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Caltrans Hears Concerns



Chris Ledeas, of Caltrans, answers questions about the Caltrans Hwy 99 project. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The core Caltrans team members for the upcoming State Route 99 Gridley Pavement Rehabilitation Project were on hand Tuesday, April 26th to present the project to the community and hold an informal town hall.

After a brief history of how the \$25-million project has reached its current scope, Project Manager for Caltrans, Chris Ledeas broke down the project for the residents present at the meeting.

Ledeas shared that since partnering financially with both the City of Gridley and the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), the Caltrans projects has expanded its scope to become more than just pavement overlay.

According to the fact sheet document that Caltrans provided to attendees at the meeting, the project will include the following: Rehabilitation of the existing roadway,

construction of new 8 ft sidewalks with a 3 ft landscaping strip between the highway and pedestrian walkway, the removal of the existing sidewalk and construction of new 8 ft sidewalk with 3 ft landscaping along the highway from Dollar General on the south end of the project to Standish Lane on the north end of town, the installation of 5 ft sidewalk with curb and gutter from Standish Lane north to Stapleton-Spence Packing Company, the installation of a new drainage system from West Liberty Road north to Dollar General, the installation of a closed circuit television highway camera at the intersection of Highway 99 and East Gridley Road, the installation of loop detection, the replacement of existing curb ramps with ADA-compliant curb ramps, the upgrading of culverts through realignment or replacement, the installation of a new enhanced crosswalk pedestrian hybrid beacon and island between Archer Avenue and the Cherry Street crossing, the installation of 63 decorative

streetlights along the eastern side of the highway and the installation of fiber optic and electrical conduit.

The majority of construction will focus on the northbound, or eastern, side of the highway, with all driveways within the project limits receiving new entrances. During the presentation, Caltrans shared that due to the current right-of-way, which happens to be off centered to the east, few easements would need to be procured for the project. Little work is planned for the southbound, or western side of the highway at this time. Caltrans expects minimal effect to traffic but may have to close sections of the northbound lanes during the construction phase.

During the Q&A session, residents brought forward concerns over the "pedestrian hybrid beacon and refuge island" to be placed between Archer Avenue and Dollar General. Residents made the Caltrans team aware that placing the pedestrian

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Ready, Set, ACTION!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Friday Night Live Action Team might be a new group in town but has already gotten down and dirty to help clean up our community.

Action Team member Ella Hughes says that there were merely 4 students when the group formed in early January of this year, one of them her twin sister Grace Hughes. The two have become de facto leaders of the group as it is in its infancy but have reached out to other students and school service groups for members. Since its conception, the Action Team has grown to over 23 members who are interested in making an impact in their community.



Got trash?

Ella Hughes says they have recruited members from the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) and other high school groups such as Leadership, FFA and from Sycamore School groups such as the California Junior Scholarship Foundation (CJSF). The Action Team is open to any student interested in service opportunities, from 6 graders on up.

As part of their first service project, the Action Team met in late February for a downtown cleanup, where they picked up trash and debris in the downtown Gridley area and surrounding parks. Later in March, the group tackled Manuel Vierra Park, with Little League Opening Day in mind. The group wanted everyone that visited the park that day to be able to enjoy it without unsightly trash. Ella says, "You expect some trash, but you don't expect like, just the masses of trash," that the group cleaned up. She continues, "It feels really good (to give back to the community). It feels really rewarding afterwards."

If your student is interested in becoming a part of the Friday Night Live Action Team, please contact the Action Team Advisor at 530-228-3952.

FFA Growing Stronger

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley FFA's Spring Plant Sale was, once again, a hit with the community.

Students prepared cuttings, planted seeds, and nurtured the growth of plants, both flowering and vegetable, for their spring FFA Plant Sale. The plants along with garden art made by the Ag department were available for purchase two days last week, April 19 and April 21.

Plants sold for a mere \$2 each, some multi-packs for more. Ag advisor Madelyn Vaca says that students raised \$1200.00, with the funds raised going back into the Horticulture programs account for future years. Vaca says, "It was a great turn out and a successful sale." Based on community feedback, she says the sale seemed larger than that of previous years and that the "kids were very proud of all the support we got!"



These ladies from the GHS Ag Department hold up some of the beautiful plants for sale at the FFA Plant Sale. Pictured left to right: Kirsten Muzzy, Vanesa Orinoco, and Cassandra Jimenez. Photo by Seti Long

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Though no letters to the editor have appeared, the Gridley Herald Editorial staff, as well as this part-time penman, have heard rumblings that my charitable appeal to the people of Biggs to donate their City Manager to Chico was not received well. Indeed it is reported that this column was mentioned in strings of words not fit to print and no citizen of Biggs has any interest in relieving the people of Chico from their government woes. Since the last column

appealing for assistance was widely published, the interim City Manager, placed at the helm of the City of Roses, terminated his employ as City administrator after less than a month.

Further south, the Gridley City Council has decided to start looking into its municipal fee structures for water, sewer, electricity, and various other “funds” that have been set aside for government services over the years. Such an endeavor is called a “study” in which finance people look at the costs of services and the rate of fees needed to pay for things that the “fund” was devised to cover. The other choice is to not “study” and kick the can down the road, but when you do that, you are essentially giving someone a free ride at the expense of the current set of citizens or a future set.

It was great to see all the people who invested in getting a new bell to replace the stolen one at Manzanita School. I hope the School Board buys a ring camera device to keep an eye on it.

Red Suspenders Day is coming soon; unless you have the wardrobe eccentricities of Earl Barrow, you probably have not worn your red suspenders since we had red suspenders day last year. The Feather Fiesta Days chili cook-off has been moved to May 7th so that it does not conflict with Ref Suspenders day, which will be held on May 21st. To avoid conflict in civic merriment, you should check your calendar today and make sure that you hit every festival in the area.

Josh F.W. Cook is a public administrator and Chaplain. ★

Tax Exemption for Fire Victim Claimants

Commentary
by Doug LaMalfa

Last week, Congressman Mike Thompson (CA-05) and I introduced legislation that would exempt thousands of fire victims who are receiving compensation from the Fire Victim Trust from having to pay federal income tax on their settlement money. The Trust is a \$13.5 billion settlement established in July 2020 for survivors of the 2015 Butte Fire, the 2017 North Bay Wildfires, and the 2018 Camp Fire. The legislation would also prevent survivors from having to pay taxes on the attorney fees that are included in the settlement. Lawyer fees account for roughly 30% of the compensation, meaning that without this legislation survivors would be taxed on money that their attorneys keep.

This bill has been a long time coming. The Fire Victim Trust was originally set up as a way for survivors to be paid their reparations and begin

rebuilding their lives, but instead they’re being bogged down by taxes on their payouts. While it is unfortunate that this bill is being introduced at the tail end of the 2021 tax season, claimants will be able to be awarded their exemption retroactively.

COVID-19 pandemic relief, stimulus checks, and a backlog of tax returns have been at the forefront of the national stage. Getting financial relief for those trying to restart in the aftermath of forest fires was a top priority for us for the North State. I’ve heard firsthand the concerns survivors throughout our region have had with the ambiguous tax code, costly taxes and fees. Staff in my Washington, D.C. and our California offices have received countless calls and inquiries about this, and I am happy to see a solution is coming to fruition and financial reprieve.

Previously, I led a bipartisan effort with California Senators Feinstein and Padilla to ask the IRS to

clarify that much of the settlement proceeds would not be taxable. Despite numerous discussions with the IRS and promises of action, they still have not issued any final guidance to taxpayers.

As this bill moves its way through the House, Senate, and onto President Biden’s desk to be signed into law, I will continue to work towards policies and obtaining funding for rebuilding our forested areas that have faced wildfire damage. Residents want to get back on their feet and rebuild, and it’s one of my top priorities to help them.

A California State Assembly bill that would exempt Fire Victim Trust settlements from state income taxes was introduced earlier this year by Assemblyman James Gallagher (R – Yuba City). This bill has passed through the Assembly and must next pass in the State Senate before being signed into law by Governor Newsom. ★

Chico Man Ordered to Stand Trial For 2019 Marijuana Grow Murder

Butte County
Press Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A 2019 murder case involving a perceived employment compensation dispute over an illegal marijuana grow will proceed to trial after a Butte County Superior Court judge found sufficient evidence to hold a Chico man to answer today at his preliminary hearing.

Dylan Andrew Glen Rice, 27, of Chico, was



Dylan Rice

held to answer on a murder charge arising from the killing of Jacob McArthur,

who was 27 at the time of his death. Judge Michael Deems presided over the hearing and determined from the evidence that the case should proceed to trial.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey explained that a preliminary hearing is conducted in felony cases in order for a judge to decide whether there is enough evidence to order someone to stand trial.

Ramsey said the case

began in December of 2019 when Butte County Sheriff’s detectives responded to McArthur’s rural residence on Craig Access Road east of Lake Oroville. McArthur was found to have been shot multiple times inside his residence. Over the course of the next year and a half, the detectives continued to gather evidence. Finally, in July of 2021, because of their investigation, detectives determined Rice was the

gunman responsible for the death of McArthur, and he was arrested for the murder.

Ramsey said the evidence presented at the hearing showed that Rice, who had previously worked with McArthur cultivating marijuana at the Craig Access Road property as part of an illegal marijuana organization, felt he had been “short changed” over his work. Evidence showed Rice had lurked outside McArthur’s

home for some time during the night before shooting through a living room window and hitting McArthur inside.

Ramsey said the lurking outside of the home before the intentional shooting made Rice subject to a potential prison term of life without the possibility of parole. Rice will next appear in court on May 5, 2022, to have his jury trial date set. Rice remains in Butte County Jail with no bail. ★



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FFA Rib Feed this Weekend



By Kirsten Muzzy

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -The Gridley FFA is hosting

its 18th annual Rib Feed on April 30, 2022, from 5-8pm.

There will be both dine-in or drive-thru options. Dine-in is all you can eat with a silent auction. If dining in, children under the age of 5 eat free.

There will be many different varieties of items at the silent auction including chocolate covered strawberries, BBQ baskets, and even student projects. However, we are still looking for more

silent auction items. If you or someone you know is interested in donating a silent auction item or even purchasing a dinner ticket, please call Gridley High School at (530) 846-4791, visit the Gridley FFA Instagram/Facebook page to access the web store to purchase online, or get in touch with any FFA member you may know.

Tickets are \$20 per person if purchased ahead of time and \$25 at the door. Hope to see you there! ★

Manzanita Students of the Month for March



Front row (from left): Cash Hudson, Rush Coopridger, Giovanni Resendis, Addison Brown; second row: Mason Oakley, Arcee McGilvray, Sage Stohlman, Ace Delucchi; back row: Karam Singh, Jack Routon, Ella Terry. Not pictured: Chase Ehrke, Jorge Caracheo, Omar Medrano.

Manzanita Elementary School Students of the Month for the month of March have demonstrated outstanding CONFIDENCE,

do their best and are great role models for our school. ★

Thank A Veteran Today

A Major Honored



Dick Jones' family came out to support the Rotarian of 48 years as he was recognized for his service to group, community and more. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - One of the Gridley Rotary International Club's long-time members, Dick Jones, was honored at last week's meeting.

Jones has been a member of the Gridley Rotary International Club for 48 years and is known for his decades of involvement in the Gridley Little League, which resulted in one of the baseball fields at Manuel Vierra Park named after him. He has served as a past president of the group, is a Paul Harris Fellow, among other accomplishments, and has constantly supported Rotary through volunteering his time and serving on multiple subcommittees.

Of his many distinctions within the Gridley Rotary Club, Jones has a new one: Major Donor.

This month, Jones was awarded a gold pin and crystal award, by the Rotary International Club's District 5180 Governor, Desiree Wilson, and local Rotary International Club President, Lisa Van De Hey, for being a major donor to the club. To be named a major donor, a member must donate \$10,000 or more to the club, which Jones has done over the history of his membership in Rotary.

His family was secretly invited to the event and Jones was surprised with the honor in front of them all to a standing ovation. ★

PUBLIC READING OF THE BIBLE

This is a grassroots movement based on Nehemiah 8: 1-10 to bring encouragement to you and your family as we gather as one Community to hear God's Word read aloud.

Everyone is welcome!

Where? **Daddow Park, Gridley**

When? **Sunday, May 1st 6:00 pm**

THE GOSPEL of MARK will be read.

You might want to bring a chair or blanket as the reading will be over an hour.

See You At The Park!

MEMORIAL

ALBERT CYRUS FAWNS • 8/14/1941 – 4/26/2022

Albert Cyrus Fawns "Cy" was born on August 14, 1941 in Gridley, California and passed away on April 26, 2022 in Folsom, California. Cy was a lifelong resident of Gridley and a graduate of Gridley High School. He was a proud member of the U.S. Army National Guard.



Cy dedicated his work life to serving the farmers of our community, through Biggs-West Gridley and Butte Water Districts. Cy was a 50-year member of the Moose Lodge and a long-time member of Monday Night Football. He

was always involved in the community, and you would often find him dancing and socializing at the Moose. He enjoyed restoring and admiring old vintage cars. Cy loved his community and friends deeply, and he was never too busy for a

good conversation.

Cy is preceded in death by his wife Robina Fawns, his father Albert Fawns, and his mother Millie Fawns Vieira. Cy is survived by his loving family, brother Gary Fawns, sister-in-law Janet Fawns, his two nieces, Karen and Kathy, brother-in-law Norman Tuck (Tricia), sister-in-law Lyda Dunn and his friends who were considered family.

A celebration of life will be held at the Moose Lodge on May 2, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

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Water Curtailments in Russian River Watershed Expected to Continue

Farmers and ranchers in the Russian River watershed are likely to see continued restrictions on irrigation supplies this year. State water officials are seeking to extend a 2021 curtailment order for Russian River water diversions. The state plans to revise its emergency drought regulations next month. Farm Bureaus in Mendocino and Sonoma counties are proposing an alternative plan that would incorporate a volunteer, locally driven water conservation program.

Dairy Farmers Gearing Up for State Mandates on Cutting Methane Emissions

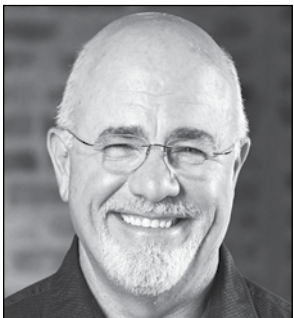
California dairy producers are facing increasing pressure to curb the carbon footprint of their operations. Dairy and livestock producers must cut methane emissions by 40% below 2013 levels by 2030. They are currently on pace to hit a reduction of 22% by then, according to the California Air Resources Board. Nonetheless, participants in a recent California Dairy Sustainability Summit said progress is underway and a climate-neutral dairy industry is achievable.

As Mushroom Tastes Evolve, Growers Reap Premium Prices for New Varieties

Specialty mushrooms are trending. California mushroom growers are taking advantage of evolving customer demands to produce diverse product lines of healthy medicinal mushrooms, from reishi to cordyceps. One grower, Roberto Ramirez of Mountain Meadow Mushrooms in Escondido, says his organic lion’s mane mushrooms now fetch \$15 a pound. That’s far more than the \$2.25 he gets for his common white mushrooms.

Legislature Advances Bill that would Reimburse Farmers for Cleanup of Illegal Dumping

Farmers are seeking help in addressing illegal dumping on their properties, and state lawmakers may be responding. Landowners complain that people are discarding everything from household appliances to tires on farms and along rural roads, creating unsightly messes and costly and often hazardous cleanup challenges. Legislation passed in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee would provide grants to reimburse farmers for costs of cleaning up the illegal dumping. ★



You Can Have More Than One

Dear Dave,

A relative of mine recently mentioned she had two life insurance policies. Is it okay for a person to have more than one life insurance policy? If so, why would someone do that?

– Victoria

Dear Victoria,

There aren’t any rules against having more than one life insurance policy. The only real problem is it might complicate your life a little in terms of having multiple premium withdrawals, checks or possibly additional policy fees to worry about every month. It’s cheaper

Dave Ramsey Says

just to have just one policy, generally speaking, but regardless of whether you have one or more, I always recommend having 10 to 12 times your annual income wrapped up in a good, level term life insurance policy.

Different people have different personal and business financial situations, so there could be many reasons to have more than one life insurance policy. I have lots of insurance connected to our estate plan, our business and different kinds of things. Most life insurance companies will only write so much in coverage for one person, so when this has been the case, I just went to another carrier for additional coverage.

Also, some people buy more than one life insurance policy just to feel secure from a provider standpoint. If one insurance company goes out of business, they’ll

still have another policy – or more – in place. That’s not usually a big problem, though, since the majority of insurance companies have insurance to back them up with the state, or are very financially stable.

I hope this helps, Victoria! – 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. ★



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Reasons for the Sell Off

Friday, April 22, the Dow lost almost 1000 points. We had not seen that bad of a day since 2020 when CoVid hit.

Keep in mind, after that similar day in 2020, the Dow screamed back even higher soon thereafter, so hope springs eternal.

Investors might take heart knowing that bad sell-offs can be followed by equally eye-popping rallies. Not to say the pain is over, as there usually are reasons for massive routs, and this crash is no exception.

The NASDAQ actually started its slow motion crash late in 2021. In my opinion, the sector represented by the NASDAQ simply got too frothy, and it finally reversed as investors took profits.

That was followed by investors finally taking notice, at the start of 2022, of the inflationary forces that had been accelerating for about a year. Consumers likely knew prices were jumping more than usual. You would have had to live on the moon not to notice. But in the market, fear tends to surface all at once, and can come to a head in a horrific crash on any particular but obscure day that no one can predict.

Detailed in numerous Money Matters shows and articles, and shouted from the roof tops on many news media outlets, inflation had been getting worse for months, and it was only a matter of time before the Federal Reserve (FEDS) decided to do something about it. Originally believing it was “transitory” (in their own words), inflation was actually just getting started, and similar to other times in history, the FEDS were late in correctly assessing the severity of the crisis.

FED speak soon hit the newswires, and they warned a reduction in Quantities Easing (Q.E. for short and basically is money printing) was coming. They also revealed an increase in interest rates was to be undertaken. The news prompted the first sell off beginning in January. The market anticipated the usual 1/4% increase we had often seen in the past.

Once that bitter pill was swallowed, the markets somewhat stabilized, only to be rocked again when the FEDS upped the ante and starting talking about 1/2% increases. Investors appeared to shake that

off after another market set back, and then the Ukraine problem hit the wires.

The first few weeks of late March and early April offered up some hope with some green numbers bouncing the markets and indeed, many key metrics signaled the worst might be over. The market looked like it had somewhat stabilized until the FEDS once again raised the stakes and mentioned possible 3/4% increases were on the table.

Subsequently, and hence therefore, Friday turned more than ugly. Investors likely saw red in their portfolio balances and probably more red then they have seen in a long, long time.

Keeping in mind no one can predict market movements at any time, we can only guess as to what will happen next. Will we once again wash the bad news down with the elixir of time, and see the markets rebound? Or will the carnage continue and test the March lows once again, which would be another 900 or so Dow points? Could it even go lower?

We won’t know the answer until it is well in the rear view mirror.

One thing is certain. Inflation is bad and getting worse. Ditto for the FEDS interest rate forecasts. Keep in mind, the FEDS haven’t even done anything yet. So goes the effect of interest rate announcements on the market. Sometime the anticipation of the event causes more damage than the event itself.

The key to the whole thing will be how inflation responds to the FEDS actions and whether the FED’s current plan of interest rates increase does the trick, or if even stronger medicine may be needed.

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

If things sound a little off in this piece it is because I’ve written several column pieces ahead of time in the middle of April before my hand surgery on the 19th. I working on seeing the future or at least making good guesses based on the past. One place in gardening that this skill is very important is the planning

of Bonsai trees. Our local Bonsai expert, Ruben can do this amazing thing with trees. He can tell you exactly how the tree will grow based on the leaf nodes and their direction. To watch him prune trees is scary but they always end up looking beautiful. I am working on this skill. I’m very good at deciding to prune a branch and then going, “oopps.”

To foresee the future growth would be a great skill. This also works on big trees when they need to be shaped. On my fruit trees I’m getting lots of practice due to the method of keeping them short by pruning often. Sometimes I prune because the branches are getting in the way on the pathway.

It is better when I prune for future fruiting success. When you incorporate fruit trees into your flower gardens it is another puzzle piece. One of my Clematis vines is enjoying my limited ability to prune. It is winding its way throughout one of my peach trees. I cut it if it is interfering with the peaches on the branches and one day soon, I’ll be able to cut it out of the tree. Until then the tree looks rather exotic with pretty flowers blooming in and on it in profusion.

We’ve just passed May Day. In ancient Celtic culture it was seen as the division between the time of darkness (winter) and the coming of light (summer). The heat is on its way. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

You will suffer; but
You will have trials; but
You will have temptations; but
You will have conflicts; but...

We all see promises of relief from TV ads, books, social media, word of mouth; but. But ... only God can bring peace and relief from earthly pain and trouble.

Jesus told His disciples that they would have trials and be harassed because of Him. Look at the world today. How are Christians treated in the Middle East, in China, in countries that hate what “The Way” stands for? Beheaded, set on fire, or imprisoned for life.

During the early days of the church, they were thrown to the lions in the coliseum for sport, boiled in oil, cut in half, beheaded, or crucified. Rome used the cross as a symbol of shame. Roads were lined along the way on either side with condemned people hanging in torture, on the cross.

In the past few years, we have seen persecution of Christians, not just physically but also mentally with declarations to remove prayer from schools, banning the wearing of religious jewelry, or banning hats and shirts that show support. Religious scenes have been removed from city property. Cites cannot participate in religious celebrations or have renamed them.

Anything religious, church related, or

has to do with Jesus has become some people’s prime challenge. Churches have been burned! Walls of synagogues have been sprayed with graffiti . There have been cases of shootings or bombings in houses of worship. Is Christianity under attack? Yes!

When times get tough, hard to bare, or life destroyed it is then that God becomes much more important and needed to get us through. How did Paul meet his demise in Rome

without the peace, power, and almighty glory of God? How did Pete speak out as he was crucified upside down rather than like his Lord without the courage and mercy from God? How do Christians today handle their lives of punishment and death without the love and peace of their Creator?

Christians must stand strong in their faith to resist the devil and his evil methods to destroy God’s world. Take up the banner of faith in order to fully live for God’s purposes. No matter what we face if we ask for God’s power He will provide. If we seek His ways He will be there. If we knock on His doorway to heaven He will answer. Stand Up! Stand Strong!

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Dear Dietitian

Eggs



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

Eggs have made headlines again with a study recently published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). Is it the incredible, edible egg or a food you should limit in your diet? As with many nutrition studies, the results go back and forth, which can be confusing and even frustrating for consumers.

This study set out to find if egg consumption or dietary cholesterol increased the risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and death. Nearly 30,000 people reported their dietary intake and were followed up 18 years later. The study discovered that for each 300 mg increase of cholesterol in the diet, the risk of CVD (heart attack, stroke) increased by 17%, and death from all causes increased by 18%. An additional half an egg per day increased the risk of CVD and all-cause death by 6% and 8%, respectively. (1)

The study was praised for its large size and study design; however, it was criticized for only collecting information on dietary intake at the beginning. Some people will change their eating habits if they believe a change will benefit their health, and this study could not account for that. In addition, many nutrition studies use questionnaires to gather information, and when participants self-report, there is room for error. How accurately could you report what you ate yesterday, for example, or how

many ounces of meat you usually eat in a week? Finally, the study was observational, which means it doesn't prove that the cholesterol-containing foods caused the increase in CVD and death. Nonetheless, it still holds substantial merit.

We all know about the cholesterol in eggs, but let's look at their overall nutrition. Eggs are a tasty, inexpensive source of protein and an important source of vitamin D. They contain the carotenoids lutein and zeaxanthin, which are believed to help prevent macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in older adults. Eggs are also a healthy source of choline, which aids in the brain development of babies.

The bottom line is one egg a day is nutritious for someone who is generally healthy. If you are at risk for heart disease, consider limiting eggs to three per week. If you have a history of heart disease or stroke, allow two eggs per week. And no matter who you are, eat more plant foods, including fruits and vegetables, beans and legumes, bran cereals, and other whole grains.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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Leanne McCrate, RDN, LD, is an award-winning dietitian based in Missouri. Her mission is to educate consumers on sound, scientifically-based nutrition. Do you have a nutrition question? Email her today at deardietitian411@gmail.com. Dear Dietitian does not endorse any products, health programs, or diet plans. ★

Gridley Boy's Varsity Tennis Team Splits 2

By Ed Itori

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs boy's varsity tennis team hosted Corning on April 7 and were expected to battle to the end as they did three weeks prior in a narrow 5-4 victory over the Cardinals.

While Gridley (5-6, 4-3 Butte View League) needed to win all three doubles matches to eke out a victory against the Cardinals (3-9, 2-7) in March, the boys fared better in singles this time. Starting with junior Cole Leishman's 6-4, 6-1 dispatching of sophomore Erick Pintor and ending with sophomore Eric Ramirez's 6-2, 6-1 victory over Ahrem Leon, the Bulldogs led in the match tally, 4-2.

Juniors Jeremy Longmire and Spencer Davis had already won their singles matches when they paired up to take their doubles match, too, 8-3 in a meet-clinching win over junior Francisco Ruiz Jr. and sophomore Wyatt Wade. The top-seeded team of Leishman and sophomore Ryan Woolery then tacked on an 8-6 win over sophomore Hayden Carter and Pintor.

Senior Taylor Johnson and freshman Cesar Ortiz were paired together for the second time this season and won for the second time. This time, it was 8-0 over Leon and junior Caleb Newland. Johnson is now 5-0 in doubles play, including two wins by way of forfeit.

Gridley coach Bob Moffitt said he was surprised but pleased with the level of success his team has achieved.

"After our first encounter, I was frankly scared they were going to exact their revenge in the rematch," Moffitt said. "I'm very proud of the boys for continuing to work hard to improve. Their efforts on the practice court led to success in their matches. It's always nice to see hard work pay off. We will see just how much more we need to improve when we see Orland."

He wouldn't have to wait long.

Orland (12-3, 8-0) and Gridley moved up their match from April 12 to April 8 because of Spring Break. Orland dismantled the Bulldogs three weeks earlier, 9-0. The meet was important to Moffitt because it set the stage for the work Gridley would undertake for the rest of the season.

"We knew how to block the ball and backspin it, but we hadn't really tackled topspin," Moffitt said. "That meet showed us we were behind the best of the league in that regard, and we set about overcoming that deficit."

The Bulldogs showed improvement but also showed they still have a way to go as Orland beat them again. This time the tally was 8-1. Ortiz and Ramirez combined for their fourth doubles win this season, prevailing 8-5 over Orozco and Morales. In singles, Longmire was once again a tiebreak kid and lost his bid for extra frames as he fell 7-6 (7-2) in the second set against Jose Garcia. It is the 18th tiebreak of the season for the Bulldogs.

Coach Moffitt seemed unconcerned about the final results.

"I'm thrilled to see the improvement that the boys made today," Moffitt said. "For Jeremy to come back from a first set drubbing to take his second set to a tiebreak was really something. And to see Cesar and Eric play well together again and emerge victorious was also excellent to see."

With the penultimate week in the books, Gridley stands at 5-6 overall. Their final regular season game was Tuesday, April 19 against Oroville (9-2, 5-2). The two schools played March 24 and Oroville won 9-0. But four of the singles matches went to a tiebreak and Davis and Longmire took their doubles match to extra frames before losing 10-8.

"We were incredibly competitive against Oroville the first time," Moffitt said. "We keep adding skills to our repertoire. Hopefully it's enough to put us over the top this time."

The results of the match against Oroville were not available by press time. Oroville is second in the Butte View League play behind Orland and Gridley is third. The top two teams played in the Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation Playoffs that begun, Thursday April 21. Orland has already qualified.

Butte View teams will begin the league playoffs, today April 22. Las Plumas High in Oroville is hosting the two-day affair. ★

Brownie's BAIT BOX

Fishing rating scale: (b) Excellent • (a) Good • (g) Poor (bad)

LOCAL FISHING

Bowman Lake Loop; The Series

#4 Carr Lake; at 6160 ft elev., and small. Rough road to the 11-campsites: toilets, picnic tables, beach and beautiful waterfall. A short hike to the lake. Nice rainbows and catfish. Rainbows...USE: Mepps Spinner. (a) Catfish ...USE: Berkley Catfish Bait. (b) **Fisherman's Comment:** The "mystery Fish" M. Saxatilis, AKA Lineside, not in any great numbers, or sizes yet. Pre-spawn males are late, but plentiful. From San Palo Bay, up the Sacramento River and through both the Sacramento Delta and San Joaquin Deltas. A few small males are moving up the mouth of the Feather River. Note: fish for them during the late hours, into the night. After dark they become reckless, and feed vigorously. During daylight they also feed, but are wary of predators and eating your baited hooks. Live baits to use if available: anchovies, Shiner minnows, blood worms, herring, menhaden, eels, squid, clams, nightcrawlers, and sand worms... depending on your locations. Hardware, your choice. Eating them! Consult CDF&W pages 70-84. Guidelines. [mercury, pcbs,



Skwala Nymph

dioxin, etc.] Signed: Joe The Lineside Guy. Lower Yuba River; below Parks Bar. Steelhead of 18"+ are hitting...USE: Skwala Nymphs #8 (a)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

S.F. Bay, Berkely Flats; halibut limits of 3-each. Fish 10ft deep with 8 oz. weights on the bottom. USE: Herring Cut Baits. (b) San Joaquin River Delta at Fourteen Mile Slough; slow troll shallow 7'-15'. For stripers. USE: Rattletrap.. (g) Sac. River Delta at Seven Mile Slough Black bass spawners to 4-lbs. 2-ft deep (50 lb. braid line). USE: Sinko. (g)

COASTAL WATERS

Opening Sport Salmon season; Monterey to Bodega Bay . Nice 16 pounders. Trolling...USE: Anchovy Tray Bait. (b) Rock fish open offshore and deep to 150-ft. USE: Blue Hoochies. (b)

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Lake Berryessa; 30-mile per hour winds, shad bait fish spawning, still, small mouth bass are biting. USE: Drop- Shot w/ Swim bait. (g) Lake Oroville spotted bass; USE: Jigs (a) Folsom Lake; spawning black bass best now. 1 1/2-2lbs, 15ft deep. North and South Forks. USE: Drop-Shot w/ Robo Worms. (b)

RIVER FISHING

Sac. River stripers; Discovery Park. USE: Pile Worms. (a) Knights Landing; limits on small keepers. USE: Jumbo Minnows. (a)

NCGASA STRIPER DERBY

April 23, 24th. Colusa Park. Blue Bird weather and great camaraderie . Daily cash, trophies and prizes were awarded. Target slot first day - 27.58. Second day - 20.14 1st-5th Target striper/1st-3rd Junior Target striper 1st C&R Big striper/1st C&R Big striper Junior Lineside aficionados plied the Sacramento River from Discovery Park to Ord Bend and the Feather River from Discovery Park to Live Oak Rock Dam. Not a lot of Linesides, or big linesides were weighed in, but the superb BBQ made up for that.



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Illegal Indoor Cannabis Grow Discovered due to Overwhelming Odor



The 598 Garden Highway commercial structure #23 converted into a complex illegal indoor cannabis grow. Photo courtesy of Yuba-Sutter NET-5

Yuba-Sutter NET-5 Press Release

YUBA-SUTTER, CA (MPG) - During the past six months, Yuba-Sutter Narcotic and Gang Enforcement Task Force (NET-5) received multiple complaints regarding the overwhelming odor of marijuana in a commercial structure at 598 Garden Highway. The odor was permeating the building and impacting other neighboring businesses. NET-5 Agents investigated and obtained probable cause to believe there was cannabis

being illegal cultivated inside of Unit #23. On April 5th, 2022, at approximately 12:35 PM, NET-5 Agents with assistance of the Yuba City Police Department, served a search warrant at 598 Garden Highway #23. Upon entering Unit #23, Agents saw it had been converted into a complex illegal indoor cannabis grow. The illegal cannabis grow consisted of approximately 368 plants and was determined to be unlawful within the city limits of Yuba City, a violation of the

Yuba City Municipal Code and a violation of section 11358(c) of the California Health and Safety Code. The grow was eradicated and the landlord for the unit was notified. The tenant of Unit # 23 was identified as Robert Mann (40 years old of Sacramento) and issued a misdemeanor citation for illegally cultivating cannabis, a violation of section 11358(c) of the California Health and Safety Code. The investigation will be sent to the Sutter County District Attorney's Office for prosecution. ★

Wanted Felon Who Fled Courthouse Captured in Utah

Butte County District Attorney Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A former Butte County resident wanted on two felony warrants after fleeing from Butte County Superior Court last month was captured in Utah on April 20, 2022. District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Kipp Ford, 40, formerly of Gridley and Chico, was found hiding in a Utah garage in an upper wall storage cabinet by local police. He was taken to a local jail where he is being held without bail pending extradition to Butte County. Ramsey said Ford had been charged in Butte County with multiple felony counts of construction fraud and was due in Butte County Superior Court on March 16, 2022, after previously bailing out of jail on those charges. He however failed to appear at court on that date and instead sent a signed excuse through his attorney that he was supposedly unable to appear due to a construction job he had in Colorado. Ramsey said an investigation into that excuse showed it to be false and his office filed a new felony charge of filing a false document with the court. That new complaint was awaiting Ford, when he appeared out-of-custody in court two weeks later on March 30, 2022. When the judge read the new felony complaint, Ford's surprised attorney asked the judge if he could speak to Ford outside of the courtroom. The in-court prosecutor expressed her concern that Ford would not return to the courtroom if the court granted his attorney's request. The judge warned Ford that if he failed to return to the courtroom, there would be consequences. Approximately 30 minutes later, Ford's attorney returned to the courtroom without his client. The attorney explained to the

judge that Ford said he had to get something out of his truck, but never returned. The judge immediately issued no-bail arrest warrants for Ford's arrest. Ford's attorney later conducted interviews with local media outlets where he claimed his client left the courthouse due to an "emergency." Ramsey said Ford previously lived in both Chico and Gridley, but more recently, he had been tied to Utah, Colorado, Texas, and New Mexico. Ramsey said his office received multiple tips as to Ford's current whereabouts, which were used to locate him in Utah. Ramsey said his investigators contacted the Herriman Police Department in Utah and requested their assistance in locating Ford. Herriman Police officers conducted surveillance and were able to locate Ford's truck parked near a girlfriend's townhouse. Officers contacted the girlfriend, who allowed officers to search her home, claiming she did not know where Ford was. Ramsey said officers searched the girlfriend's house and then its garage, and noticed a footprint on a box, which was directly below an upper wall storage cabinet. An officer tried to open the cabinet door, but it would not open. Finding no lock on the cabinet door, the officers forcibly opened the door and found Ford curled inside the cabinet trying to hold the door closed. Ramsey, amused by the image of Ford in the fetal position hiding in the cabinet, said, "It must have been one heck of an emergency." Ford was placed under arrest and booked into the Salt Lake County Jail, where he will remain in custody until extradited to Butte County. ★

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Life Jackets

CAL FIRE/ Gridley Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the importance of using life jackets when having fun in the water this year. With the record rain fall and snow pack the local rivers, streams and lakes will be high most of the summer. With high water, dangerous conditions are highly likely. Fast moving water and lots of debris will be common. Use extreme caution when enjoying the local water ways. Wear life vests and keep a close eye on children.

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- Have enough life jackets that are easily accessible for everyone on the boat or in the water
- Follow these simple tips to stay safe in the water this summer!!!

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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Bruce Gesick, 12933 East Tokay Colony Road Lodi, CA 95240, Alan Tanner, 337 Pryde Avenue Biggs, CA 95917
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G&T 4-29-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE
NO. 2022-0000316

The following person(s) are doing business as: Deen Brothers, 164 Biggs E Hwy Biggs, CA 95917
Phronsie Deen and Stanley Deen, 164 Biggs E Hwy Biggs, CA 95917.
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DEEN 4-29-22

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The following person(s) are doing business as: **BILLS ROOFING**, 1073 Campbell Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948.
Bill Eugene Graham, 1073 Campbell Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948.

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BILLS 5-20-22

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The following person(s) are doing business as: **METICULOUS CLEANING SERVICE**, 1624 Nord Avenue, Chico, CA 95926.
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PEREZ 5-20-22

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The following person(s) are doing business as: **MYSA WELLNESS CENTER**, 13787 Centerville Road, Chico, CA 95928.

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MYSA 5-20-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2022-0000328
The following person(s) are doing business as: **RK AND SON, RYAN KOEHLER AND SON, WATER TENDING**, 3245 Clark Road, Oroville, CA 95965.
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KOEHLER 5-20-22

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #22CV00342

Petitioner Katie Bodine filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Mackenzie Rose Niemela to Mackenzie Rose Bodine.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing May 25, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse, 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.
Filed on April 14, 2022
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 22, 29, May 6 & 13, 2022
BODINE 5-13-22

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DIANE
CHRISTINE MCDOWELL
CASE NO. 21PR00625

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Diane Christine McDowell, deceased.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Katie Rebecca Gibson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Katie Rebecca Gibson be appointed as personal representatives to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will

be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 24, 2022 9:00 a.m. in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: In Pro Per, 645 India Street, Gridley, CA 95948.
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MCDOWELL 5-13-22

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 21CV01931

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Nationwide Insurance Company; Allied Property and Casualty Insurance Company; Rob Anderson; Sierra West Insurance Service; and Does 1 through 40, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Renaldo Herrera; Adessa Herrera.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue

una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos extras por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una cesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of Butte County, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): William J. Brown III, PO Box 231216, Encinitas, CA 92023-1216; (760) 672-0084.
Date: (Fecha) 7/30/2021
Clerk (Secretario) Kimberly Flener, Deputy (Adjunto)
April 22, 29, May 6 & 13, 2022
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TRUSTEE SALE

TS No: CA07000901-21-1
APN: 125-173-026-000 To No: 210902162-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 8, 2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM, At the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on May 15, 2020 as Instrument No. 2020-0002314, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by GERALD POMPONIO, A WIDOWER, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC, as Beneficiary, as nominee for REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING, LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 217 EAST MAGNOLIA AVENUE, PORTOLA, CA 96122 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$61,291.53 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 427

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIGGS REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 12.05 OF THE BIGGS MUNICIPAL CODE – FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

At its Regular City Council Meeting held on April 12, 2022, the City Council of the City of Biggs introduced Ordinance No. 427. The purpose of the measure is to promote the public health, safety and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by methods and provisions designed for:

- (1) Restricting or prohibiting uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water or erosion or flood heights or velocities;
- (2) Requiring that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- (3) Controlling the alteration of natural floodplain, stream channels and natural protective barriers which help accommodate or channel flood waters;
- (4) Controlling filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase flood damage; and
- (5) Preventing or regulating the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards in other areas.

The measure sets forth a permit process for construction and development of property to be administered by the City of Biggs.

The City Council will consider the adoption of the Ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, 2022. The meeting will be held in the Biggs City Council Chambers located at 3016 Sixth Street in Biggs, California at 5 p.m. The complete text of the proposed ordinance is available at city hall. Citizens wishing to make their concerns or questions know are invited to attend the meeting or contact city staff in advance. Contact information is available at the city website (www.biggs-ca.gov) and at city hall.

Roben Benish, City Clerk

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 428

At its regular City Council meeting held on April 12, 2022, the City Council of the City of Biggs introduced Ordinance No. 428 amending certain text of Title 14-Zoning of the City of Biggs Municipal Code, to increase housing opportunities and provide consistency with the Biggs General Plan, and with current State Housing Law.

The City Council will consider the adoption of the Ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, 2022. The meeting will be held in the Biggs City Council Chambers located at 3016 Sixth Street in Biggs, California at 5 p.m. The complete text of the proposed ordinance is available at city hall. Citizens wishing to make their concerns or questions know are invited to attend the meeting or contact city staff in advance. Contact information is available at the city website (www.biggs-ca.gov) and at city hall.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LIVE OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DUE DATE:
FRIDAY MAY 20, 2022 BY 2:00PM
RFP 22-01

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRECONSTRUCTION AND LEASE/LEASEBACK SERVICES FOR DISTRICTWIDE PORTABLE RELOCATION & INSTALLATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Live Oak Unified School District of Sutter County, State of California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereafter referred to as the "District", will receive under sealed cover by 2:00 P.M., on Friday, May 20, 2022, proposals for preconstruction and lease/leaseback services for Districtwide Portable Relocation & Installation Project. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is located at the District office or at the District's website at: www.lousd.k12.ca.us

Proposals shall be received at:
Live Oak Unified School District
2201 Pennington Road
Live Oak, CA 95953
Attn: Christopher Peters, CFO

The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the proposals or in the proposal process. No proposers may withdraw their proposal for a period of 90 days after the date set for the opening of proposals or after approval by the Live Oak Unified School District Governing Board.

For all questions please contact: Christopher Peters, CFO
Live Oak Unified School District
Phone: 530-695-5400
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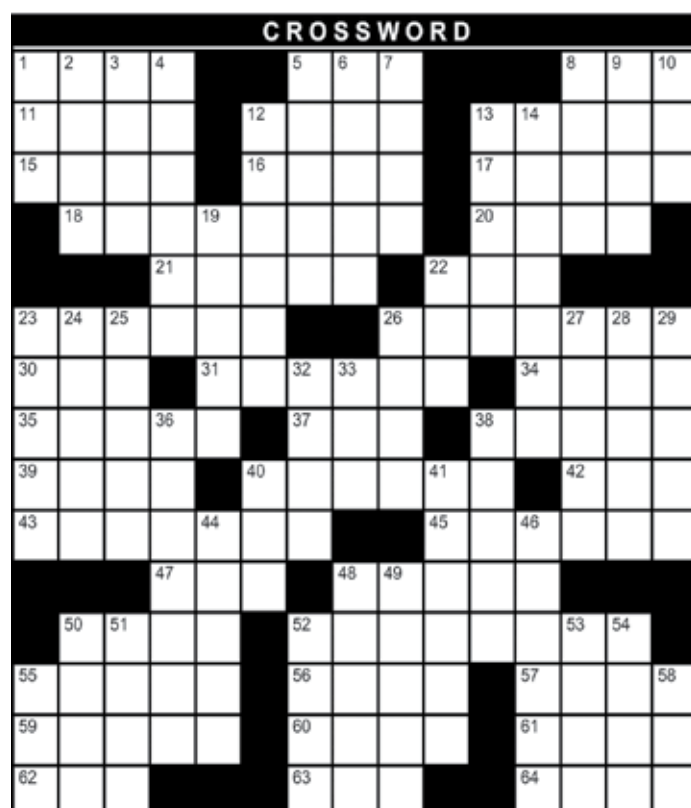
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14. "Popular Mother's Day gift
19. Cast somebody there
22. Almond-induced state?
23. Type of monument
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32. "How many children does Queen Elizabeth have?
33. Hi-____
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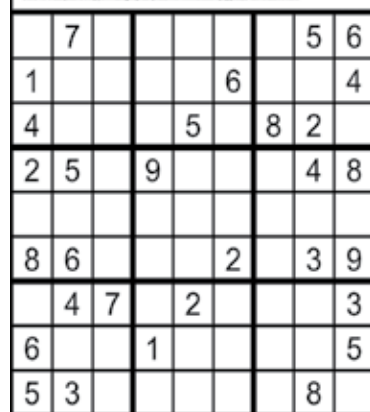
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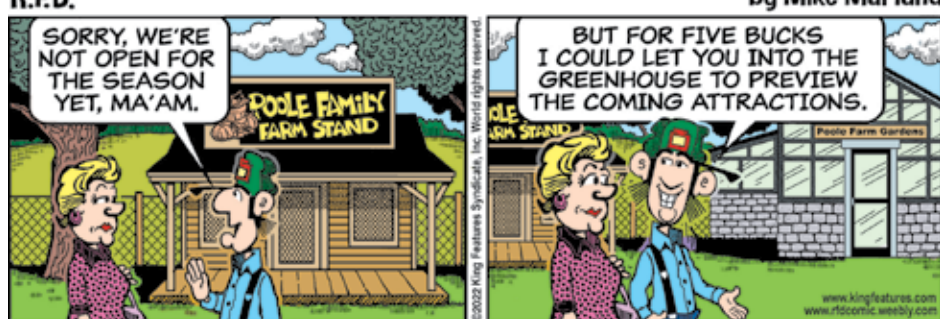
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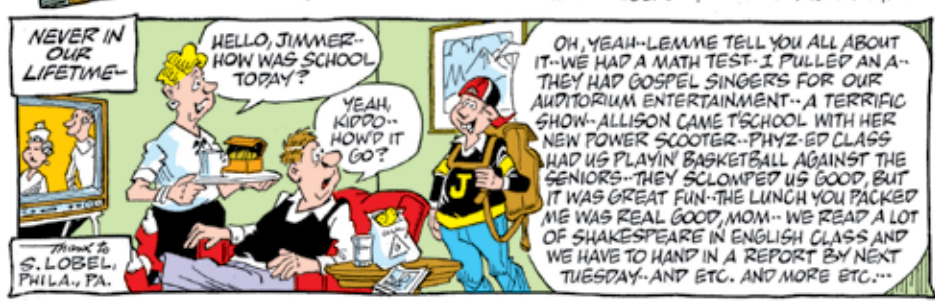
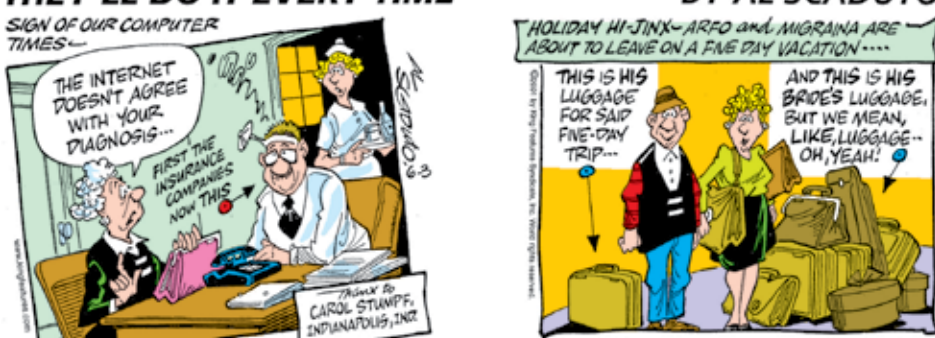
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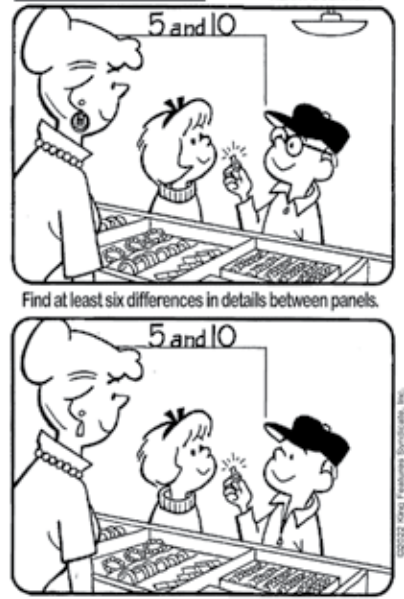
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Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On April 21, 2022, at approximately 10:30 P.M., an off-duty Oroville Police Officer traveling south on Hwy 99 in the City of Gridley, CA, observed a gold Chevrolet Trailblazer at the intersection of Hwy 99 and Spruce Street. The off-duty officer identified the passenger in the vehicle as 33-year-old Banessa Santana.

Santana had an outstanding felony warrant for her arrest, regarding a vehicle pursuit she was involved in, where a child was seriously injured on March 12th, 2022, in Oroville, CA. The off-duty officer immediately called the Gridley Police Department and requested assistance in arresting Santana.

Officers with the Gridley Police Department arrived and conducted a traffic enforcement stop on the Trailblazer. Santana, whom was the passenger in the vehicle, immediately jumped out of the vehicle and a Gridley Police Officer gave foot chase. Officers caught and arrested Santana a short distance from the enforcement stop. Santana was later booked at the Butte County Jail, for felony reckless evading, felony

reckless evading causing injury and hit and run resulting in injury (see original press release below).

The Oroville Police Department would like to thank the Gridley Police Department for their response and apprehension of Santana. If you have information or questions regarding this incident, contact the Oroville Police Department at (530) 538-2448

Previous OPD Press Release

On March 12, 2022, at approximately 13:47 P.M., Oroville Police Officers were on patrol in the area of Table Mountain Blvd and Nelson Ave when a white BMW nearly collided with the front end of a patrol car. The officer was able to identify the driver of the vehicle as 33-year-old Banessa Santana, of Oroville.

Officers were aware that Santana was wanted for two felony warrants including one for evading officers. When officers attempted to conduct an enforcement stop on the BMW, the BMW immediately fled westbound on Mono Avenue into the Thermalito area. As the BMW was fleeing, it collided with a black Honda Civic that was traveling

southbound on 12th Street. The Honda was occupied by two juveniles and one adult male. As a result of the collision, a 5-year-old juvenile sustained injuries and was transported to a local hospital. The juvenile was listed in stable condition. At this time, Santana is still at large and wanted for hit and run causing serious bodily injury and evading law enforcement. The BMW also had a front passenger who was identified as 50-year-old Jeremy Papesh of Oroville. Papesh was arrested on scene for outstanding felony warrants and booked into the Butte County Jail.

Banessa Santana has been detained by Gridley PD as of 10:40pm, OPD in route to get her into their custody

Per a Gridley source: GPD did a traffic stop on a Chevy Blazer at 10:35pm at the 200 block of Spruce St. The passenger jumped out of the vehicle and ran towards the Gridley Hospital.

After a struggle with officers, Banessa Santana was detained and taken to GPD after a foot pursuit. 3 Felony Warrants, 1 OPD and 2 Butte County. She will have an additional 148pc and a H&S Charge added. OPD is enroute to take her into their custody again. ★

The Impact of Empty Desks



Students in an AP English Literature + Composition class at Nevada Union High School in Grass Valley on March 1, 2022. Statewide, California public school enrollment is declining. Photo by Salgu Wissmath for CalMatters

By Joe Hong, CALMATTERS.ORG

For the first time since the start of the century, California has fewer than 6 million students attending public schools.

According to new data released by the California Department of Education, enrollment in public schools continues to drop more quickly than it did before the pandemic, stirring fears of more budget cuts and long-term financial instability for schools.

Among key takeaways from the newly released data: Statewide enrollment has dropped by more than 110,000 students to 5,892,240 during the current school year, a 1.8% dip from last year but less steep than the 2.6% decline during the first year of the pandemic; Charter school enrollment also is down for the first time since at least 2014; Kindergarten enrollment is up, though nowhere near pre-pandemic levels; And 9,000 more students are enrolled in private schools, a 1.7% increase, but that doesn't explain much of the exodus from public schools.

For the better part of a decade, public school enrollment was in steady decline in California mostly due to a lack of affordable housing, education officials across the state said. When the pandemic reached California, early job losses collided with that trend, making the decline worse.

In the years before the pandemic, enrollment in traditional, non-charter public schools fell by about 1% a year. The first year of the pandemic, however, enrollment dropped by more than 3%, or about 175,000 students.

Even charter school enrollment slid, losing 12,600 students this year, a major reversal of historical trends. Since 2015, charter schools have seen only increases each year of at least 10,000 students.

Officials at the California Department of Education did not have a clear explanation for this sudden drop.

The California Charter Schools Association President Myrna Castrejón said this decline illustrates how charter schools "are facing the same statewide challenges as non-charter public schools." She called for equitable funding for charters.

For non-charter schools, much of the enrollment drop during the first year of the pandemic was due to tens of thousands of parents opting not to enroll their children in kindergarten. Most school campuses were closed at the time and children were learning online.

This year, with school buildings open, kindergarten enrollment went up by more than 7,000 students, recovering slightly from last year's 60,000-student plunge.

Enrollment numbers for first graders, however, dropped by 18,000 students this year — one of the steepest drops for a single grade level — suggesting that many students who were of kindergarten age in 2020 did not return to public schools for first grade.

California Department of Education officials would not comment on where those students went. Some school district officials said they also are looking for answers.

"It's a problem across all grade levels," said Barrett Snider of Capitol Advisors, a

lobbying firm for school districts. "We just aren't sure where they've gone."

Because most of California's public schools are funded based on a combination of enrollment and attendance, small school districts are especially feeling the pain. Just a few students leaving can mean large chunks of money gone from their budgets.

Brett McFadden, superintendent of the Nevada Joint Union High School District, said a large portion of the residents in his rural community work in the service industry and had to seek other jobs when businesses closed during the pandemic. Others left more recently, as the state began enforcing masking rules and issuing vaccine mandates.

"It's tough to do exit interviews, but our takeaway is that people left because of jobs," McFadden said. "Or they left because private schools weren't enforcing mask mandates."

According to state data, Nevada Joint Union High's enrollment was stable before the pandemic at around 2,800 students. As of Friday, McFadden said, enrollment is at 2,605. He said he lost 197 students since the school year started, which translates to more than \$2 million in lost funding.

"Declining enrollment cannot be fixed," he said. "I think we have to recognize that declining enrollment is part of broader demographic trends that are happening in our state."

State leaders are floating measures to lessen the pain of declining enrollment.

In his proposed budget, Gov. Gavin Newsom said he would allow school districts to use a three-year average attendance rate to calculate next year's funding. This could be a substantial help, especially because attendance at most schools plummeted during this year's omicron surge.

State Sen. Anthony Portantino, a Democrat from Glendale, authored Senate Bill 830, which would pay districts based on enrollment rather than attendance.

While the policy debate over enrollment versus attendance-based funding has been ongoing for years, Portantino said this is the right time to make the change because of the state's surplus and the acute crisis of plummeting attendance and enrollment.

"School districts have to budget based on enrollment," Portantino said. "It makes no sense to penalize them if you have absences throughout the year."

Under his proposal, districts would still be funded based on attendance but could apply for additional money based on enrollment. The bill would require that districts use 30% of the additional funding to address chronic absenteeism.

While these proposals might ease the fiscal effects of ebbing enrollments, district leaders still don't have a clear picture of why so many students are leaving. And they feel powerless to reverse the trend.

"Schools have been reacting to a public health crisis and trying to keep their lights on, so when kids disappear there's not a lot of capacity to chase them down and see what happened," said Snider, the lobbyist. "But I think that's going to be a big focus as we climb out of this." ★

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Caltrans Hears Concerns

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crosswalk at that location could potentially hamper the ability for large trucks and semis carrying agricultural products or equipment to make a left hand turn onto Archer from the highway. Discussion on the topic dominated much of the public Q & A portion of the town hall, with Caltrans promising to take into account the community members' suggestion to move the pedestrian crosswalk to a different location on highway. The reason for the location currently considered is the

future growth and developments set to go in south of Dollar General.

To clarify, the pedestrian hybrid crosswalk will be larger than that currently located at Cherry Street, and will be similar to regular stoplights, in the sense that it will span the width of highway, sitting above the 5 lanes of traffic and be a regulatory stop. A "refuge island" is required by Caltrans to be placed in the center lane below the single red stoplight activated by pedestrians wishing to cross.

As more questions were

asked, core team members stepped up to address those in their departments, and the town hall quickly evolved into the informal style town hall that was originally expected by Caltrans. Those with questions were invited to engage in smaller group discussions, until the meeting was adjourned.

The current timeline of the project has construction set to begin in the Summer of 2024, with the goal of project completion sometime in the spring of 2026. ★