excerpt of the petition reads, “Wilson Elementary was a place all of us felt confident and comfortable sending our children to, a great environment for them to learn, be themselves, and have a voice. During the time Mrs. Schumann has been Principal this has changed drastically. Many of our children (as well as staff) are being intimidated, controlled, manipulated, misled, and belittled. Children are being intimidated and coerced into saying/signing things that are untrue and work in Mrs. Schumann’s favor, without parental notification or consent to do so. Aides are being taken away from children’s classrooms with developmentally disabled students, these children are dependent on these aides to help them emotionally, academically and someone they feel secure around. Teachers are being reprimanded for offering their opinions on what they believe is best for students they work with daily.”

In an email Zarate shared on Facebook from Superintendent Justin Kern, Kern replies to Zarate that “The District, based on the serious nature of the accusation, believes that it was imperative that timely questioning take place while the events were fresh,” that “Permission need not be granted for administrative interviews. It will be expected that parents be notified prior to the student being questioned when feasible or as soon as possible as it relates to an event. Parents understand that presence in a room while questioning takes place is an administrative decision but a courtesy will be extended to family so that they be made aware of any questioning that may be upsetting in nature,” and that after review of the video “I

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## Biggs Girls Make History in Wrestling

**By Seti Long**

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Wrestling at Biggs High School was somewhat non-existent, especially after Covid shut the program down for two years. Recently, Coach Cody Walsh and a few helpers have reinvigorated the program.

Coach Walsh says that the BHS wrestling program didn’t have a girls’ team until he came on board and began recruiting. Although the team is small, boasting only four female wrestlers, the Biggs Girls Wrestling Team has had some phenomenal results this season.

Three of Biggs lady wrestlers have been ranked in the top ten in the Northern Section – junior Karma Oliveriez sitting at 4th, sophomore Jayden Beck ranked 7th, and sophomore Jessie Avram ranked 4th in their respective weight classes. The ladies continued to do

well at each meet, bringing home medal after medal and earning them a spot in the first ever Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation (NSCIF) Championship Tournament.

The NSCIF Tournament was held Saturday,

February 4th at Etna High School. Biggs would compete against ten other teams from Divisions 3 and 4. Since Div. 3 and Div. 4 are smaller schools, Walsh says they compete together but name their champions in their separate divisions.

After a lot of work on

the mat, Biggs team would take home the team title of Champion in Division 4.

Individually, Biggs wrestlers would do incredibly well. Oliveriez would be named first ever NSCIF Champion in both Div. 3 and Div.4 in the 108 lb.

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Coaches and helpers join the Biggs Girls Wrestling Team as they are recognized for their outstanding efforts, and medals, on the mat. Pictured left to right: Richard Oliveriez, Mike Walsh, Emma Bowles, Karma Oliveriez, Coach Cody Walsh, Jayden Beck and Jessie Avram. Photo provided by Cody Walsh



# The New Pi-Line Shoebox for Soldiers



By Josh F.W. Cook

The county government administers the library system in Butte County. The Board of Supervisors has started through the process of discussing the future of our library system. There is an anticipation of financial shortfalls in the next few years in state and local government budgets. Library costs, like everything, have been going up. The finances also bring to light significant societal changes in how people get information. Solving the library funding problem

is going to create a conversation about what role our local libraries play in the community and how they should be structured for the future. More than 90% of the people in Biggs, Gridley, and Live Oak have access to the Internet, which has lots and lots of books and other learning tools. There are several questions that the County will consider. What if a Special District for Library Services were formed with an independent board of directors? Could a Special District put forth tax measures for that district? Would such a district and tax require more than a simple majority of voter support? Would the creation of a Special District for Libraries be better than handing off the libraries to cities? Could two or more governmental agencies form a Joint

Powers agency to pool resources and eliminate redundancy, like a college and a city going together on a library? Does Butte College or Chico State want to add their books and services to the system? Should the Library buildings be donated to the local schools and become learning resource centers? Would cities keep the libraries open if the county handed over the keys? Can Oroville, Chico, Biggs, Gridley, and Paradise cover the staff costs if libraries become a city function? These questions and many more will be coming to the local elected leaders in the coming months as the future of Butte County Libraries is debated, and questions are answered.

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Josh F.W. Cook is an educator and public administrator. ★



Sycamore School students send a carload of donations to Blue Star Moms, to be sent to soldiers across the world. Photo by Michelle Solis

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Sycamore School students held their annual Shoebox for Soldiers service event in the month of January.

Students collected items from the community, staff and fellow classmates to create care packages or “Shoeboxes” filled with items routinely requested from soldiers stationed across the world. These care packages not only help the soldiers get through their deployment, but also

remind them that they are cared for. Sycamore teacher Michelle Solis, who helps her students organize these service events says, “Thank you to everyone in the community, Sycamore staff and students for all the donations.” The donations were given to Blue Star Moms out of Yuba City who will then send them out for distribution to our soldiers. Sycamore’s next service project will be the 2nd Annual Spare Change for Sparrow starting March 6th. ★

## A Petition for Removal: Parents Want Action

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can not substantiate any contact between (name withheld - teacher) and (name withheld – student) as she entered the library I also can not say with absolute certainty when the teacher moves her hand casually from right to left that she didn’t make some sort of contact with a student that may be blocked from view.” The petition has gained momentum in the community with 167 signatures at the time of this article, with a goal of 200. Parents may bring the matter to the Gridley Unified School District Board during its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 pm. ★

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## Enloe’s Regional Cancer Center Earns National Accreditation

Enloe Medical Center News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - On Jan. 30, 2023, The Commission on Cancer, a quality program of the American College of Surgeons granted Enloe’s Regional Cancer Center a three-year accreditation for its comprehensive high-quality cancer care. To earn this accreditation, Enloe was evaluated rigorously for a full year, meeting 34 quality care standards and maintaining levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care. Moving forward, the cancer center will be evaluated every three years through a survey process.

“The American College of Surgeons really gives us the framework to continually challenge ourselves to improve,” said Ehren Hawkins, director of the Enloe Regional Cancer Center. “I am humbled and excited to be here at this exciting time for the organization.”

Enloe Medical Center is committed to the success and development of its cancer program. Enloe was the first in the North State to use the MRIdian Linear

Accelerator — the most advanced tool in radiation oncology treatment, the medical center also added new services such as Enloe Breast Imaging, it earned recognition for robotic-assisted surgery and it’s in the process of building a new state-of-the-art comprehensive cancer center.

As part of the Commission on Cancer accreditation, the Regional Cancer Center takes a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer as a complex group of diseases that requires consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists. This collaboration results in improved patient care.

“Obtaining this accreditation is a testament to the dedication and efforts of our cancer center physicians, staff, and hospital,” said Keith Cavaness, D.O., chair of the Cancer Committee. “Leading this initiative with the support of my colleagues has been a fulfilling experience. We are committed to providing our patients with the highest level of care.”

Like all Commission on Cancer accredited

facilities, the Cancer Center maintains a cancer registry and contributes data to the National Cancer Data Base, a joint program of the Commission on Cancer and the American Cancer Society. This nationwide, oncology-outcomes database is the largest clinical disease registry in the world. Data on all types of cancer are tracked, analyzed and used to explore trends in cancer care. Commission on Cancer accredited centers, in turn, have access to information derived from this type of data analysis, which is used to create national, regional and state benchmark reports.

When cancer patients choose to seek care at a Commission on Cancer accredited facility, such as Enloe’s Regional Cancer Center, they are gaining access to comprehensive, state-of-the-art cancer care close to home.

Enloe Medical Center is a local, nonprofit health care organization. For more information, please call 530 332-7300 or visit us online at [www.enloe.org](http://www.enloe.org). Enloe Medical Center is located at 1531 Esplanade Chico, Calif. 95926. ★

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The City of Gridley has an immediate opening for an **Accountant I** to perform professional accounting work including the examination, maintenance, verification, analysis, preparation and reconciliation of financial records including accounting, auditing and budget reports, county, state and federal reporting, payroll and general and subsidiary ledgers. Outstanding benefits package. Applications are online at [www.gridley.ca.us](http://www.gridley.ca.us) and are due 4 pm Friday, March 3, 2023.

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# Melly the Fighter

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her diagnosis. Spurgeon shared that her daughter has fought through seven brain surgeries, two rounds of chemo, radiation, and has been subject to 35 MRI's (magnetic resonance imaging) to track the treatment's progress.

Recently, the family has learned that Melly's tumors are growing again and she started a third round of chemo. They travel from Gridley to Sacramento two, sometimes three times a week for Melly's treatment. Melly is required to be there in the early morning hours for treatment, some days are back-to-back, and at times the family spends the night in their van to spare Melly from exposure to germs at hotel rooms due to her low immune system.

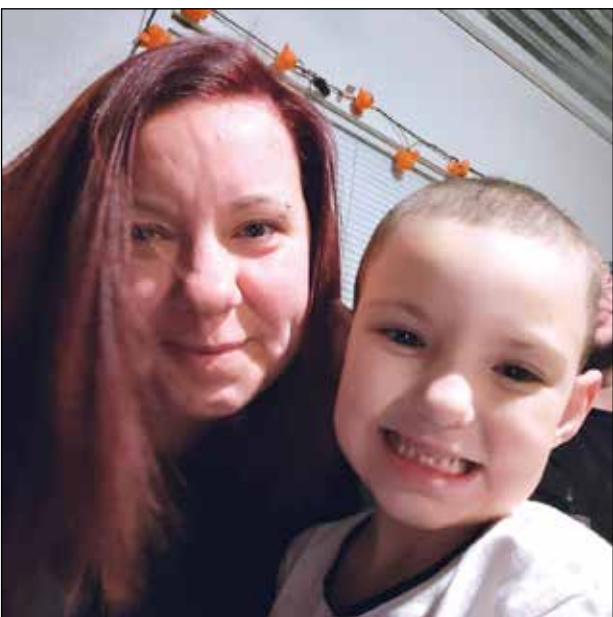
Despite this, Melly stays strong. She has earned the moniker "Melly the



Melly has undergone multiple surgeries, treatments, and countless hours in the hospital as she battles brain cancer. Photo provided by Lillis Spurgeon

Fighter." Melly constantly struggles with debilitating headaches, a shunt in her head required due to damage from the hydrocephalus, unending nausea which has necessitated her having a feeding tube to

keep up her strength and weight – sometimes she is so weak she cannot walk. It doesn't stop there. The 6-year-old also struggles with balance issues, dizziness, and light sensitivity, so much so that Spurgeon



Lillis Spurgeon (left) and Melly Spurgeon (right) still make time for smiles! Photo provided by Lillis Spurgeon

says her daughter is now disabled. Despite all this, Melly fights on.

After her last MRI, Melly and her mother received bad news. The recent treatments have not been working and there has

been more growth. Chemo will continue for another three months in hopes of stopping the spread of the tumor in her brain and keep it from entering her spinal column. Spurgeon said she is "heartbroken,

tired, and overwhelmed."

To help Melly fight on, Spurgeon has set up a GoFundMe account to help with their goal of buying a small RV or trailer so that Melly can rest comfortably after treatments to spare her daughter the hard drives home after long days of grueling treatment, just to turn around and do it again the next day. Any donations would help as Spurgeon says, "We will be going in for treatments, MRI's, and surgeries for the foreseeable future." She continued, "These past 4 years have been tiring, draining, and all you can think of – heartbreaking. Life will never be normal" for her daughter.

If you would like to support Melly in her fight for life, please visit <https://gofund.me/f69cfb35>. To follow Melly's story, visit her Facebook page, Melly the Fighter. ★

## Gladiators End Strong



Gladiators show off their hard-won medals! Pictured left to right: Morgan Ruggirello, Emmett Burns, Brady Rogers, and Clairryssa Watkins. Photo provided by Joe Ruggirello

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Over the weekend of February 4th, the Gridley Gladiators traveled south to Sacramento to compete in the SAWA State Championships, the last of the youth tournaments for their club.

Of course, the youth wrestlers continued to do well. Taking first place in their weight classes was Morgan Ruggirello and Emmett Burns. Brady Rogers would place in two different weigh classes, bringing home a 2nd and 3rd place medal. Clairryssa Watkins medaled again, securing 3rd place.

Coach Ruggirello says, "This season has been very special to me. It is my second season as head coach." Ruggirello shared that the previous year, he had 20 youth wrestlers with only 6 returning. "This year we had a great turnout with a little over 40 kids, from kindergarten to 8th grade." He continued, "the decision to wrestle is a

big decision – it's not for everyone, it's a tough sport. In the end, most of them stuck with it."

Ryan Burns, who acted as his assistant coach said the Gladiators were "a wonderful group of kids and a great program." His son Emmett was a Gladiator and Burns shares how much his son grew over the season with Coach Ruggirello's "outstanding job" heading the program, learning new skills and sportsmanship. Ruggirello said, "For me it's not about winning. It's about listening and being a good sport, win or lose."

Ruggirello looks forward to a bigger turnout next year and thanks the community and surrounding communities for a great season.

If your child would benefit and is interested in youth wrestling, follow the Gridley Gladiators (Gridley youth wrestling) on Facebook. Signups begin in September. ★

## Orchard Hospital Announces Senior Life Solutions Program Reopening

Orchard Hospital News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Orchard Hospital's Senior Life Solutions is an intensive outpatient group therapy program designed to meet the unique needs of individuals typically 65 and older experiencing depression and/or anxiety related to life changes that are often associated with aging. Individuals may benefit from the Senior Life Solutions program if they are experiencing any of the following common indicators or triggers of depression and anxiety:

Anxiety; Changes in appetite; Depression; Difficulty sleeping; Feelings of sadness or grief lasting more than two weeks; Feelings of worthlessness or hopelessness; Lost a spouse or close family member; Loss of energy; Loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities; Recently experienced a traumatic event.

Following an individual assessment, participants meet up to three times per

week in a supportive, encouraging group setting.

The program staff includes professionals dedicated to the emotional well-being of the seniors in our community.

For more information, call Orchard Hospitals Senior Life Solutions program at (530) 846-9076.

Founded in 2003, Senior Life Solutions is managed by Psychiatric Medical Care (PMC), a leading behavioral health-care management company. Focused on addressing the needs of rural and underserved communities, PMC manages inpatient behavioral health units, intensive outpatient programs, and telehealth services in more than 30 states. The company's services provide evaluation and treatment for patients suffering from depression, anxiety, mood disorders, memory problems, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other behavioral health problems. For more information, visit [www.seniorlifesolutions.com](http://www.seniorlifesolutions.com). ★

## Ready to Register? Kindergarten Registration Begins Soon!



This McKinley School kindergarten class, accompanied by Principal Kim Kemmis (center), invites incoming students to begin registration! Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's McKinley Elementary School is preparing for Kindergarten and Pre-K registration.

Enrollment begins March 1, 2023. Parents with incoming kindergarteners are

encouraged to register as soon as possible in order for their students to take advantage of a kick-off introduction to kindergarten before the 2023-2024 school year begins.

To enroll your student, please fill out the online registration form at <https://gridley-usd.aeries.net/air/Default.aspx> ★

## Biggs Girls Make History in Wrestling

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weight class. Oliverez said of the honor, "It's been a great opportunity to be able to wrestle this season and learn under my coaches. They've helped me so much, and I wouldn't be where I am today without them." She added, "to get passed the obstacles along the way made this moment feel even better."

Within Div. 4, Sophomore Jessie Avram would take 2nd place in the 162-weight class, with sophomore Jayden Beck medaling 4th place in the 139-weight class, and Emma Bowles, a freshman and first year wrestler, bringing home 2nd place in the 191-weight class.

Coach Walsh says, "As a coach, what the Girls Wrestling team has been able to accomplish in two short years has been amazing to see. The growth they have made on and off the mat, while facing

the demands that come with a sport like wrestling is a testament to their focus and determination. It's an incredible honor to be their coach. It's also been great to witness girls wrestling as it continues to grow and gain the spotlight it deserves. Wrestling has helped me so much in life, and I'm honored to pay it back by coaching such a hard working goal oriented team."

With this win, BHS Girls Wrestling team moves onto the first ever NSCIF Girls Masters Tournament, scheduled to be held at Chico High School, Chico on Saturday, February 18th. Wrestlers hit the mats beginning at 10:00 am. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://gofan.co/app/events/894102?schoolId=CA15787> or at the door with discounts for senior citizens and students with ASB, and K-8 (at the door only). ★

MEMORIAL

GREGORY ALLEN MANN

Gregory Allen Mann, age 61, passed away January 15, 2023. He was born and raised in the Gridley area, which is where he also attended school. Gregory spent time working in the oil fields in Gillette, Wyoming, and Bakersfield, California. He finally returned to the Gridley area and went to work managing Butte Farms in Biggs. He leaves behind a wife; two sons, Derek and E.N. Mann, and a grandson, Spencer, of Biggs. He also leaves behind five brothers: Robin, Bryan, Casey, Timothy and Paul. Also, his mother, Georgia Stewart, and many friends.



# Thoughts to Ponder Gridley Thumbs and Roots

by Kathy Neal

“Teach your children well.” Is a line from a popular song. But it goes so much further in giving parents a nod toward proper instruction in dealing with children. Parents have a duty to bring up their children with strong morals, a deep appreciation of others, and a belief in themselves and the God who created it all.

Having a strong family keeps children grounded, keeps them together, and keeps them close to the power that keeps the whole of creation revolving.

Children need that something to believe in so that when life hands them trials and struggles they will have the strength to keep going, and not give up because they alone and abandoned.

Children in our world today face struggles with peer pressure, drug use, body shaming, bullying, a myriad of other problems including displacement from a family not capable of raising them. Without a strong inner core of family that teaches them principles, and a good moral way of living, they run toward the nearest place they can find and that can be gangs, druggies, other run aways, or other bad situations.

Do you know where your kids are? Do you know what your kids are doing and with whom? Do they stay on social media too

much and ignore family and others? Have you had a decent conversation on what life is, how life happens, or how they feel about life?



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During the shut down for Covid, our children lost communication skills, social associations, and became more loners rather than participants. Not only have they lost educational skills, but they have also become more isolated, depressed, and anxious.

Parents, it is up to you to be the backbone of the family and bring the children back from darkness they have been in.

Yes, they’ll push your buttons and try your patience. They will try to worm their way out of chores, work, study, and family activities. Don’t let them close you out. Don’t allow them to sink deeper into a world of brokenness. Lift your children up. Build them a bridge to adulthood that they will need to survive. Pray for them. Love them. Instruct them in moral ways. Use Jesus as your guide and strength and pass Him on to them so He can be their guide and strength.

**Please join us on Ash Wednesday, the 22nd at 6 pm for an Ash Wednesday service.**

Come join us in praying for all the children of the world to find strength and guidance in Jesus. We worship Sundays at 10 am. We are at 285 Magnolia Street. ★



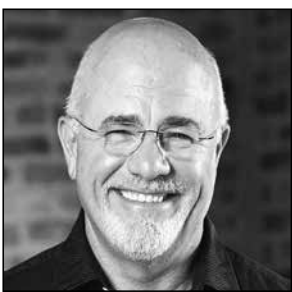
By Barbara Ott

The decorative pear is starting to bloom. The sunlight shines through the opaque pedals glowing in pinky-white. It is rather like living in a shell of light under the sea. Soon the blooms will harden and they will shade things so the bright light will be reflected outward. Then comes the pedal snow. It is a glorious process that amazes

me every year. Tree people suggested I cut it down and get a tree that doesn’t get fire blight. We are battling the fire blight because I will spend money to try before I cut this wonderful tree down. Its’ genetics suck but the reality of its spring glow, summer shade and autumn golden leaf cover cannot be replicated. I can’t imagine waiting while a young tree fills out to provide shade. This is a west facing yard, that tree is a summer blessing.

Tete a Tete miniature daffodils are up and being their usual tiny yellow sunny selves. The maple trees are beginning to show buds. I’m ready for the uplift of spring this year. I finally caught

Covid so I’m behind in getting spring cleaning and spraying done. I’m resting and healing so I can get back out there. In the mean-time I can enjoy the hawks calling and mending their nest high in a large tree a block away. I thought it was destroyed by the wind but it appears they think it is fixable. Cuttings I’ve taken over the last few months are growing well in the greenhouse. Several need to go into bigger pots. Remember that Gridley Green Thumb Garden Club does a plant sale at Red Suspender’s Day. You’ll be able to buy plants that are not in every big box store for great prices. Plant a seed and watch it grow. ★



## How Big is the Burden?

Dear Dave,

My parents are both in their seventies. They have been healthy and active all their lives, but in spite of them both having good jobs they neglected to plan and save for retirement. Is it my responsibility now to provide them with financial help in their old age?

– Reagan

Dear Reagan,

It sounds like you might be a little irritated that your parents haven’t been responsible with their money. The way you described the circumstances, it’s understandable—to a point. But in my mind, there’s a bigger question when it comes to helping your folks. How big is the burden?

Let me ask you a few things. Do you have the money to help? Now,

## Dave Ramsey Says

can you provide this help without your own family suffering or going without? If both answers are yes, I think your question may be a little more about your own aggravation with your folks than any ethical or moral obligation.

A few years ago I spoke with a guy who was in really good shape financially. He made over \$1 million a year, and he had plenty set aside in savings and retirement accounts. His father was in poor health and had never handled his money wisely. The son asked me if he should help out his dad by giving him some money every month.

In my mind, there’s no question the right answer was yes. And that’s what I told him. If you’re making millions, but don’t want to help out your sick dad, there’s something wrong with you. There’s something missing inside you that money just won’t fix. However, if you and your family are barely getting by—let’s say you bring home \$3,000 a month—you’re not morally required to

help a parent who was irresponsible with money their entire life.

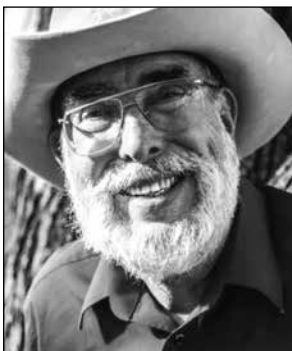
I’m not sure what your situation is, Reagan, but I hope you’ll look at things with a little grace and reason. It’s a tough situation to be in, because it sounds like your heart is being pulled in different directions. My advice, above all else, is to pray about it. And, if you have a spouse, talk to them about everything, and make sure the two of you are in agreement on what should be done before moving forward.

God bless you, friend.

– Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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.* ★

## Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Wellsir ... ol’ Dud did ‘er again, he shore ‘nuf did. This here’s Alphonse Wilson, known around these parts as Windy Wilson, esquire, LTD and DDT at your service as always. Free to you and worth every blessed dime.

See ... t’other day I got into a little chat with Dud Campbell, and he says to me that I need to get me one a-them computers so I can be moderate like ever’body else. Had the nerve to just come out and say that!

Well, friend, that’s when I made a big mistake. I asked him what I needed to get the ol’ ball rolling and I should’ve shut ‘er down

## So I think I’ll mebbe just use the computer down at the library for a while

right then. Yessir, your ol’ pal Alphonse occasional makes mistakes.

Now you can dip my hat in sheep dip and paint Mary Lou’s name on the barn with it if he didn’t obsolete hisself right into a foreign language!

Didn’t have nothin’ to write with, so here’s what he said, near as I recollect:

I need a cloud, he said. A cloud stores stuff. Well ... shore it does! It stores rain!

But he said no, a cloud isn’t in the computer, but floats around somewhere and you get to it by buying an app.

Wellsir, I ‘splained to Dud that apps are okay, but I’ve always pressurized my priorities ‘long Quarter horse lines. Told him them spots don’t make the horse go any faster. He started wavin’ his arms then, and said I get

these apps with a mouse.

And he ‘spects me to believe that?!!!

Right!!

Had a app oncet. Nice big ol’ Appaloosa he was, too. But ugly? I was tellin’ Dud about him. Them apps today are pretty horses, but back when I was younger, they all looked like they needed to pull manure carts. It’s a fact.

Why this old pony I had ... I hate to admit this ... but his ol’ head was the size of a door, and you could stick his butt in a bottle!

So I think I’ll mebbe just use the computer down at the library for a while. Nice girl down there helps me out with it.

And you can tell ‘em I said so!

*Say thank you to the nice girl down at your library who helps old guys with the computer, will you?* ★



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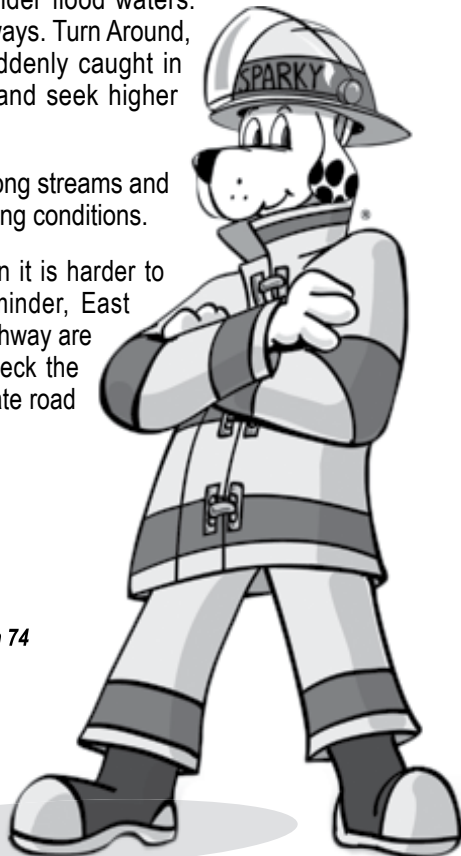
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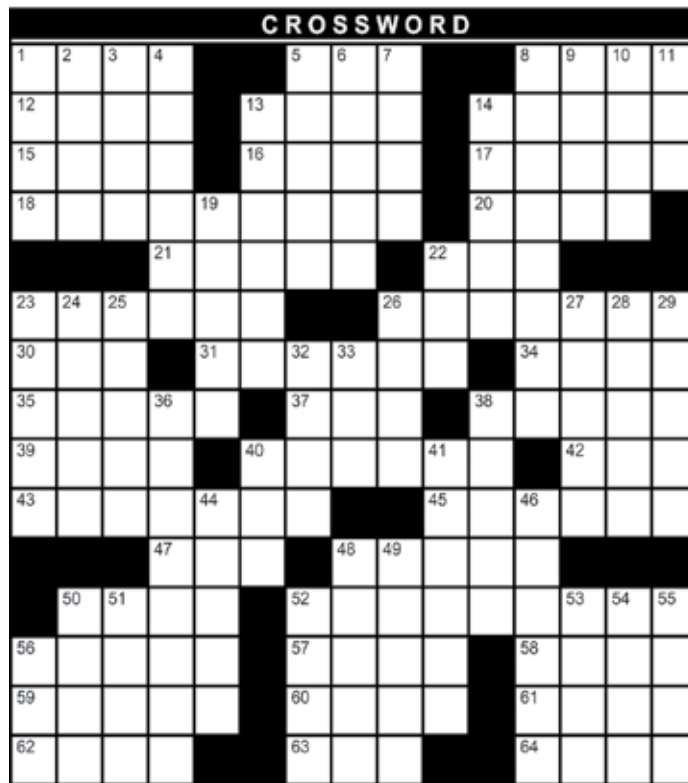
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5. \* \_\_\_\_ de trois
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12. Toy block
13. As old as time?
14. Milan's La \_\_\_\_
15. Drug addict
16. Craving
17. Some primatologists' study object, for short
18. \*Shoe, not a titular character in Henry James' novel
20. What spirits and cult-prits have in common
21. Falstaffian in body
22. Jack Kerouac's \_\_\_\_ Paradise
23. \*Shoe, not lazy person
26. Concealing plant, in a painting (2 words)
30. Not leg
31. \_\_\_\_ help
34. Poet Pound
35. \*Sound of Wellington boots
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39. Database command
40. Type of purse
42. "Platoon" setting, for short
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47. Motion of assent
48. Louisiana swamp
50. Like list of chores
52. \*Animated movie about a dancing penguin (2 words)
56. "All About Eve" star
57. Biblical birthright seller
58. Generic dog name
59. Are not
60. What snob puts on
61. Cogito, \_\_\_\_ sum
62. Mountain, in Germany
63. Trinitrotoluene, for short
64. Movie tape

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2. 100 centavos in Mexico
3. A long time ago
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5. City on the Seine
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7. \_\_\_\_ but not heard"
8. \*Rupturing this will take you off your feet
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# RCRC Installs 2023 Officers and Recognizes Rural Leadership



Assemblymember James Gallagher leading the oath of office for RCRC Chair Doug Teeter, First Vice Chair Chris Lopez, Second Vice Chair Geri Byrne, and Executive Committee Member At-Large Matt Kingsley. Photo courtesy of RCRC

## RCRC News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On Wednesday, January 18, the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) installed its 2023 Officers and presented its Rural Leadership Awards.

During a meeting of the Board of Directors, California State Assemblymember James Gallagher administered the official Oath of Office for the 2023 RCRC Officers. Butte County Supervisor Doug Teeter was installed as Chair, Monterey County Supervisor Chris Lopez as First Vice Chair, Modoc County Supervisor Geri Byrne as Second Vice Chair, and Inyo County Supervisor Matt Kingsley as Executive Committee Member At-Large. The newly installed 2023 Officers will lead the organization in championing policies on behalf of California’s rural counties.

“I am honored to have been selected to lead the Rural County Representatives of California in 2023, and I look forward to working with each of my fellow officers in advancing the rural California perspective at the state and federal levels,” said Supervisor Teeter.

In the evening, at their annual reception in Sacramento, RCRC celebrated the new Officers and presented its Rural Leadership Awards to two public officials who have demonstrated an understanding of and distinctive leadership in rural issues and the unique challenges that rural communities face.

Assemblymember Jim Patterson (R- 8th District) was recognized as one of the two recipients of the 2022 Rural Leadership Award, largely because of his role in advancing wildfire risk reduction, community safety, and restoration of Williamson Act funding.

“Assemblymember Patterson authored several bills strongly supported by

RCRC, including RCRC-sponsored AB 1154 which sought to create CEQA exemptions for egress route projects in high wildfire risk areas, and AB 1773, which would have appropriated \$40 million to make Williamson Act subvention payments to counties,” said RCRC President and CEO Patrick Blacklock. “His leadership on bills like AB 1078, which would have relieved a tremendous burden for individuals seeking to rebuild homes destroyed in the catastrophic 2020 wildfires, demonstrates great compassion for communities faced with the danger of wildfire, and the aftermath of tragedy.”

“I am honored to be recognized by the Rural County Representatives of California for my legislation to address rural issues of concern, including my Assembly Bill 431. This bill extended the sunset date for an exemption for the state’s timber harvest plan requirements for projects to create defensible space around structures in high-fire risk areas,” said Assemblymember Patterson. “I look forward to working closely with supervisors and RCRC staff as we continue to support California’s rural communities.”

Angela Avery, Executive Officer of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), also received the 2022 Rural Leadership Award. Ms. Avery was recognized for her bold leadership in forest stewardship and conservation. “Ms. Avery’s leadership has been crucial in several areas of partnership between RCRC and SNC, including bringing attention to the resurgence of California’s tree mortality problem, and providing support for RCRC member counties and their communities after the State’s most devastating wildfires,” remarked RCRC President and CEO Patrick Blacklock.

“It is a privilege and pleasure to accept this recognition from RCRC,”



RCRC 2022 Rural Leadership Award Recipient Executive Officer Angela Avery with RCRC President and CEO Patrick Blacklock. Photo courtesy of RCRC



RCRC 2022 Rural Leadership Award Recipient Assemblymember Jim Patterson with RCRC Board Chair and Butte County Supervisor Doug Teeter. Photo courtesy of RCRC

said Sierra Nevada Conservancy Executive Officer Avery. “California rural communities experience unique challenges that are exacerbated by a changing climate, historic lack of investment, difficult geography, and high levels of poverty, among other needs. Achieving SNC’s mission to support the environmental, social, and economic well-being of the California’s Sierra-Cascade would not be possible without strong partnerships with rural counties and the supervisors and organizations, like RCRC, that serve them.”

The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is a forty-member county service organization that champions policies on behalf of California’s rural counties. RCRC is dedicated to representing the collective unique interests of its membership, providing legislative and regulatory representation at the State and Federal levels, and providing responsible services for its members to enhance and protect the quality of life in rural California counties. To learn more about RCRC, visit rcrc-net.org and follow @RuralCounties on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. ★

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### LOCAL FISHING

Barge Canal to Port of Sacramento. In the months of Oct-Mar thread fin shad school in the warm, slack waters of Barge Canal {Stripers love um}. Bank fishermen may access the Barge Canal, a nice tree lined Recreation Park. No motor craft allowed, car top ramp open. Turn east off Jefferson Blvd. #100. Stripers...USE: Mudsuckers, Jumbo Minnow, Anchovy, or Sardine. (b) Large mouth bass...USE: Plastic Worms, Swim Baits. (b) White catfish...USE: Chicken Liver. (b)

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Charter boats in the bay are booking trips. Sanddabs, Petrale Sole, Starry Flounder and Leopard Sharks. Bait provided. Half day \$390.00. Delta, Rio Vista / Martinez Bridge. 64 inch sturgeon released. USE: Lamprey Eel. (b) Monterey Bay; Dungeness Crab, Sanddabs, Petrale Sole, combo's yield good results. Thirteen anglers caught: 18 crabs, 10 petrale sole, 30- mackerel and lots of sanddabs. USE: Various Baits (b)

### COASTAL WATERS

Half Moon Bay/Bodega Bay/ San Francisco Coast; Rockfish reopens May 1st. Salmon April 10th. Most Charter Boats in port. Note: CDFW lifted Dungeness crab trap restrictions in Zones 3-6 for recreational fishing on Jan. 14 2023. { Humpback whales abundance is near a "seasonal low"}

### LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Lake Almanor; cold, windy. Low 13 degrees-Hi 35 degrees. The Recreational Area II to Prattville is iced over. Nobody fishing. Berryessa Lake; spotted bass, 2-2 ½ lbs. USE: Drop-shot Rigs, Jigs. (a) Clear Lake; fish mid-lake at "Rattlesnake". Caught three large mouths 2-4-8 lbs. USE: Lipless Crankbait. (a) Note: American Bass Tournament, Mar. 25th-26th. Lake Davis Ice Fishing Derby Feb 18th. Entry fee \$20.00 Call Jeanne at 530-8332-0270.

**Hummingbird Ice Helix 5 Sonar**

### LAKE DAVIS ICE FISHING TRIP

Lake Davis is relatively shallow, so it freezes over quickly. Honker Cove. After augering two 8-inch holes, Abe placed his Frabill tip-up Strike Indicator over one hole and his Hummingbird Ice Helix 5 Chirp Sonar over the other hole. Now he could just sit and watch his minnow wiggling around on his Helix view finder, if and when a huge rainbow trout struck his bait, the flag would tip-up on his strike indicator, and now all he had to do was pull in his trophy trout hand-over-hand.

-Next week Gold Lake-

### RIVERS

Truckee River; 2000 CFS. Off color. Fish the inside seams. USE: San Juan Worm, BH Zebra Midge. (a)

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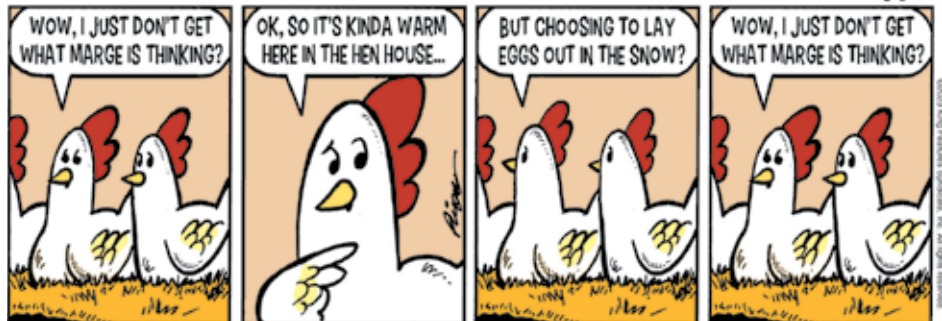
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# Bulldogs End League as BVL Co-Champs

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley boys basketball team handed the Orland Trojans their first Butte View League loss of the year in a thrilling 45-43 victory on Tuesday, February 7.

Orland lost their final BVL game of the season last Friday night 56 - 41 at Corning, with the two BVL losses, The Trojans and Gridley tied for the best BVL record in hitch made the co-champions.

The Bulldogs trailed 15-12 after the first quarter, but Orland was only successful on scoring behind the three-point line in the first.

The Trojans didn't make another three-point basket until the later part of the third quarter.

Gridley (13-12, 6-2 BVL) head coach Nathan Link told the Herald he believed the Bulldogs were a good matchup with Orland because of the multiple shooters they have on the roster.

"We're capable of having five shooters on the floor at all times," Link said.

Other than great shooters, the real story of the game was the defensive approach Gridley maintained all game long.

The Bulldogs were lengthier on the floor, but they also got their hands inside the passing lanes of the Trojans.

Gridley held a controlled defensive presence to where they only committed five fouls throughout the entire game against a team that Link mentioned to the Herald that had a good full-court team game.

The Bulldogs took a 26-21 lead into the half and as the Gridley stands were full of fans, the feeling of the potential upset over the number one ranked team in the MaxPreps at the time of the game started brewing.

Bulldogs junior forward Aaron Kullar led the way with 11 points in the first half.

Kullar ended the game with a team-high in points with 15 and rebounds (11).

Gridley was also efficient from



Gridley junior forward Aaron Kullar (23) attempts a shot in the Bulldogs 45-43 win over Orland on Tuesday, February 7.



Gridley senior guard Benson Tolman (2) attempts a shot in the Bulldogs 45-43 win versus Orland on Tuesday, February 7.

shooting behind the arc as they shot 50 % for the entire game. The

timeliness of their seven three-point made shots came in crucial

moments.

Bulldogs senior guard Benson

Tolman expressed to the Herald the way Gridley is consistently capable of penetrating through the lanes and able to kick (pass) the ball out to their open shooters on the outside.

The Bulldogs stretched their lead to nine over Orland but the Trojans closed the gap late in the third quarter where Gridley held onto a 36-32 lead to enter the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs were in the single bonus situation in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter and had the opportunity to get at least one free throw every time the Trojans committed a foul for the remainder of the game.

Orland kept the game within striking distance as the Gridley lead never reached over six points in the final quarter. The Bulldogs defense came up big twice in the final 10 seconds of the game.

Tolman pulled down a defensive rebound with a little over six seconds to go in the game that could have sealed the game, but he was quickly called for a travel with 4.8 seconds to go and gave the Trojans one more chance to make a game tying or winning shot.

The Gridley defense prevailed as Orland shot a contested three-pointer from the right corner and the ball jumped off the top of the rim to give the Bulldogs the big win.

"Everyone chipped in and you're going to want everyone chip in on a good team like Orland," Kullar exclaimed to the Herald.

The Gridley gym erupted in excitement and the players jumped in celebration on the floor. The upset win made a big statement for the Northern Section CIF playoffs as it dropped the Trojans down a couple spots in the seeding.

The Bulldogs hosted the Pierce Bears in the first round of the 2023 NSCIF playoffs on Tuesday, the winner of that matchup traveled to play Orland on Thursday.

Tolman and Kullar both added on the playoff picture, their goals as leaders of the team was to keep everyone focused and keep pushing one another to be better. ★



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