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Gridley Goes Disney



Angel Castañeda and Karina Hernandez were crowned the 2022 Gridley Homecoming King and Queen. Photo by Melanie Little

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School gave Disney Villains a run for their money this year with their Disney Villain themed Homecoming week!

Holding to the same recipe as years before, the week kicked off with Football Follies – the long-standing tradition of the Senior vs Junior Girls flag football game. Coached by the boys' varsity football team, the ladies would battle it out on the gridiron, cheered on by the boys' varsity cheerleading squad and JV boys cheerleading squad. The male cheer squads credited their moves to the GHS cheerleaders, who coached them in the role reversal. As for the football game, the Senior girls easily took the win.

A week of spirit days and fun

activities planned by the leadership class would ensue. Holding to the Disney theme, spirit days included: Peter-Pan Pajama Day, Dalmatian Day (black and white), Tweedle Dee & Tweedle Dum Day (twin day), and Disney Day. Friday, students would dress in Pink for Pink Out Day in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A special Tie-Dye activity was held Wednesday where students could dye a shirt for Pink Out Friday.

Tuesday through Thursday, students would spend hours after school working on their class floats. The freshman build would pay tribute to the tentacled Ursula from the Little Mermaid. Sophomores would see red with their Cruella DeVil and 101 Dalmatians themed float and Sophomores would walk the plank with their Captain Hook float. It was

the seniors with the Queen of Hearts float from Alice in Wonderland that would really make heads roll and take the win for 1st place.

The Friday morning rally would turn up the heat as the week wound down to GHS Homecoming Parade and the JV and varsity football games. The Parade would roll down its familiar route, featuring the floats, cheerleaders, active sports teams, leadership class and more.

At 5:30 the football teams began their battle against the Oroville Tigers. JV would win their game 26 to 8. During the varsity halftime show, cheerleaders performed an amazing routine. Floats took their trip around the track and winners were announced. It was then time for the crown.

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2-year-old Child Overdoses on Fentanyl

BINTF Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On October 17th, 2022, at approximately 2:45 pm, Deputies from the Butte County Sheriff's Office responded to the 11000 block of Concow Road at the request of Cal Fire personnel. Parents had transported their two year old child to that location over concerns he had ingested an unknown substance while in the care of someone else. Cal Fire continued to provide medical care for the child as Enloe Medical Center's Flight Care was requested. The child was lethargic and displaying symptoms of possible opioid poisoning. Information was ultimately developed that the child had likely ingested fentanyl at home while in the care of the parents.

Enloe Flight Care arrived and administered Naloxone to the child, who responded to the opioid overdose medication. The child was flown to Enloe Medical Center for additional monitoring and treatment. The child was ultimately released from the hospital and into the care of professionals from the Butte County Children Services Division.

Agents from the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) were requested to investigate the incident, assisted by Detectives from the Butte County Sheriff's Office, due to the nature of the incident.

BINTF Agents obtained a search warrant for the home of the parents, a trailer located at 256 Yankee Vista Drive in Concow, CA, where it was believed the child ingested the fentanyl. During the service of the search warrant, Agents located methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in the home, and a small amount of rainbow colored fentanyl in a silicone container in the vehicle driven by the parents.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the two parents of the child, 22 year old Justin Bryce Zedaker II and 23 year old Allie May Stuber, were arrested for Child Endangerment and Possession of Controlled Substances, and booked into the Butte County Jail. A Bail Enhancement is being sought for both subjects.

Fentanyl is now being marketed in communities across Butte County in very innocuous looking colored powders and pills, misrepresenting their potency and deadliness. In

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Biggs Homecoming Heroes!

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs High School was overrun with heroes last week, Superheroes that is!

'Superheroes' was the 2022 Homecoming theme for the high school, the week of festivities kicking off with spirit days and the ladies Powderpuff football game. Teams comprised of seniors/freshmen took on the juniors/sophomore team, with the seniors/freshmen ladies securing the win with a final score of 12-0.

To get the students in the spirit, dress-up days would begin Monday with Crocs-vs- Birkenstock Day and proceed through the week with Twin Day, Pink Day (Cancer Awareness), Theme Day (students dressed up according to their class/float theme) and Friday, students wore the Wolverines' colors of green and black.

Holding to tradition, each class would build a float which they would display at Friday's Homecoming Parade. The freshmen class would get into the Superheroes swing of things with a 'Fantastic 4' themed float. The sophomore float was out of this

world with a 'Guardians of the Galaxy' theme, juniors would get slinging with a 'Spiderman' theme and seniors would smash with a 'Hulk' themed build. The winners were announced at the varsity football game, with the juniors taking the win for their Spidey-sensetling design. Coming in 2nd place would be the sophomores, followed by the seniors in 3rd place and the freshmen would bring up the rear with 4th place.

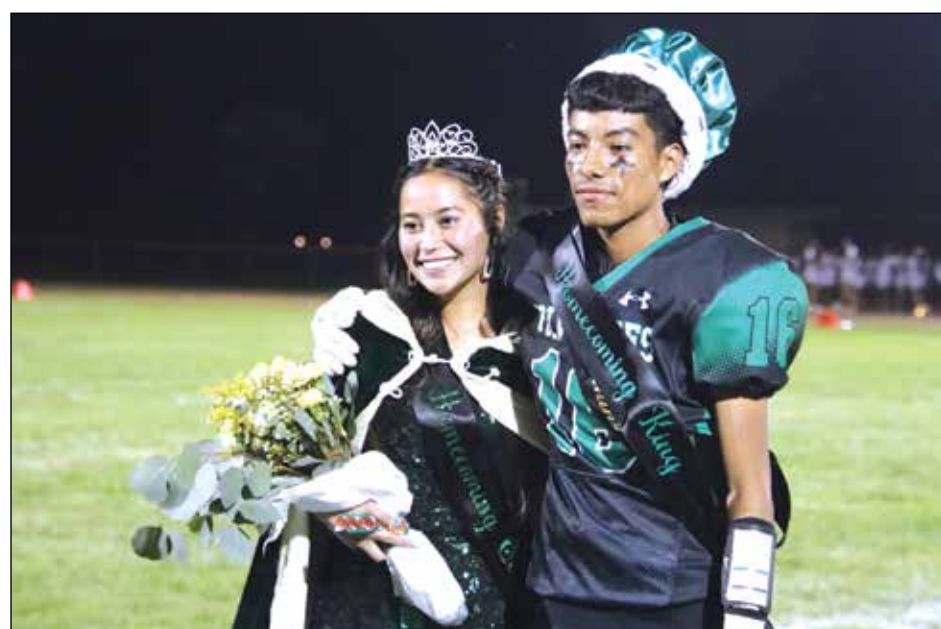
Friday, as the day faded

and the lights slowly came on in the stadium, students and spectators readied for the varsity football game against the Williams Yellow Jackets. Clay Stopplemore would drive the American Flag around the track on his Box Stock Outlaw Kart as the National Anthem was played.

As the Wolverines prepared to battle the Yellow Jackets, the 2022 Homecoming Queen and King candidates were introduced. Queen candidates

for Homecoming 2022 were Ellyse Perkins, Marcella Munanui, and Brianna Rodriguez. King candidates were Adrian Sanchez, Santos Sanchez, and Julian Diaz. It would be Marcella Munanui and Julian Diaz who were crowned 2022 homecoming royalty!

To finalize Biggs Homecoming week, an obligatory Homecoming dance was held directly after the end of the varsity football game. ★



2022 Homecoming Queen Marcella Munanui and King Julian Diaz are all smiles after being crowned. Photo by Seti Long

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The California Tax Foundation tracks the tax situation in California; here is what they have to say. From 2010 to 2020, voters approved \$8.82 billion in higher annual taxes and rejected \$3.17 billion in higher annual taxes. Of the 1,956 local tax measures that appeared on the ballot, 972 were general taxes, and 984 were special taxes. Voters approved 1,359 measures (774 general taxes, 578 special taxes, and seven other special tax measures) and voted down 597 (198 general taxes, 398 special taxes, and one special tax measure). So for those of you keeping score - 1,359 local tax measures have passed in the last decade, and only 597 have failed. Californians seem to like tax hikes.*** For those of you living south of the border in Live Oak, there is Sutter County Measure A for your consideration. Sutter County's Essential Services Measure on the November 8 ballot is one cent, or one percent, sales tax increase for nine years that would raise approximately \$19 million a year in local revenues.***

The mid-term departure of a Live Oak council member in 2021 brought the City to a standstill. The remaining members couldn't collaborate to reach a consensus on budgets and other issues. There are seven candidates running for three open seats. When you go to vote, try to pick three that are on the same

team so they do what they need to do.***

Biggs people (Biggsians) - you have some options; four people are running for three seats - Chuck Nuchols, Brian Bassett, Edmund Punzo, and "Bo" Sheppard; one of them has to drop off. There is a second short-term Biggs City Council seat (whatever that means), and your choices are Michael Buck and Anita Williams, two people; you only get to vote for one. On a side note, Biggsian Brian Bassett is a great guy, and if I lived in Biggs, I would put his sign in my yard.***

In Gridley, the Council contest is over on election day, which explains why Gridley has a lack of colorful political sign decorations which we find in Live Oak - James Roberts and Bruce Johnson are running, and you can vote for both of them.***

School Boards locally have no such situation; there are contested races all around. Manzanita School Board choices are Brenda Roach Donnahoe, Jake Wilson and Marc Tillotson, three candidates, and you only get to vote for two. Gridley Schools Trustee Area 2 - Stacy Anthony, Kirsten Storne-Piazza, Joseph Dewsnup, Drew Becker 4 candidates, only two win. Trustee Area 3 Art Cota and Brandon Oakley are your choices.***

Regarding school boards, we should remember that kids did better in local school districts that followed science guidelines around school closures and masking mandates. Schools that went along with the state recommendations are showing much higher rates of learning loss and mental health issues among children. The point is - these

school board races matter. We should elect people who can make decisions best for our community, which often takes a great deal of courage and determination.***

The Butte County Elections Office has set up a Secure Ballot Drop Box Center at Gridley Butte County Library, 299 Spruce Street. For Biggs, the Secure Ballot Drop Box Availability Center Biggs is at Biggs City Hall, 465 C Street. A secure box thingy is where you can take your ballot. It used to be that we had an election day, but now we have an election month; it used to be that you had to ask for a ballot to be mailed to you if you were too busy to go to the polling place on election day. Now you get a ballot even if you don't ask. Another election law they changed was making it legal for people to gather up the ballots of people and drop them off - it used to be a criminal activity. Now "gathering" is legal, so if you have a friend that you think may forget to turn in their ballot, you will not go to jail if you drop it off for them. If you have any questions about voting, you can go to the County Elections website and call the elections office.***

We would also be remiss if the Pi-Line did not add to the election year extravaganza column with Assembly Leader James Gallagher of East Nicolaus and Congressman LaMalfa of Richvale. They have done much for our community in very difficult times and are worthy of re-election. We should make a clear stand and refute anti-Irish and anti-Italian bigotry - which has no place in American life.***

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

West Gridley 4-H Fall Events



Members of the West Gridley 4-H Chapter invite you to participate in their Scarecrow Contest and Fall Festival Craft Fair! Photo provided by Julie Emerson

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After quieting for some time, the West Gridley 4-H group is regaining momentum as it rebuilds its chapter. The growing group has some upcoming fall events planned as fundraisers.

The West Gridley 4-H chapter is holding a Fall Festival Craft Fair and Scarecrow Contest, November 19th from 9am -3 pm at the Butte County Fairgrounds in Gridley. The events are open to the public.

The group is looking for fellow chapters or local businesses that would be interested in participating in the scarecrow contest. Entries are free with a completed entry form. Vendors interested in participating in the craft fair will also need to fill out an application and submit it and a space rental fee of \$30 by November 12th.

For more information about the Fall Festival Craft Fair and Scarecrow Contest and entry forms, please contact West Gridley 4-H Organizer Julie Emerson at 530-300-6002 or Whitney Pike at 530-870-6205. ★

Nebraska Mission for Live Oak Couple



Grant and Judy Goodman will serve as full-time missionaries in Omaha, Nebraska. Photo by Stephanie Goodman

By Cindy Scott

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Grant and Judy Goodman will serve an 18-month mission in the Nebraska Omaha Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Their service will begin with a few weeks of training in the Missionary Training

Center in Provo, Utah. They will be addressing their home congregation, Liberty 1st Ward, on Sunday, October 23, at 9:00 am in the Liberty meeting-house at 1259 French Avenue. The Goodmans are long-time almond ranchers and residents of Live Oak. ★

Arriving Soon: Your Vote by Mail Ballots

Clerk-Recorder News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Vote by mail ballots for the November 8, 2022, General Election were mailed out on October 10th. Voters should allow 2 to 10 days for their ballot to arrive in the mail.

If by October 19th, you do not receive your ballot, you lose it, or otherwise need a replacement ballot, new California Law requires requests for replacement ballots to be submitted in writing. These writings must be signed by the voter (Assembly Bill 2608).


For convenience, a replacement ballot

application is available on our website at www.buttevotes.net. Paper copies of the form can be picked up at the Hall of Records in Oroville or at your local libraries and city halls.



Completed and signed replacement request forms can be submitted in one of 4 ways: By Mail: 155 Nelson Avenue Oroville, CA 95965; By Email: elections@buttecounty.net; In Person: at any Voter Assistance Center in the County.

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Orchard Represented at MGMA Conference



Kirsten Storne-Piazza, MA, LMFT, CRHCP. Photo courtesy of Orchard Hospital

By **Seti Long**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Orchard Hospital was invited to have a representative of the hospital speak at the 2022 Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) 'Medical Practice Excellence: Leaders Conference.'

The MGMA conference was held October 9th - 12th in Boston, Massachusetts. Kirsten Storne-Piazza, MA, LMFT, CRHCP, would speak on

behalf of Orchard Hospital and the California State Rural Health Association at the conference, addressing the topic of 'Taking Care of Our Staff: Maintaining Purpose and Impacting Quality.'

As stated in her bio for the MGMA conference, "Kirsten Storne-Piazza is the Chief Clinic Administrator at Orchard Hospital in Gridley, CA. Orchard Hospital operates two Rural Health Clinics in Butte County. Kirsten has a Master's Degree in Psychology and is also a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist and Certified Rural Health Clinic Professional." It continues to inform that "She has been in healthcare administration and business development since 2009."

Storne-Piazza shares that over 300 medical professional leaders attended

her session that addressed the topics of prolonged stress, burnout, and a reduction in the ability to care for patients and healthcare workers themselves, due to the demand to deliver healthcare at an increased speed and level of success. She would provide tools and methods in which to address both employee and employer compassion fatigue and strategies that produce higher satisfaction across the board, efficiency, and quality of care.

Storne-Piazza said the opportunity to speak at such a conference was an honor. "It was an amazing experience to be with, share with and learn with people from all over the country who are committed to providing quality healthcare and investing in our communities and staff we work with. ★

Measure J: The Breakdown



GUSD Superintendent Justin Kern leads a group of community members (not pictured) into the Ag welding shop.

Story and photos by **Seti Long**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Unified School District recently held one of two informational meetings about Measure J, a \$16.3 million bond that is on the November 8th ballot.

If passed, the bond would allot the district \$16.3 million in funding from taxpayer dollars within the Gridley Unified School District and Manzanita School District areas as it is intended to "improve, enhance and replace" high school facilities. The bond would be pulled over a 30-year period, potentially in series, and the dollar amount would be dictated by taxpayers' assessed property values.

According to representatives from the district, a specific dollar amount per assessed property value cannot be accurately estimated at this time due to many factors - they cited future fluctuations and population growth within the district, the possibility of the district pulling the funds in multiple series over time, even the state of the economy as impacting the cost assessed per taxpayer.

At its first meeting on Monday, October 17th, GUSD Superintendent Justin Kern along with Gridley High School Principal Rikki-Lee Buresch addressed those that turned out for the meeting, breaking down what Measure J would mean for the district and the high school, which is intended to benefit from the bond. GUSD School Board president Eric Waterbury was also in attendance, jumping in where necessary to answer or clarify any questions posed by the public.

The high school is currently looking at multiple projects around its campus that the bond would help fund. If the bond passes, the money would be used to support those projects and open the district up to apply for 60/40 matching funds through the state for modernization and potentially a 50/50 match of funding for new construction.

Currently planned for the high school is a new \$8-million, 8-classroom facility located between the 400 wing and the Ag buildings on the western side of the school near the back of the campus. This building is being funded by the district and will have a designated space for severely handicapped students, a room designed for the CTE Health Pathway and 4 other classrooms that would absorb the 500 wing - a series of portable classrooms which also sit towards the back of the campus. If Measure J passes, it could potentially allow the district to use bond money toward the construction of the 8-classroom facility and free up funding for other school sites.

The district hopes to break ground on the new 8-room building in 2023. According to Kern and Waterbury, this would realize Phase 1 of a 3-phase proposed modernization project that the district hopes to complete at the high school with the funds generated by the passing of Measure J. Phase 2 would be



Members of the community tour the Gridley High School facilities after an informational meeting regarding Measure J. Here GUSD Superintendent Justin Kern (center in orange) shows the group the locker room facilities at Gridley High School.

the removal of the 500 wing after the development of the new 8-classroom building. If Measure J passes, construction of a quad area and 4 new classrooms in the footprint of the former 500 wing would commence. The 4 new rooms would house lab-style classrooms and condense the science classrooms into one wing.

Phase 3 is hoped to target the existing locker-room facilities and build a multipurpose building between the current locker rooms and the football field. This building would potentially serve as a locker room, indoor facility for some sports training, an area for plays, musical events and more.

Technically, the \$16.3 million bond would fund the development of the four lab classrooms, quad area and multipurpose facility that were discussed as parts of Phase 2 and Phase 3 of improvements at the GHS campus.

Superintendent Kern then opened the discussion to the public for a Q & A session. Concerns were raised about what this would look like for taxpayers monetarily, why very little has been mentioned about the bond measure until recently, and concerns about other schools within the district that are in need of improvements or expansions - most notably Wilson and McKinley schools - based on the meeting's discussions.

The district was hesitant to speak about dollar amounts due to the inability to accurately estimate the impact that the bond would have on individual taxpayers. In answer to the question of why many in the public are just hearing about Measure J, Waterbury informed that the measure has appeared on past GUSD School Board Meeting agendas and Superintendent Kern made clear that the district cannot instruct voters to vote in favor of the measure and is not doing so, but that they were there to address questions/concerns regarding the bond. Worries of the public were heard and noted about other school facilities throughout the district, again with Wilson and McKinley schools being of most concern.

After the Q & A portion, the group was privy to a tour of the high school facilities in question, beginning with the locker rooms, followed by a look at the 500 wing and Ag facilities. The tour was intended to allow the public to view the areas the district is looking to improve. Conditions of the areas toured echoed the sentiments from the district that improvements at the high school were needed, but it ultimately comes down to the question of funding.

GUSD and GHS are planning another public information meeting on Monday, October 24th at 5:30 pm in the GHS library for those that were unable to attend the meeting on the 17th. Residents that the bond may impact are invited to attend and have their questions or concerns addressed. ★

Manzanita Hosts Butte County 4-H Awards Night

Manzanita 4-H News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County 4-H held its Annual Awards Night on October 15, 2022, at the Manzanita School Gym. The Manzanita 4-H was the host club this year and made apple crips with apples donated by the Irvine Ranch and Waller Family. This year's theme was "Reaching for the Stars". There were over 70 attendees. Including Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

Our outgoing Butte County Council was thanked for their service and dedication. Our incoming Butte County Council was introduced. This year the 4-H Meritorious Service Award was given to Ben and Mary Jane Bertagna of Chico. We welcomed a new Butte County 4-H Ambassador, Grace Hayes. Our adult volunteers received pins for years of services milestones: 1 year there were 27 leaders; 5 years there were 8 leaders; 10 years there were 5 leaders; 15 years there were 2 leaders; and 25 years there was 1 leader recognized.

There was one Butte County 4-H member that



Congressman Doug LaMalfa with Butte County 4-H awards winners. Courtesy photo

completed her Emerald Star project and received her Emerald Star. This was Grace Hayes. Joseph Schorr was recognized for receiving a Golden Clover Award from the Robert Brownlee Foundation. Butte County 4-H Scholarships were awarded to: Hayley Christopher \$1,500 Pete Ahart Scholarship; Emery Doornboos got a \$1,000 Andy Bertagna Scholarship; Maddy Hohenstein got a \$1,000 Jason Young Scholarship; and Kelsey Swearanger got a \$1,500 Pete Ahart Scholarship.

The National 4-H Week Window Display contest winners for this year were: 1st place went to Durham Parkview; 2nd place went to Nord Cana; and 3rd place

went to Manzanita 4-H.

To receive a County Record Book Winner award and pin the record book must score of 90-100 points when judged. Of the 44 record books submitted, 33 of the books were winners.

There were project proficiencies awarded: Rabbit Level 1 was given to 2 members; Swine Level 1 was given to 4 members; Sheep Level 1 was given to 16 members; Sheep Level 2 was given to 3 members; Sheep Level 3 was given to 1 member and Sheep Level 4 was given to 1 member.

Butte County 4-H had two members participate in the California 4-H State Field Day in Photography, both received Gold. They were Alianna Santillan and Madison Reisel. ★

Drugs Found at Vierra Park

By **Seti Long**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On October 15th around 1 pm in the afternoon, a bottle of THC gummies was discovered at Manuel Vierra Park in Gridley.

The bottle of THC gummies, THC being an active compound in Marijuana, was found near a bench located in the vicinity of Tad Pole Hill. The label clearly read "High Potency" and claimed each gummy contained 35 mg of THC, for a total of 700mg in the bottle, which was brightly colored and appeared to have a melted orange substance inside. Upon visual inspection of the bottle, the lid appeared to have a safety feature.

Gridley Police Department was notified and swiftly responded to the call.

Gridley Police Department would like to take a moment to remind the public to be



This bottle of THC gummies was recently found in Manuel Vierra Park, Gridley. It was immediately reported to GPD and the finder stayed close to the bottle until GPD arrived and collected it. Photo by Seti Long

vigilant and aware of their surroundings at all times—especially when children may be present. If you find something that appears suspicious in nature, to be drugs or drug paraphernalia - DO NOT TOUCH IT. Call Gridley Police Department on their non-emergency line at 530-846-5670 immediately and report it. Stay near the item

and area until an officer arrives. If you accidentally touched the item before realizing what it was, put it down and call 911 as a precaution.

In the interest of public safety, please share the above instructions with your family and loved ones, including children. Let's keep our community safe! ★

Gridley Youth Basketball Registration Begins Soon!

Basketball Season Starts Soon!

Registration fee is \$45 for your first child, with a \$5 discount for each additional child (discount applies to siblings only).

Late registration will be an additional \$10.

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Register at the Gridley Recreation Center:
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Monday-Thursday, 9am-2pm
For questions, call:
(530) 846-3264

2-year-old Child Overdoses on Fentanyl



Image of drugs and paraphernalia seized during the search at a home in Concow which included a small amount of rainbow-colored fentanyl in a silicone container in the vehicle driven by the parents. Photo courtesy of BINTF

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this investigation, the fentanyl believed to be ingested by the two year old child had the appearance of rainbow colored candy, and had been placed in a silicone container in a form which might appeal to a child.

The facts surrounding the dangers of fentanyl have been well documented by BINTF and others. 114 people died of illicit drug use in Butte County, mostly due to fentanyl and methamphetamine overdose... that is one fact. Fentanyl now being the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18 through 45... is another fact. When innocent children become victims of fentanyl poisoning, especially in light of how it is manufactured and marketed (and in this case accessed), is one more fact that

should concern us all.

BINTF wants to thank the first responders who administered medical care to the child (Cal Fire and Enloe Medical Center). We also want to thank the Butte County Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this investigation. Fortunately, this two year old child survived his ordeal and we are grateful for that fact as well.

For questions or further information regarding this press release contact Commander Michael O'Brien at (530) 538-2261.

The purpose of the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) is to investigate violations of the law involving controlled substances and criminal street gangs in the County of Butte, to include all incorporated cities of the County of Butte. ★

Local Halloween/Fall Events Open to the Public!

GRIDLEY

What: GHS Leadership Trunk -or- Treat

When: October 30th, 4:00-6:00 pm

Where: Loop in front of Gridley High School (enter E. Hazel St.), Gridley
* Costumes encouraged! Carnival, Games, Candy, and Face Painting!

What: Trunk -or- Treat

When: Monday, October 31st at 5:00 pm

Where: LDS Church at 1259 French Ave, Gridley.

* Primary aged children

* No costume masks please

BIGGS

What: Biggs Elementary School PAWS Fall Carnival

When: Wednesday, October 26th, from 5:30-8:00 pm

Where: Biggs Community Hall, 280 B Street, Biggs

* Games, Haunted House, Snack Bar and Silent Auction

What: Trunk -or- Treat

When: Monday, October 31st, at 6:00pm

Where: B street, between 6th and 7th streets, Biggs

LIVE OAK

What: Pumpkin Paint Night

When: Thursday, October 27th from 6:00-8:00 pm

Where: Community Building at 10200 'O' Street, Live Oak.

* Candy, Pumpkin Painting & Movie

** If you can bring a pumpkin, please do so!

Gridley Goes Disney

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Homecoming royalty included freshman princess Audrina Trahin with escort Elie Punzo. The sophomore princess would be Charity Archer with escort Gus Stogsdill. The Junior Princess was Alexis Porcayo and her escort, Aaron Kullar. Queen candidates included Alicia Torres, Addison Busch, Karina Hernandez,

and Charis Pantaleoni. King candidates included Jackson Nelson, Zen Opal, Angel Castañeda and Kendal Witt. It would be Angel Castañeda and Karina Hernandez who were crowned 2022 Homecoming King and Queen.

A homecoming dance would round out the week's festivities and conclude GHS 2022 Homecoming. ★

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Date/Location: Thursday, **October 20, 2022**, 9:00am - 11:00am, Paradise Chamber, 6161 Clark Rd., #1, Paradise
Date/Location: Thursday, **October 27, 2022**, 9:00am - 11:00am, Colusa City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa

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This 4-part, 2 hours per week training provides essential information to individuals thinking about starting a business & new business owners. Include: Funding Your Business, Legal Requirements, Cost & Market Analysis, and Business Plan Overview. Learn the legal requirements for starting your business; how to assess your market & obtain funding; and calculate your start-up costs.
Date: **October 25, 2022**, 8:30am - 10:30am Tuesday,
Cost: Free - "In-Person" Training
Location: Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

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MEMORIAL

DELORES LYDIA HEINLE, JOB, REED • 12/4/1929 – 10/11/2022

A Graveside Service will be held Friday, October 28, 2022, at 1 pm at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery in Gridley for Delores Lydia Reed 92 of Richvale. She died Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in Chico.

She was one of four children born to Henry and Otilda Heinle on December 4, 1929, in Cleveland North Dakota. She was a long-time resident of Richvale having worked many years in custom rice and wheat harvesting, ten years at the Richvale Café as a baker and assistant cook and working at the Butte County Fair from 1983 until she retired in 2015. She was also a former member of the Women of the Moose. She was devoted to her faith and her family and loved to spend time with all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, enjoyed fishing at Eagle Lake and traveling in her RV to North Dakota and Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by



her husband Ben Job, husband Kenneth Reed, her parents, and one brother Robert Heinle. She is survived by three sons, Adam and wife, Shearan; Roger and wife, Barbara and Lyle and wife Lynnel all of Richvale; one stepson Kenneth Reed, and wife Linda of Napa; one brother Vernon Heinle of North Dakota and one sister Florence Weber of Minnesota. She is also survived by nine grandchildren (Jessica Roles, Brenda Seegert, Michael Job,

Matthew Job, Andrea Job, Erica Catrett, Laura Bedi, Daniel Job and Ashely Washburn), 23 great-grandchildren (Megan, Mikaela & Christopher Seegert; Courtney, Madison & Cody Roles; Tyler, Thomas & Tanner Job, Gemma Job, Kylie, Johnson & Emma Rainwater, Lexi Saalsaa, Emalie Dugan, Averie, Maddie & Gracie Saalsaa, Jarrett, McKinley and Quinn Catrett; Lyle and Lane Job and Paisley Washburn), one great-great grandson (Jace Dugan), two step grandchildren (Shanna Caceres and Michelle Reed), two step great-grandchildren (Abrielle and Madelyn Caceres Reed) and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Thursday, October 27 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Newton Bracewell Funeral Home in Chico.

Arrangements are under the care of Newton Bracewell Funeral Home Chico.

Dear Dietitian

Crohn's Disease



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

I was recently diagnosed with Crohn's disease, and I'm having a hard time figuring out what foods I should avoid. Can you help?

Kathleen

Dear Kathleen,

I know Crohn's disease is a challenging condition to deal with, having seen more cases in my last few years of clinical practice than ever before. For readers who are unfamiliar, Crohn's is one of two types of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), the other being ulcerative colitis. As the term ulcerative implies, small sores or ulcers form in different parts of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. With Crohn's, the ulcers can occur anywhere from the mouth to the anus, whereas, with ulcerative colitis, the sores are typically limited to the colon and rectum.

According to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, IBD affects as many as 3 million Americans, most of whom are diagnosed by age 30. Interestingly, Crohn's is named for Dr. Burrill Crohn, who first described the disease in 1932 (1).

The cause of IBD is unclear, but it is likely a combination of genetics, immune responses, and environmental factors, such as smoking. As with any illness, stress can make symptoms worse. Symptoms of IBD include diarrhea, bloody stools, stomach cramping, malnutrition, and unintended weight loss.

Malnutrition can occur during an IBD flare because some nutrients cannot be adequately absorbed in the intestines. The most common deficiencies are iron, B vitamins, vitamin D, vitamin K, folic acid, and selenium.

There is no specific diet for IBD. Studies with IBD and a low-fiber diet nor a high-fiber diet have been found to be therapeutic. The best approach is diet as tolerated. Keep a food diary of items that may result in abdominal cramping or diarrhea so you can avoid those foods in the future.

During a flare, avoid high-fiber foods like raw fruits and vegetables, beans, whole wheat bread, and high-fiber cereals. You may also need to limit dairy products during this time, as lactose may increase diarrhea. Stick to bland foods like white bread, white pasta, canned fruit and vegetables. You can obtain protein from chicken breast, fish, or peanut butter.

Following are general nutrition tips for people with IBD:

- Keep a food diary and avoid problem foods
- Eat small, more frequent meals
- Drink plenty of water or noncaffeinated beverages
- Try reduced-fat foods
- Avoid alcohol or drink sparingly
- Avoid hot, spicy foods

It is important that people with IBD follow a diet that is adequate in protein and calories. Consult a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) to obtain a healthy meal plan with vitamin and mineral replacement.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

Citation

1. Overview of Crohn's Disease (n.d.) Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. <https://www.crohnsandcolitisfoundation.org>

Leanne McCrate, RDN, LD, is an award-winning dietitian based in Missouri. Her mission is to educate the public on sound, evidence-based nutrition. Do you have a nutrition question? Email her today at deardiitian411@gmail.com. ★

MEMORIAL

RANDY WAYNE LOCKHART • 6/1/1957 – 8/18/2022

Randy Lockhart passed away at age 65 in Chico, CA. In his younger years, Randy was an avid outdoorsman and called taxidermy his lifelong work and passion. He also served proudly in the US Navy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Mary Lockhart, his brother Allan Lockhart and his beloved wife Emma Chavez Lockhart. He is survived

by his brother Glen Lockhart (Charlotte), Children; Jeremy Lockhart (Eileen), Sarah Higuera (Joey), Charles Lockhart (Kim), Kameron Rivas, Gage Rivas, and 13 grandchildren. Randy lost his life way too soon and will be greatly missed. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Biggs-Gridley Cemetery Gazebo, November 4th at 2pm.

Food & Farm NEWS

Climate advisor: California agriculture faces 'existential threat'

Gov. Gavin Newsom's climate advisor says climate change represents an "existential threat" to agriculture in California. Kayla Ungar, special advisor for climate, water and drought for the California Department of Food and Agriculture, spoke at a recent informational hearing. She said eight of 20 major crops grown in California could be most affected by increasingly hot and dry conditions. The crops she cited were almonds, wine grapes, table grapes, strawberries, hay, walnuts, freestone peaches and cherries.

Pumpkin patches welcome back school tours, look to boost crowds

During COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns, families flocked to pumpkin patches and other agritourism venues for outdoor activities. Now growers and operators of pumpkin patches are trying to keep the crowds coming. They're getting help from the return of school groups. While overall attendance stayed strong during the pandemic, school tours largely vanished. Now school bookings are back up to 80% to 90% of pre-pandemic levels, some farmers report.

Demand for blueberries grows in U.S., global markets

The demand for blueberries is growing around the world. According to RaboResearch Food and Agribusiness, blueberry consumption is up and is expected to keep increasing. The U.S., European Union and United Kingdom are the hottest global markets, and the "super fruit" is gaining popularity in China and other regions as well. Blueberry plantings in California have totaled between 8,700 and 9,100 acres in recent years – compared to 5,900 acres in 2012.

State makes \$10.7 million in grants available for farm conservation efforts

California is making an additional \$10.7 million in grants available for farmers who undertake conservation measures that reduce water use and help protect wildlife and water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. New state funding, approved in the 2022 state budget, follows an earlier allotment of \$10 million. That funding was used to enroll 8,700 acres of agricultural lands in the Delta Drought Response Pilot Program conservation effort. ★

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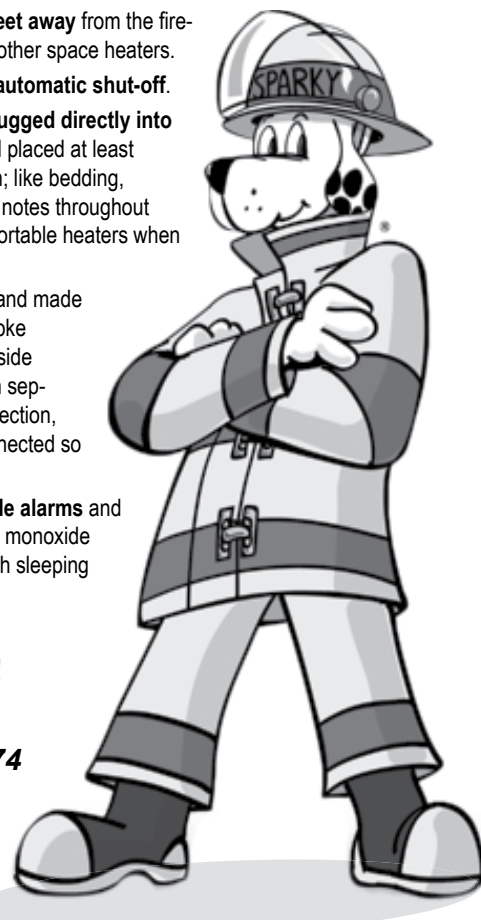
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SPARKY'S CORNER

Staying Ahead of the Winter Freeze

Check These 10 Tips Off Your List And Get Ahead Of The Winter Freeze.

- Our furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. (A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)
- Our chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. (Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires form built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is dry, seasoned wood.
- Our fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a covered metal container ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. (The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)
- Our children know to stay at least 3 feet away from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an automatic shut-off.
- Our portable space heaters will be plugged directly into an outlet (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls and even people. (Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)
- We have tested our smoke alarms and made sure they are working. (You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)
- We have tested our carbon monoxide alarms and made sure they are working. (Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)



Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

A fellow church member and singer presented a lovely song that he had heard at a person's funeral. Oh, how true for all believers.

"I'm going to a city where streets of gold are paved. The Tree of Life blooms and roses never fade. On earth Satan's snares we must evade and roses bloom but for a season their beauty is decayed. But I'm going to a city where roses never fade." Hallelujah, praise God. (Thank you Tony for reminding us of God's glory.)

I heard a story once about a man who rented a moving truck so that when he died he could take his wealth of gold with him. When the day arrived for him to transfer to heaven as he approached the gates, a man asked, "Why are you bringing that street pavement with you? We supply our own."

Street pavement!! Gold asphalt!! You may laugh, but some people think they can carry their earthly wealth with them. The ancient Egyptian kings did. However, centuries later, explorers are opening the ancient tombs and taking out loads of golden artifacts still resting in the dirt.

The only thing that travels with us death is what we left for others, like acts of kindness or encouraging words. It could be using money for the betterment of others. It could be the spreading

of God's Word. Or it could be the things like leaving a lot of broken hearts, discouraging comments, or taking from others. Good or bad it goes with us.

We can accumulate, lots of stuff, even expensive stuff, but it won't fit in our coffin, it won't magically appear in the afterlife. We will arrive dressed in the rags of sin, or we will appear in the glory God provides for us, a white robe of salvation.

God asks us to live in compassion, to show mercy, and to strive for peace in all that we do. Jesus told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place, a home, a room for those that believe and follow the will of the Father. That mansion in the sky.

Many prophets have offered visions of heaven and it stands to reason we won't need what we have here since God will provide all we need. So don't rent a moving truck, or save in vaults, or safes what you own. Use what you have to glorify the God Almighty who provides it all.

Come to the Gridley United Methodist Church as we all build our mansions in the sky by helping and serving others to glorify God and His ways. We worship every Sunday at 10 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★



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California Faces a Housing, Wildfire Conundrum



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

California must ramp up housing construction to reduce the ever-widening gap between supply and demand and ease the high shelter costs that drive families into poverty and contribute to the state's homelessness crisis.

However, given the seemingly nonstop series of uber-destructive wildfires California is experiencing, prudence dictates that we should also avoid housing construction in what's called the "wildland urban interface" where fires are most likely to have cataclysmic impacts.

The friction between those two imperatives is played out in the political arena, where officialdom makes land use policy.

A case in point: Two years ago, by overwhelming bipartisan majorities, the Legislature passed a bill that would have required local governments to make fire safety a major factor in approving housing developments in fire-prone areas by compelling developers to include protective features.

The measure was passed in response to a wave of killer fires, including the Camp Fire that destroyed the rural community of Paradise in 2018, killing 86 people.

Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed the bill, saying

that while he supported its aims it "creates a loophole for regions to not comply with their housing requirements."

"Wildfire resilience must become a more consistent part of land use and development decisions. However, it must be done while meeting our housing needs," Newsom wrote.

In the absence of clear policy from the Legislature and the governor on limiting construction in fire-prone areas of the state, Attorney General Rob Bonta has intervened.

This year he joined forces with environmental groups and golf resort project in Lake County, where wildfires are a constant threat. A Lake County judge declared that local authorities and the developer had not paid sufficient attention to the Guenoc Valley project's vulnerability to fires.

The ruling "affirms a basic fact: Local governments and developers have a responsibility to take a hard look at projects that exacerbate wildfire risk and endanger our communities," Bonta said. "We can't keep making shortsighted land use decisions that will have impacts decades down the line. We must build responsibly."

This week, Bonta took another step, issuing a set of guidelines that local authorities should follow in assessing the potential wildfire dangers of proposed developments.

It declares that it's "imperative that local jurisdictions making decisions to approve new developments carefully consider wildfire impacts

as part of the environmental review process, plan where best to place new development, and mitigate wildfire impacts to the extent feasible."

Unveiling the policy in San Diego County, whose fast-growing inland communities are in constant peril from wildfire, Bonta said, "This is the new normal. When it comes to development, we can't continue business as usual. We must adjust. We must change."

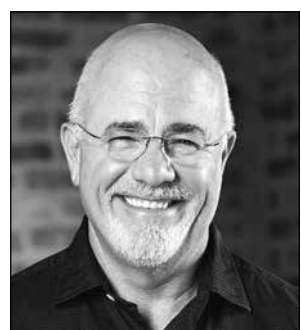
Bonta's guidelines don't have the force of law, but they contain the implicit threat that his office will intervene if they are ignored, as it did with Guenoc Valley.

Avoiding housing in areas of extreme fire danger would seem to be common sense, but except for a narrow strip of land fronting the Pacific Ocean, the flatlands of the Central Valley and the deserts of Southern California, the state is mostly a tinderbox.

Moreover, Californians prefer, if they can, to live in single-family homes in scenic locales and therefore developers want to comply with those preferences, which is why they propose projects such as Guenoc Valley.

The issue demands something more definitive than a document from the attorney general. Newsom and the Legislature should, as they ramp up pressure for more housing construction, also delineate where it should — and should not — occur.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



Keep Them in the Loop

Dear Dave,

I am getting older, and health issues over the last year have made me begin thinking about selling my small business. I have spoken with a couple of potential buyers recently, and one of them seems to be the kind of person who would handle the company very well. How and when do I tell my employees about what is going on and what may happen?

— Marjorie

Dear Marjorie,

In my mind, to be a good, effective leader you have to be willing to share and discuss things with your team — whether they're good or bad. When talking to the folks at my company, I

Dave Ramsey Says

try not to get into a lot of unnecessary stuff, but if there's any doubt, I'm going to over-share rather than leave them fearful, uninformed or confused.

Think about it this way. If the roles were reversed, and you were in their shoes, when would you want to know? If you'd worked for someone a few years, would you feel betrayed if you didn't know about something like this? It might sound simple, but I think that's a good, fair way to process the situation.

If I make a mistake with my team, it's always going to be in terms of over-communication. I expect and trust them to be mature adults in the workplace, and they know this ahead of time. Still, I try to make sure I'm very transparent about how we're doing as a team and as a company. No small business owner can be successful unless they have great people around them. Your team needs to hear that once in a while,

too, in addition to knowing you're always going to keep them in the loop and shoot straight with them.

Human beings just want to be treated with dignity and respect. They want to know what's going on where they work. When it's something that impacts their day-to-day lives — and potentially their livelihoods — they deserve to know the facts as quickly as possible.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

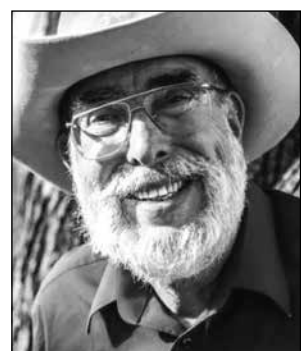
The garden is full of surprises, an adventure in discovery. When it rained, we emptied our rain barrel into five-gallon buckets. I dip the watering can into the buckets and use that water for various plants. I recently dipped the watering can and what did my wondering eyes see but a little snail hanging upside

down on the inside of the bucket going for a drink. A wonderful bit of magic surprise. I decided to trim my Jasmine bonsai. I noticed a dry brown leaf and reached out to pick it off. What a surprise when it walked down the branch and exposed itself as a Praying Mantis. It did not fly away simply moved away then watched me with its weird big eyes on its' little wedge-shaped head. I thought, "Hey, if you are eating bugs, go for it! I can wait until another day." Our asparagus bed surprised us with another crop of asparagus. It tastes better than the spring crop. Another thing that is always a surprise are the small brown snakes that live under the

rocks. When I first moved here, I had never seen these little snakes before. I thought I found a large night crawler, then it stuck out a tongue, Surprise! We were surprised by finding a nice green griller zucchini on what looked like a dead vine. The turtle surprises me when it actually pops its head up to see me instead of hiding. I have a small brown frog that chirps at unexpected times...a lovely surprise whenever it happens. I looked on the stems of my tiger lilies and had quite the surprise when I saw a large number of good size bulbs. I picked them and I'm hoping to get them to grow into big lily bulbs. That will be a pleasant surprise.

 ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"Someday," said Steve, our resident tall, walrus-moustachioed cowboy, "I'm going to mess around and mix up some paint and when it's just the right blend, I'll sell it to people who love beauty and nature to paint the walls of their favorite room in the house."

"What?" said Dud. "I don't understand."

"Look at that sunset, Dudley," Steve said. "See how the orange and the red blend into the blue ... up higher there where the old day sky still is. And the black threads of the tree

I had no idea you were artistic minded

branches run through it." They were out in the parking lot of the Mule Barn coffee shop, which doubles for the headquarters of the World Dilemma Think Tank during coffee hours, to say nothing of the Supreme Court of Dang Near Everything, which has the same membership. The guys basked in the afterglow of a nice day before heading home.

"Steve," said Doc, "I had no idea you were artistic minded. Is this something new?"

"Naw. Ever since I was a kid, I wanted paint that color. You know what I'd do with it? I'd paint the wall behind the little telephone stand so that every time I spoke to someone on the phone,

I'd be in a great mood." "You don't have a telephone stand, Steve." Dud said. "All you have is that cell phone in your pocket."

"Picky, picky. Okay, then I'll paint my jacket that color, so every time I grab the cell phone ..."

Herb had been awfully quiet ... for him, anyway. "So you would blend orange and red and yellow and blue and black?"

"Only if I could get it to look like that," Steve said.

One of the side benefits of being a cowboy is being able to dream regardless of you.

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CHP News Release

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north of Idlewood Circle at an undetermined speed. The second driver, Jonathan Jordan, was driving a green Ford F150 northbound on New York Flat Road, north of Idlewood Circle at an undetermined speed. Both

vehicles collided head on and as a result, the first truck overturned and its driver was ejected. The driver of the first vehicle suffered major injuries which he succumbed to on scene. The facts and circumstances

of this collision are still under investigation.

Alcohol and/or drugs are considered to be a factor in this collision.

The Yuba County Sheriff Coroner will be releasing the

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ACROSS

- Big splash, in the audience
- Diminish
- Miss America's accessory
- Wear away
- Nile's mouth, e.g.
- Enter password (2 words)
- Poetic "even"
- Misbehave (2 words)
- "Carpool Karaoke" James
- "The Tonight Show" longest-serving host
- Negative conjunction
- One of Five Ws
- Communications regulator, acr.
- Australian palm
- Branch of traditional medicine, adj.
- Monet's water flower
- Succotash ingredient
- Indian side dish
- Like dental exam
- Administer
- Frequenter
- Town news announcer
- Do like eagle
- Recipe command
- "Not Fallon"
- Like a "Vogue" ad
- "Is it _____ wonder?"
- Onion's kin
- Am is to I as _____ is to we
- "Certain Barbarian's namesake"
- "Last Week Tonight with John _____"
- Indifferent to emotions
- Tokyo, in the olden days
- Type of car
- Not upright
- Floor cleaner
- Not mainstream
- Gallup's inquiry
- Word for a nod
- Particular manner

DOWN

- Electric swimmer
- Gator's kin
- NBC's peacock, e.g.
- Deck out
- Muscle to bone connector
- Balanced
- "Full Frontal" Samantha
- "Judge Wagner and Judge Judy "hosted" from it
- 1/60th of min, pl.
- Palo _____, CA
- Like nonlethal gun
- Accident
- Squirrel or hummingbird, moving-wise
- _____ Kane of soap opera fame
- Pleasurable interjection
- Male witch
- Bo-Peep's sheep, e.g.
- Wispy clouds
- Request to Geico
- Politicians, for short
- Opposite of riches
- Plants and animals
- Did not go out for dinner (2 words)
- "Late "Live" King of CNN
- Original matter, according to Big Bang Theory
- "Stewart's successor
- Judge Judy's event
- Remnant of the past
- *Regis and Kathie _____
- Critical situation
- Hostile force
- Black tie one
- Football great Graham
- Skin infection
- Tiny river
- "My bad!"
- Whirlpool
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Bulldogs Cruise Past Tigers with Ease, Continue Playoffs Push

By Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs varsity football team took a step closer towards the playoffs on Friday night with their commanding 41-6 Butte View League victory over the Oroville Tigers.

It was the annual Homecoming week for Gridley, which includes many different school events and festivities. Therefore, there were many fun events planned throughout the week for the Bulldogs players with their peers, adding to a list of potential distractions.

Gridley (3-4, 1-1 BVL) head coach Matt Kemmis told The Herald that even with all the different events going on, he was happy to have all his players on game night suited up and ready to play for their fans.

“We were able to secure a victory for our Homecoming game, I know it brings back a lot of past players and other alumni that are back in town for the festivities,”



Gridley sophomore quarterback Gus Stogsdill prepares to stiff arm Oroville junior cornerback Dylan Thurman during a 41-6 win for the Bulldogs against the Tigers on Friday, October 14 in Gridley. Photo by Melanie Little

consisted of three plays for 59 yards and ended when sophomore quarterback Gus Stogsdill scored on a 19-yard touchdown rush. Stogsdill added three more

for the Class of 2025.

The humble quarterback never forgets about his offensive line in every interview with the Herald. However, he was asked Friday to recognize another group of contributors and gave credit to the scheming of his offensive coaches.

“When our linemen perform like that, I have the chance to make the right cuts and take it to the house,” Stogsdill said.

Stogsdill had 189 yards on the ground on 16 carries and added three completions for 43 yards.

Gridley had a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Bulldogs kept their foot on the gas with the rushing attack. Senior running back Aiden Gomez extended the Gridley lead to 27-0 after he scored a 41-yard rushing touchdown.

The only blemish the Bulldogs defense had in the first half was a single touchdown scored in the final few minutes of the first half. Besides the one touchdown for Oroville, the Gridley defense dominated against the Tigers offense, which included two takeaways

and multiple tackles for loss.

With a comfortable lead at the half, the Bulldogs expanded the depth on their roster which gave an opportunity for other

one reception for 15 yards on the night.

Kemmis told The Herald that it was nice to see new faces get to have some time to shine to give him another look at depth throughout the remaining weeks of the season.

Stogsdill threw his third touchdown pass of the season late in the fourth quarter to sophomore receiver Nathan Zumwalt for an 18-yard receiving touchdown and gave the Bulldogs the highest offensive point total of the season with 41 points.

Gridley will travel to Paradise this Friday night and play the Bobcats for the first time as BVL opponents. The two teams last played in the 2020 shortened season where the Bulldogs won 35-0.

Kemmis told The Herald that the game against Paradise is important for playoff implications as Gridley wants to be in the field of eight teams that compete for the Division III CIF



Gridley sophomore wide receiver Diego Corona and Oroville junior free safety Degan Hayes-Franklin fight for possession in the air during a 41-6 win for the Bulldogs against the Tigers on Friday, October 14 in Gridley. Photo by Melanie Little

Kemmis said.

The Bulldogs started the party early when their first drive

rushing touchdowns and one through the air. He was also named the Homecoming Prince



Gridley senior wide receiver Angel Castañeda makes a move towards the left sideline during a 41-6 win against Oroville on Friday, October 14 in Gridley. Photo by Melanie Little

players to expand their role on the team. Junior running back Ryan Wollery had eight carries for 44 yards on the ground and

North Section title. According to MaxPreps, the Bulldogs were ranked fifth in the D3 CIF NS rankings as of October 16. ★

Wolverines' Late Game Heroics Not Enough to Surpass Yellowjackets

By Steven Bryla

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The Biggs Wolverines varsity football team lost a nailbiter on Friday to the Williams Yellowjackets, 14-8, in a Mid-Valley League game on Homecoming weekend.

Williams had a 14-point lead after the first quarter and held it until the final minutes of the game. However, Biggs junior quarterback Chase Mclean got the Wolverines on the scoreboard inside three minutes left with a one-yard rushing touchdown.

After a successful two-point conversion by junior running back Zach Smith, Biggs (2-5, 0-2 MVL) needed a stop from its defense. Smith contributed 75 rushing yards on 11 carries and had eight tackles on the night defensively.

The defense gave everything they had against the Yellowjackets and stopped them quickly to get the ball back for the offense after two sacks and a forced fumble.

Wolverines head coach Brian Harrison told The Herald that his defense shut down the rushing attack of Williams. The Yellowjackets came into the game against Biggs averaging almost 178 yards on the ground. The Wolverines defense allowed only 26 rushing yards on Friday night.

“We shut them down in the box completely,” Harrison said.

Biggs had the ball inside the Williams 30-yard line with under 30 seconds left in the game. Harrison told The Herald that the plan was to use the quick passing attack to get the ball out of bounds quickly to stop the clock. He added there were multiple penalties thrown within this final possession that added to the anticipation for the final play of the game.

The Wolverines had one final play untimed due to a penalty on the Yellowjackets. Mclean's pass was picked off in the end zone and Williams secured the victory.

Mclean ended the night with eight completions for 65 passing yards and 20 yards on the ground off five carries.



The Biggs varsity football team runs out of the tunnel before taking on Williams on Homecoming weekend, Friday, October 14 in Biggs. Photo courtesy of Christina Stohlman

Harrison told The Herald that he wants to put more points on the board.

“Something is broken, and I need to fix it,” Harrison proclaimed.

He added with his offense averaging less than 10 points a contest, things offensively need a change. Harrison explained that he doesn't know where the changes offensively would come from and it's something he is looking to change in the last couple weeks of the season.

Biggs will travel and play Hamilton (6-1, 2-0 MVL) this Friday. The Braves have a balanced pass and run attack similar to Williams. The Wolverines will have to stop an offense that averages 37 points per game.

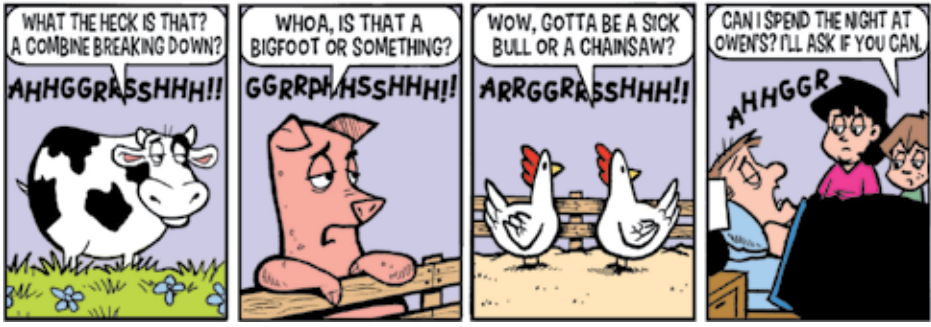
“We have to execute and be more consistent,” Harrison said. ★



The Biggs varsity football team lines up on offense during a 14-8 Homecoming loss to Williams on Friday, October 14 in Biggs. Photo by Seti Long

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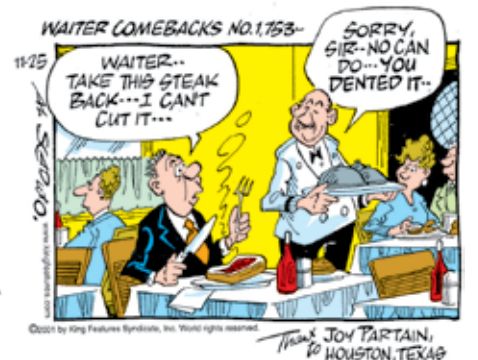
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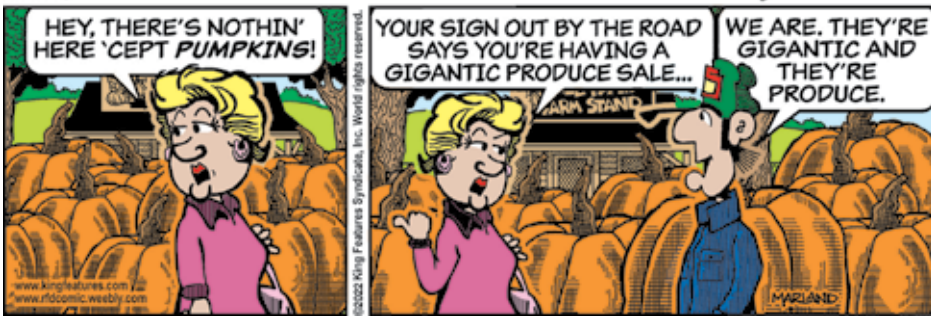
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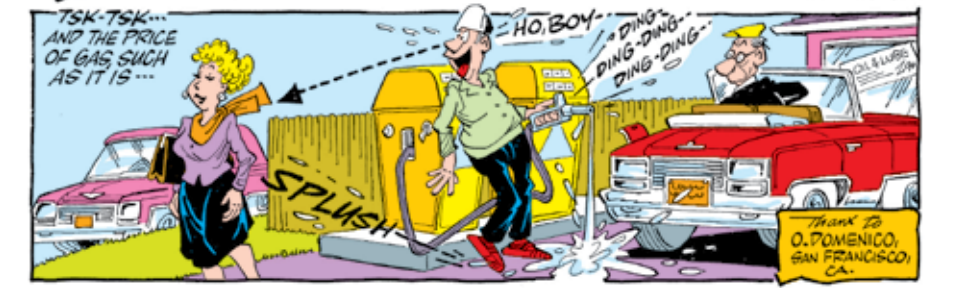
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California Takes Action to Combat Illicit Cannabis Grows

CDFW News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Taking aggressive action to protect communities, consumers and the environment alike, Gov. Gavin Newsom has directed the creation of a new multi-agency, cross-jurisdictional taskforce of enforcement agencies designed to better coordinate agencies combatting illegal cannabis operations and transnational criminal organizations.

This new “Unified Cannabis Enforcement Taskforce,” which has been actively working since late summer, is co-chaired by the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and is being coordinated by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) through its Homeland Security Division. The taskforce has been charged by the Governor to better align state efforts and increase enforcement coordination between state, local and federal partners.

“The State of California is committed to combatting illicit commercial cannabis activity which is causing pervasive harm to California communities, the environment, consumers and legal cannabis businesses,” said Nicole Elliott, Director of DCC.

“We cannot allow harmful, illicit cannabis operations to lay waste to the environment or threaten our communities,” said Mark Ghilarducci, Director of the Cal OES and the Governor’s Homeland Security Advisor. “We are bringing together the combined law enforcement resources of our state, local and federal agencies in a coordinated enforcement action against these bad actors and criminal organizations.”

“California has an abundance of public lands set aside for conservation, recreational use and the enjoyment of the people of this state,” said CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham. “Unfortunately, criminal organizations are impacting these areas by exploiting some of our most pristine public lands and wildlife habitats as grow sites for cannabis.”

Since its inception, the taskforce has been actively coordinating with federal, state, local and tribal agencies to disrupt this illegal market, including: Combatting

the non-linear threat of transnational crime that extends to areas of California beyond the border and into some of most rural parts of the state. Establishing a new data sharing agreement which allows state and local enforcement officials to more broadly share information and cross-match data across jurisdictions. Leveraging and better aligning the authorities and legal provisions of federal, state and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies in conducting search warrants, indictments and maximizing arrests and prosecution of perpetrators, while also maximizing administrative, regulatory and civil penalties for bad actors. Disrupting human traffickers and illegal firearm and drug smugglers. Interdicting illegal cannabis shipments crossing California’s borders. Coordinating with local police chiefs, sheriffs and federal officials to deploy personnel and equipment where needed.

By investigating, removing and reclaiming illegal grow sites as well as shutting down illegal manufacturing, distribution and retail operations, and by apprehending and applying meaningful repercussions to offenders and traffickers, state, local and federal law enforcement agencies are protecting consumer and public safety, safeguarding the environment, and depriving illegal cannabis operators and transnational criminal organizations of illicit revenue that undercuts the regulated cannabis market in California.

Large scale, illicit outdoor cannabis cultivation can be harmful to the environment. Non-compliant cultivation sites can negatively affect wildlife, vegetation, water, soil, and other natural resources when they utilize chemicals, fertilizers and terracing, and even poach local wild animals. Illegal cannabis cultivation results in the chemical contamination and alteration of watersheds, diversion of natural water courses, elimination of native vegetation, wildfire hazards, poaching of wildlife and harmful disposal of garbage, non-biodegradable materials and human waste.

Untested cannabis products also pose safety hazards to consumers, while all illegal activity undercuts the regulated market and hurts licensed cannabis business owners. ★

Sutter County Ready to Offer Electronic Vital Records

By Donna Johnston, Sutter County Clerk-Recorder

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 876 on September 28th which allows California County Recorders the option to deliver certified electronic versions of birth, death, and marriage records in place of paper-based certificates.

Sutter County is on target to be the first county in California to offer this service, said Sutter County Clerk-Recorder Donna Johnston, whose advocacy for use of secure blockchain digital technology in 2018 was the impetus for the change in the law.

“Having the opportunity to have an electronic birth, death, or marriage certificate delivered electronically to customers would have been extremely beneficial during the pandemic,” noted Johnston. “Thankfully, with the bill now becoming law, our customers will experience a higher level of service in a safe, effective, and expedited manner.”

The bill amends California Health and Safety Code section 103526.5 and now allows all County Recorders the authority and option to issue certified copies of birth, death, and marriage records by means of blockchain technology. California has modeled this after the success of the state of Nevada’s use of this technology in Nevada County Recorder offices.

Currently, if a customer is unable to make a request in person at the Recorder’s office, they will request via mail or fax. The Recorders office will then mail the certified copies of marriage certificates on secure banknote paper with a wet signature. This whole process takes on average 10 to 20 days from the initial request to the customer receiving the document. This can impact the start of Social Security benefits, veteran’s benefits, pension benefits, or any situation where official documentation birth, death, and marriage are required.

This legislation began when Johnston advocated for electronic delivery of vitals as President of the County Recorder’s Association of California (CRAC) in 2018. Previous attempts to pass legislation for electronic copies of such records were halted because of security concerns,

but this time a working group was created at the state level to vet the blockchain technology. Johnston worked with CRAC, who sponsored the bill, and Senate Majority Leader Emeritus Robert Hertzberg (Los Angeles), and has testified at legislative hearings from a Recorder’s perspective in support of the bill.

Requests for the certificates will not change. Customers can request and pay for the requested certificate and will have the option of receiving it as a traditional paper certificate, or an electronic certificate which includes an authentication page. This two-page electronic certificate will be delivered via email to the customer who can then forward it to the requesting agency. The requesting agency can then verify the certificate through the blockchain using the information contained on the authentication page. An added benefit to the customer purchasing the electronic certificate is that it can be reused, stopping the need to purchase additional copies of the paper certificate.

This process is more secure than the traditional current method of paper certification which can theoretically be forged, due the nature of a decentralized computer network working together to protect the authenticity of the transaction.

Washoe County in Nevada has successfully distributed over 4,500 digital marriage certificates to customers since implementing blockchain technology in 2018. Certificates are delivered within minutes – not just in the United States, but to destinations such as Spain, Canada, and Asian countries. Agencies that have accepted the electronically certified marriage record from Washoe County includes the Social Security Administration, the Department of Motor Vehicles, cruise lines, veteran’s benefits offices, and other offices that need proof of marriage. Additional Nevada counties have begun using blockchain technology to increase services to their customers.

The electronic certificates will be available at the Sutter County Clerk-Recorder beginning January 1, 2023, when the law becomes effective. The office will offer customers the option of a paper-based certificate in addition to the electronic certificate for a few months to introduce the new process. ★



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