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## Ag Discovery Day



FFA Youth Leaders prepare to show incoming Freshmen around the greenhouse and help them start their own seedlings at FFA Ag Discovery Day. Pictured left to right: Ellie Woods, Gracie Dewsnap, and Aubrey Dunning. Photo courtesy of Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Incoming freshmen got a closer look at what Gridley High School's Ag Department and Future Farmers of America program had to offer at Ag Discovery Day.

Wednesday, April 6th, eighth graders from both Sycamore Middle School and Manzanita School were invited to the GHS Campus where Ag department Staff and FFA Youth Leaders ushered them through a total of 7 stations, giving these future freshmen a hands-on look at all the branches of the Ag Department.

At each station, current Ag Department students shared their experiences in their chosen pathway and got real with their peers about the multitude of options available to them in the Ag Department. Among the stations were agriscience, where incoming freshmen got to tie-dye t-shirts, the floral station, where students got to create their own



Hailey Triplett (left) and Jarren Todd (right) hold flowers designed by the floral department to demonstrate to incoming Freshmen some of the floral skills they could learn as part of the Ag Pathway at GHS. Photo courtesy of Seti Long

boutonnieres, or the CDE station, short for Career Development Event

station, where students got a taste of what poultry judging was like, all the way from chicken nuggets to identifying the breed of bird. Other Stations included public speaking, animal science, with lambs and turkeys on display for students to touch, the Ag welding station and greenhouse.

In the Ag welding department, current welding students familiarized incoming freshmen with metal cutting, welding and more, with students having a chance to don welding gear and hold a torch. In the greenhouse, the 8th graders got their hands dirty, planting seeds of their choosing, learning how the greenhouse works, and how plants were propagated in preparation for the upcoming FFA Plant Sale.

The day finished with a picnic lunch of BBQ'd hotdogs cooked by Ag students, which was enjoyed by all participants to music outside the Ag Department.

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## Watching Your Waste

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - In an effort to conform to Senate Bill 1383 and other bills passed by the California Legislature, Waste Management has begun an educational outreach campaign.

Waste Management, who the City of Gridley currently contracts with for waste disposal, was at the Gridley City Council meeting on Monday, April 4 to update council members on the program and hear from concerned citizens, recently apprised of the changes and fees put in place by WM.

WM is bound by SB 1383, which took effect Jan. 1, 2022, and aims to reduce the production of organic waste by 75% by the year 2025. Part of SB 1383 concerns contamination of carts, and as part of its outreach campaign, WM has sent mailers to its customers to educate on which materials are acceptable for recycling and yard waste carts.

Representatives of WM say the movements in the industry are going "back to the basics" now only accepting recyclable materials such as plain cardboard, paper, tin cans, etc. Using a camera system, WM can monitor the contents of each can and notify customers of contamination violations. The representatives from WM say these are courtesy notices that the customer can contest, but continuous violations may result in a ticket or fees charged. That applies to excessively overfull carts as well.

At the time of the presentation, WM had been implementing the program for a few weeks and had only issued a total of 37 notices to customers throughout Gridley. This was considered to be a low number of violations and as the outreach program continues, WM believes that the number will decrease.

WM took the time to answer questions submitted by the public about how the fees were calculated for both recycling and yard waste violations, which considered the prices WM as an organization had to pay for disposal of contaminated recycling or yard waste, along with what price would act as an appropriate incentive for customer cooperation.

A suggestion by WM representatives regarding persons other than the customer contaminating the carts with unsanctioned dumping, was for the cart to be placed curbside in the morning and not the evening before pickup. WM has seen this practice reduce contamination by outside sources but reaffirms that WM will work with their customers experiencing this issue to prevent the issuance of fees.

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## Major Roadwork Starting on Highway 70

Caltrans Press Release

**YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Caltrans is alerting motorists and residents that major highway construction activity is scheduled to start Monday, April 18 along a nine-mile stretch of State Highway 70 between Laurellen Road and the Yuba-Butte County line.

Over the next two years, construction crews will be working at various locations during day and nighttime hours Monday through Saturday. Motorists should allow additional travel time and may expect intermittent traffic-interfering work, especially during overnight hours.

Residents in the area may hear loud construction noise, including OSHA-required vehicle backup warning alarms. The contractor will maintain access to all driveways and cross streets during construction.

Caltrans reminds motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert" and that the construction zone speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph between Laurellen Road in Yuba County and East Gridley Road in Butte County, where a separate construction project is underway.

The \$131 million Yuba County project will widen and pave the



Day and nighttime work planned between Laurellen Road and Yuba-Butte County Line. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

shoulders to 8 feet, provide a 14-foot-wide two-way left turn lane, continuous passing lanes and 6-foot-wide unpaved shoulders for slow moving farm equipment. The project will also straighten some curves to improve sight distance, improve culverts, repave the roadway and create a 20-foot clear recovery zone for errant drivers to return their vehicle safely to the roadway.

DeSilva Gates Construction of Dublin, Alameda County, is the prime contractor. Completion is targeted for December 2023. The

schedule is subject to change due to weather, availability of equipment and/or materials or other construction-related issues.

Visit [www.FixHighway70.com](http://www.FixHighway70.com) for the latest construction news and updates.

The department also will issue construction updates on Twitter @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic, click on Caltrans' QuickMap [quickmap.dot.ca.gov/](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/) or download the QuickMap app from the App Store or Google Play. ★



# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

As Californians head to the polls in 2022, the number one issue continues to be crime and homelessness. Voters in all the parties (as well as ‘no party’ party people) rank crime as the number one issue they are concerned about as they look forward to receiving a ballot in their mailbox in May. Crime in California has been skyrocketing since the passage of Proposition 47 in 2014 - exacerbated as well by the “prison realignment” efforts started in 2011. “Realignment” is a Sacramento political term for letting criminals out early. Prop 47, entitled the “Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act,” brought broad and significant changes to California’s criminal justice system and downgraded property and drug crimes to misdemeanors. Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey says 47 should be called the “unsafe neighborhood” act. Here is the list of offenses that are now downgraded to “non-violent,” which make the repeat violent criminals who do them eligible for early release into our communities: Human trafficking of a child, abducting a minor for prostitution, rape by

intoxication, rape of an unconscious person, felony sexual penetration, sodomy, or oral copulation when drugs are used, or the victim is unconscious, drive-by shooting, or shooting on foot, at an inhabited dwelling or vehicle, felony domestic violence, felony assault with a deadly weapon, solicitation to commit murder, felony assault using force likely to produce great bodily injury, false imprisonment/ taking a hostage when avoiding arrest or to use a person as a shield, assaulting a police officer, exploding a bomb to injure people, felony hate crime, any felony where a deadly weapon is used, felony use of force or threats against a witness or victim of a crime, felony elder or dependent adult abuse. These are not considered “violent” felonies anymore. Prop 47 allows inmates convicted of these crimes to be released from prison early, and thousands of them have been let out as these “reforms” have been implemented by the State. Perhaps you have seen some of them in the community lately. Clearly, those most impacted are the men and women who have to deal with these new criminals every day - law enforcement officers. It seems to be wearing them out that they arrest violent predator criminals and literally see them out free later that day. The job is more difficult than any of the deputies could have ever imagined when they signed up. From January of 2019 through the end of this month, 40 deputy

sheriffs have left the Butte County Sheriff’s Department, totaling a loss of over 570 years of experience. Due to vacancies and injuries, approximately 25% of Sheriff’s employees are not available for emergency response. The designated area deputy unit, which focuses on Butte County’s rural communities, only has one deputy. The department of water resources unit, which focuses on the Oroville Dam and Kelly Ridge area, along with emergency planning, search and rescue, and response duties, has four vacant positions. The IMPACT unit, which focuses on criminal street gangs and organized crime, including gang prevention and education, is empty, with two unfilled allocations. We have a law enforcement crisis, and it is only getting worse. It takes more than a year for a new hire to be trained and put into patrol service, and the Sheriff is not finding qualified people to fill the empty spots. Worse over again, other law enforcement agencies - equally short of personnel - are offering \$10,000 signing bonuses and pay raises every day to steal with these new criminals every day. It is the beginning of a catastrophic spiral of vacancies that cause worse working conditions combined with criminals who know they can get away with almost anything and never really be punished. It is not good.

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

# Opening Soon!



By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley is about to get its third grocery store, Grocery Outlet! Work towards the opening of the Gridley location of Grocery Outlet has been underway for the last few months, but speculations on its opening date have finally been confirmed by the company. The store is planning to open on April 28th to the public. The public will be

notified as to when to expect the store’s Grand Opening and ribbon cutting, celebrations. Last week, merchandisers were at the Gridley location working to stock the shelves with product in preparation for the April 28th opening. If the Gridley Grocery Outlet holds to the same schedule as neighboring stores in Oroville and Yuba City, its hours of operation will be daily, from 7:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M. ★

# Library Finds a Friend in Manzanita 4-H!

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Friends of the Library got more than a little help from some dedicated readers in the Manzanita 4-H group. According to Christy Santillan, one of the advisors to Manzanita 4-H, the group had heard that the Gridley Friends of the Library books sale was in danger of being cancelled for lack of book donations. As part of 4-H’s mission to give back to their community through service, Santillan said that the group decided to “get them some books!” The total number of books collected isn’t known, but Manzanita



Manzanita 4-H rolled up their sleeves and got to work collecting books for the Gridley Friends of the Library Book Sale. Pictured here: Gemma Donati, Alianna Santillan, Leo Donati, Armando Santillan and Antonio Santillan. Photo courtesy of Christy Santillan

4-H was able to gather 14 boxes overflowing with books to donate to the Friends of Library for a successful sale! Manzanita 4-H would

like to thank all of the community members that donated books to their cause, and ultimately, came to aid of the Gridley Friends of the Library. ★



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**MEMORIAL**

**KAREN MICHELLE NEAL**




Karen Michelle Neal was born on April 28, 1967, in San Pablo, CA to Wilburn and Clea Cooper. She married Gary Neal in 1990 and had three children, Alex, Michelle, and Rachel. She devoted her life to raising her three children and taught them the importance of putting family first, living in the moment, treating everyone with kindness, and how to love unconditionally. She was incredibly strong, and she will always be remembered for her selflessness and generosity to the people around her. Karen and her husband Gary shared a love for gardening and would grow a beautiful and bountiful garden in the summertime. She enjoyed going for drives, listening to music, being in nature, and spending quality time with the people she loved most: her family. One of Karen's favorite places to go was the ocean and would often take trips to Fort Bragg with her family. She was determined and never failed to make birthdays and holidays special for the people she loved. She was the glue that held everyone together. Karen was a devoted Christian and shared her love for Jesus with the people around her. The power of Christ gave her the strength and peace to get through even her toughest days. She believed that God always had a plan bigger and better than any of us could ever imagine. With that, she trusted Him wholeheartedly. We will always carry Karen's memory in our hearts. A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel. Interment will be in the Gridley Biggs cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.



**MEMORIAL**

**CHARLES THOMAS ALDRIDGE**



Charles Thomas Aldridge of Live Oak, CA, passed away in his home surrounded by his loved ones. He was 94. Charles was born December 23, 1927, in Steve, AK, and had been a resident of the Yuba-Sutter area for 80 years. He served the United States Coast Guard from April 1946 until June 1947. He was a Lifetime member of the Live Oak Lions, and served for 8 years as a Board member of the Live Oak Unified School District. He owned and operated Aldridge Contracting building custom homes. His true passion was helping people see their dreams become reality with his attention to detail in every home/ cabin he built. At the age of 62 he received his pilot's license to pursue his love of flying. He loved to soar above the sky and made sure to take a grandchild with him every time he flew. He is preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Bertie Aldridge; brother, Carl Aldridge; sister, Myrt Baker; grandson, Andrew Aldridge; granddaughter, Denyce Aldridge; grandson, Joshua Moore; and great-granddaughter Emma Aldridge. Charles is survived by his wife of 75 years Bernice Aldridge of Live Oak, CA; son, Gary (Regina) Aldridge of Live Oak, CA; daughter, Karen (Spike) Reese of Jerome, ID; daughter Leigh Ann (Tiger) Jones of Gridley, CA; son, Curtis (Lisa) Aldridge of Gridley, CA; 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren; and his older sister Vivian Phillips of Durham. There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 23, 2022, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at Jake's in the Butte County Fairgrounds. The family has designated Live Oak Lions for memorial contributions, PO Box 325, Live Oak, CA 95953.



# Lions’ Easter Egg Hunt Is On! Write It Scared!

By Barbara Ott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - It’s Back! The Gridley Lions Club 44th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Vierra Park is happening live and in-person! No drive through like last year.

The Easter Egg Hunt is a time-honored tradition in Gridley. Come and participate on Saturday, April 16th. The Hunt starts at 11:00 am.

Gridley Lions will be dying 400 dozen (that’s 4,800) hard-boiled eggs. It takes five hours for the Gridley Lions to dye the eggs, an hour to hide them and the hunt is over in approximately 5 minutes!

This hunt is for children ages 0 to 9. The Easter Egg Hunt is divided into hunting groups which are “very young” and “mid-age”. Children in the “very young” group would be ages 0-1, 2-3, 4-5. Parents are allowed in the roped off “very young” areas and can help their young child find eggs. Each of the “very young” participants gets



a raffle ticket to win a stuffed bunny for their respective age group.

Next is the “mid-age” children’s groups: ages 6-7, 8-9. No parents or older siblings are allowed in the “mid-age” areas. They hunt eggs on their own. For them, 5 prize eggs will be painted silver, 5 will be painted gold and 1 will be painted gold and silver. These prize eggs are hidden with all the other eggs, and when one is found that child turns it in for a stuffed bunny prize.

Members of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program will be present, as will the Easter Bunny. Other activities are scheduled at Vierra Park to add to the fun, good time for all. The hunt is free to the public, but the Lions Club asks that you bring a canned good item to donate to a local food closet if possible.

Gridley Lions is getting ready and set to go so the children of this town will have an Easter Egg Hunt to remember! ★



Stacy Frazer, founder of Write It Scared book coaching. Photo courtesy of Stacy Frazer

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Stacy Frazer has changed gears and professions, transitioning from being a well-respected member of the medical community here in Gridley as a practicing physician’s assistant, to starting her own book coaching business, Write It Scared.

Of the change, she says her “dirty little secret” was that she always wanted to be a writer from an early age but lacked the confidence in her younger years.

“I didn’t believe that I was a creative person,” Frazer told the Herald. “I admired people who were, and I looked at books like these amazing, amazing things.”

As she grew up, Frazer followed what she calls a “very linear path,” first pursuing a degree in economics, and then returning for a second degree, her medical degree from UC Davis. But, after 10 years practicing as a physician’s assistant, much of it spent at the Gridley Medical Group, her passion for books and writing could no longer be ignored. She was destined to write. With trepidation, she began to blog.

“I didn’t feel creative, but I definitely felt like I had something to say,” Frazer said.

As she grew within the craft and found her footing in the creative realm, Frazer wanted to express to others that had experienced her same fear of writing that “true strength really came from honoring our vulnerability and sharing it, not pretending that we were perfect.” Frazer’s blog was the first step in her journey, leading her to her own author accelerator/certified book coach, who helped her work through her first novel which she is now squaring away with agents.

Frazer uncovered her true passion, which was not only writing, but for coaching others in the craft.

“In my heart of hearts, I’ve always been like a coaching type of person,” Frazer explained. “I just love to see people grow, wherever it is from.”

After 15 months of training and testing, Frazer is now an author accelerator certified book coach. She has founded her own book coaching business which she named, “Write It Scared.” The name was inspired by the anxiety she feels every time she sits down to write.

“Taking a risk to reach for your dream is better than staying small and playing it safe,” Frazer said.

Her mission with Write It Scared is to “create a safe, supportive, joyful space for writers to find their answer and learn to trust their voice and write the stories burning in your heart.” Thus, she has created small group coaching classes combined with one-on-one coaching called “Draft it Scared and Revise it Scared.” These 12-week classes are designed to give writers the tools needed to draft or revise their novels.

Write It Scared drafting and revising classes open the first week of May. Space is limited to six writers per class. Frazer is also teaching a free writer’s workshop on character development via Zoom on April 19 at 9 A.M.

For more information about author accelerator certified book coaching services please visit Write It Scared’s website: [writeitscared.co](https://writeitscared.co). To register for upcoming classes, please visit the following link: <https://calendly.com/writeitscared/the-story-before-the-story-character-workshop>. ★

## Ag Discovery Day



Incoming Freshmen got a taste of what they could do in the GHS floral department during FFA AG Discovery Day, making boutonnieres and learning basics about floral design. Photo courtesy of Seti Long

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As mentioned, the Ag Department is preparing for its upcoming plant sale, with proceeds benefitting the Ag Department. The FFA Spring Plant Sale, comprised of succulents, flowering plants and vegetables grown by Ag students, will be held April 19th and 21st, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Ag welding students will have hand-made garden art on display for sale, and those inclined may also pick up FFA gear in support of the organization.

If interested in the sale, but unable to attend during the scheduled hours, AG Advisor Ms. Madelyn Vaca says the public may email her directly at [mvaca@gusd.org](mailto:mvaca@gusd.org) or call the school at (530) 846 -4791 to schedule an appointment for a greenhouse visit. ★



Ella Hughes and Levi Sprague educated incoming Freshmen about the potential animal projects they can have as part of the FFA program. Photo courtesy of Seti Long

## CA Dream Fund to Award Microgrants to Small Businesses

**Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The NorCal SBDC Network is teaming up with the California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GoBiz) to provide eligible small businesses the opportunity to apply for a grant award of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The Dream Fund is a one-time \$35 million grant program to seed entrepreneurship and small business creation for businesses started in the State of California on or after July 1, 2019. The grant is available to qualifying businesses that meet all eligibility criteria and complete the small

business training program provided by the Norcal SBDC.

Following successful completion of the 5-week training program, businesses will be eligible to apply for a microgrant of up to \$10,000.

Eligible business owners are to sign up at [www.norcal sbdc.org/dream/#more](http://www.norcal sbdc.org/dream/#more); You will then be enrolled in a five-week training program; Eligible businesses will have at least one counseling session with a Norcal SBDC Advisor during that time; Following satisfactory completion of training and counseling, eligible businesses will be referred to the grantmaking entity, Lendistry, to proceed with granting of up to \$10,000. ★



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# Local Swimmer Competes in Championships

Story and photo by Mindy Routon

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Billy Routon of the North State Narwhals Swim Team qualified and recently competed Thursday to Sunday in the Far Western Championships held in Morgan Hill. This meet hosted more than 1,300 athletes from 140 teams, representing nine different western

states. Routon competed in the 100-meter butterfly, 100-meter backstroke and 200-meter butterfly. He is an eighth-grade student at Manzanita Elementary School and hopes to swim for Gridley High School next fall. The North State Narwhals Swim Team is coached by Betsy Aird in Chico. Routon began swimming for the Gridley Gators at 4-years. ★



Manzanita Elementary School eighth grader Billy Routon poses for a photo with his coach Betsy Aird on Sunday, April 10 at the Far Western Championships in Morgan Hill.

# Watching Your Waste

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As concerns were raised by community members and questions of council members addressed by WM, the company reinforced the idea that they would continue to work with the customers and as more data is collected from carts being monitored, dial in its operations. “If it looks like something’s just not working, you know we’ll fix it,” a Waste Management representative said at the meeting. ★

# District Attorneys Announce Settlement with PG&E

North State District Attorneys Press Release

QUINCY, CA (MPG) - On April 11th, 2022, the District Attorneys of Plumas, Lassen, Tehama, Shasta and Butte Counties announced they have reached a settlement with PG&E over that company’s responsibility for the 2021 Dixie Fire. The civil prosecution settlement obligates PG&E to make rapid payments by this summer to those who lost their homes in the Dixie Fire; to continue to make extensive improvements in the safety and reliability of PG&E infrastructure in the North State and the affected counties; to be subject to oversight by the District Attorneys through an independent safety monitor; to pay nearly \$30 million to recompense local charities and organizations involved in mitigating the effects of the fire; and to pay penalties and costs of the investigation to the DA offices (none of which can be recoverable in customer

rates). The consortium of District Attorneys, labeled the “North State DAs” in the settlement, filed a civil rather than criminal complaint in Plumas County Superior Court accusing PG&E of unlawful business practices. After negotiations with PG&E, a stipulated Final Judgment was filed resolving the case. The DAs noted the civil Judgment allowed more flexibility in demanding changes in PG&E’s safety practices, and to obtain rapid restitution to those who lost homes and property in the Dixie Fire, while putting the company on essentially a five-year probation. The North State DAs said the settlement was part of a larger settlement involving the Sonoma County District Attorney’s settlement of the 2019 Kincadee Fire that also occurred in the Sonoma County Superior Court. The local DAs expressed appreciation for the technical and legal help by the Sonoma County District Attorney Jill Ravitch and her consumer/environmental

protection staff in crafting the Dixie Fire civil complaint. The DAs stated it was decided to pursue the Dixie Fire as a civil prosecution rather than a criminal prosecution to maximize the return to the fire victims rather than to seek criminal penalties. The DAs noted that the maximum criminal fines possible in the Dixie Fire, where thankfully no one died, was only \$329,417. The civil contributions, penalties and payouts established for PG&E in the settlement judgment will instead be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The DAs also expressed appreciation for PG&E’s good-faith cooperation in the settlement process noting the company’s behavior and safety practices seem to be improving under its new leadership. Additionally, the DAs felt the required five-year independent DA safety monitor will give assurances to the public that PG&E will live up to its promises. Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey noted

that although Butte County lost no structures in the Dixie Fire, he was pleased that PG&E suggested and agreed to the “Direct Payments for Community Recovery Framework” portion of the stipulated Judgment, which will allow for rapid payments to “our neighbors to the east” who lost their homes. Ramsey said the North State DAs were concerned that protracted litigation could prolong and delay payments – a situation many Camp Fire victims are still enduring due to the PG&E bankruptcy. “This settlement avoids both a bankruptcy and inordinate delay for the Dixie Fire homeowners and renters – particularly those without insurance.” Ramsey said although he agreed that PG&E has made significant progress in safety efforts, the settlement will accelerate and cement those efforts. (Such as making detailed inspections of transmission towers mandatory every year rather than the pre-Camp Fire practice of approximately every five years.)

Ramsey said he was particularly adamant that PG&E agree to an independent safety monitor that would check on PG&E’s safety practices and promises with “experts in the various fields.” This independent safety monitor reports directly to the District Attorneys, Ramsey said. The engineering firm selected to be the DA safety monitor already has extensive experience with monitoring PG&E through the federal monitor program recently ended. Ramsey said the selected engineering firm is also working with the CPUC in a separate monitoring program of PG&E. The DA safety monitor contract, paid for by PG&E, is much more extensive than the CPUC program. The DA safety monitor will have actual “boots on the ground” monitoring. Ramsey said, quoting Ronald Reagan, that the required independent safety monitor is important to the DAs promise to their communities to “trust, but verify” PG&E’s ongoing commitment to safety. ★

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# Dear Dietitian

## Belly Fat



**Commentary by Leanne McCrate**

*Dear Dietitian,*

I have recently lost about 20 pounds, but the problem is that I cannot seem to lose weight around my midsection. What foods can I eat to lose belly fat?

*Signed Maria*

*Dear Maria,*

Oh! That stubborn belly fat! I know it all too well. While researching this topic, I found several sites on the internet with claims that certain foods will burn belly fat. The problem is that it is a MYTH that any food will burn fat on a specific area of your body. Food is fuel for your body, like gasoline is fuel for your car. Studies have been conducted on foods to see if they increase metabolism, and the results showed that some foods minimally raised metabolism but not enough to affect weight loss.

Two factors determine body fat. First, if you consume more calories than you burn, your body will eventually store that as fat to be used later when you do not get enough to eat. Another thing that largely determines where you put on weight is genetics. If your parents gain extra weight around the midsection, it is more

likely that you will, too.

While some studies have shown that certain weight-loss diets reduce intraabdominal fat, this is fat around the stomach and other organs, not around the waist. We know that carrying extra weight around your waistline is a risk factor for heart disease and type 2 diabetes. For women, a waist greater than 35 inches determines a higher risk; for men, a waist greater than 40 inches.

Increasing muscle mass by exercising will increase metabolism, but most people will not gain enough muscle to affect weight loss. However, exercising has many positive benefits; you will feel better, sleep better, and look better with toned muscles.

As far as weight loss, there is no magic trick. You simply have to take in fewer calories than you burn. If you lose weight slowly (one pound per week), you will lose fat instead of muscle. Try to be patient. You should start seeing results in 2-4 weeks. Weight loss occurs all over the body, even those stubborn places like the belly. Talk to your doctor or a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) before beginning a weight loss plan.

*Until next time, be healthy!*  
*Dear Dietitian*

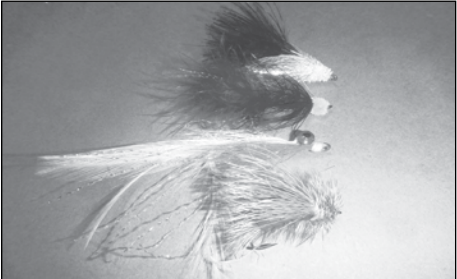
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Fishing rating scale: (b) Excellent • (a) Good • (g) Poor (bad)

**LOCAL FISHING**

#2 of The Series: Rucker Lake “Red Band Trout.” He differs from the rainbow trout with larger spots, orange/red lateral lines (red band), white tips on his dorsal, pectoral and anal fins, and maintains his parr marks into adulthood. 10-plus inches. Attractor flies...



Top to Bottom: Woolly Bugger, Marabou Muddler, Clouser, Stimulator

USE: Woolly Buggers, Marabou Muddler, Clousers and Stimulators. (b) Bullards Bar Reservoir; kokes up the Yuba Arm. 10-fish limits of 10"-11" fish. USE: Pink and Orange Hoochies. (b) Englebright Reservoir; rainbows of 18" found above the 5-MPH buoy, Yuba River Arm. USE: Rapala, or Speedy Shiner. (b) Shad starting upriver, stay tuned for future reports.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA**

San Pablo Bay to Berkeley Flats. All boats limiting on halibuts. USE: Tray Baits (b) Monterey Bay; sport salmon scattered. Mooching...USE: Tray Baits. (g) Delta,



Drifting Halibut Rig

Pittsburg/Antioch; sturgeon active. USE: Salmon Roe. (a) Stripers at West Bank to Rio Vista. A huge barge scattered the stripers. USE: Rattletrap. (g) Delta Striper Derby; Broad Slough, West Bank to Rio Vista. All small 20"/6lb fish. Caught on out-going tide. USE: Silver/Blue Back ¾" Rattletrap. (g)

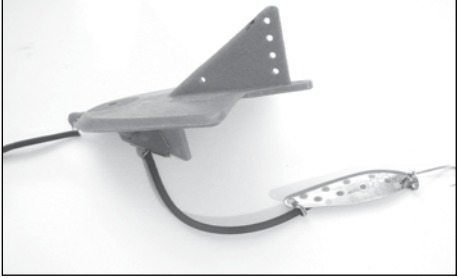
**COASTAL WATERS**

Monterey Bay to Bodega Bay. Party boats

at Duxbury Reef landing limits of sport salmon. Mooching...USE: Tray Baits. (b)

**LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS**

Camanche Lake; rainbows hooking up. Planers boards, 2.7 MPH at 5'-50' deep. USE: Speedy Shiner. (b) Lake Berryessa; King salmon of 6-7lbs. Troll



Planer Board w/ Speedy Shiner

40"-110' deep. USE: Dodger w/ Cut Bait . (g) Whiskeytown Lake. Culling limits to average of 15" Kokes. Slow troll 1.5 MPH. USE: Hoochies. (b) West Valley Reservoir; a high desert reservoir at 4770'. Contains Sacramento perch, Eagle lake strain rainbows, and Lots and Lots of Catfish. But the main attraction is the “West Valley Hot Springs”. After a hard day of catfishing!

**RIVER FISHING**

Sacramento River; Tisdale to Horseshoe Bend. (parking lot packed). Striper keepers of 19"-24", many shakers. Drifting...USE: Live Jumbo Minnows. (a) Sacramento River, Colusa; a few sturgeon netted. USE: Cured Salmon Roe. (g) Feather River stripers. Launch Verona, jet boat to Hwy 99 Bridge (sand bars?) Few stripers of 8lbs. Fly fish... USE: Clouser Minnow. (a)

**TROUT PLANTS**

1-16 Upper Blue Lake  
2-13 Baum Lake  
2-27 Middle Hat Creek  
3-27 Folsom Lake  
4-3 Englebright Reservoir  
4-10 De Sabla Res.  
4-17 Bullards Bar

Don't worry about the “Ins and outs” just pull him in. ~ **Brownie**

# The Hope of Renewal

**By Barbara Ott**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Spring is traditionally a time of renewal. The earth coming to life after winter. Plants unfurl to the light and the fruiting begins.

It is also the time in the Christian churches for the resurrection (renewal) of Christ. It can be said it is the most sacred time in the Christian calendar. Interestingly enough, the first Christians knew to help those who were not of the Christian faith to come to Christ, their traditional celebrations were intertwined with the gospels of becoming Christian.

The residual origins of ancient Spring Equinox celebrations can be seen in the current time when we celebrate Easter with bunnies, chicks, and eggs. All are traditional metaphors for abundance and renewal. According to the History website (<https://www.history.co.uk/articles/the-pagan-roots-of-easter>) the spring


celebrations of the ancient world in Mesopotamia were based on the goddess Inanna, who was blessed with returning in spring as the sun. She would hold that role for the next six months before returning to the underworld.

We also see these spring celebrations of renewal in ancient Egyptian and Greek cultures. Once most of Europe became Christian and the celebration of the Resurrection became a part of life, Easter was and is always on the Sunday that follows the first full moon of the Spring Equinox.

There is a lot of speculation about the word “Easter” and where it originated. It could be based on the Hebrew for Passover, Pesach. It also might be from the Anglo-Saxons for the goddess Eostre, who was celebrated in the spring with many of the symbols we use like egg hunts, rabbits and chickens. Springtime is a time of renewal however it is celebrated. ★

# Thoughts to Ponder

*by Kathy Neal*



He gives His word from years to years that are fulfilled. From the day God cast His first family out of the garden, He has had plans to reclaim His children and set the world back on the correct path.

We are all going to die. As my Mom always told me, “There nothing certain but death and taxes.” However, God didn’t plan for this. He wanted a living, daily relationship with His creatures. Can you imagine that? Walking, talking, and eating with the Creator. Well, that didn’t work out as planned! Man, disobeyed brining in evil and death.

It crushed the Lord to not be able to be face-to-face with His children. On top of that the children would die, dust to dust. As Adam and Eve brought evil into our existence, now man would be asked to eliminate death and sin with His Son’s life.

We have a living, faithful God. He makes promises and He keeps them. He makes covenants and honors them.

God knows all, sees all, and is all powerful. Nothing escapes His senses. All of creation is in His control. That is why His plans are always fulfilled. It is always in His time.

God’s word always comes true. Some 700 years before Jesus’ birth, the prophet Isaiah prophesized about the suffering servant, Jesus. “Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, et we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and affected. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our inequities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

God had made plans to

defeat death so His children could one day live with Him in Paradise. Jesus had to do God’s will (plans) so He could pay the penalty for all sins.

In Revelation John describes a new heaven, a new earth, and a new Jerusalem.

God will do as He has promised. He gave His Son to accomplish it. Death is defeated, the world has been conquered by God’s power, mercy, grace, and forgiveness, we can claim salvation. That is what Easter is all about. A new horizon.

*Come enjoy the Easter season and God’s salvation United Methodist Church. On regular Sundays we meet at 10 am. On Easter Sunday we will meet at 7:30 am for a sunrise service, which will be followed by an Easter potluck breakfast. Also, for lent we will have a Saturday prayer service at 10 am. There will be a Good Friday service at 6 pm. Please join us for all these celebrations of God’s love of us.* ★

# Biggs-Gridley 4th of July Celebration

**Message from Mike Buck, Biggs Council Member**

I, as a Council Member in Biggs, just would like our community to be aware of the possibility of us losing our firework show this year, and probably forever, if we can’t find a way to put this together.

This show has been taking place for nearly 20 years and, in my opinion, would be another thing we Americans are being asked, or forced, to give up.

I am old enough to remember stock car races on Saturday nights at the Butte County Fair Grounds, fireworks, and a whole day of activity at the Butte County Fairgrounds on the 4th of July. The Butte County Fair has been Shortened. There were drag races out by the Oroville Airport. I’m sure there’s plenty more all of you remember also, and most of it is all gone too.

I have included portions of the letter from our vendor, Fireworks & Stage FX America, sent to Brian Bassett, of Biggs Festival Events, who puts on the Biggs firework show, with new costs and reasons for this plea to you here:

“I want to clarify the issues facing our industry and why the cost of fireworks has risen dramatically.

“So here is where we are at:

“Prices for fireworks has risen 75% just for the fireworks.

Shipping of the fireworks from China is sparce, inconsistent, and many orders are not arriving in the US.

“Last year shipping cost for a 40-foot container was \$9,000.00.

Because the fireworks are not being received in the U.S. many fireworks

companies are purchasing private containers and working together to get the fireworks on a private barge to get the product here on time for the Fourth of July. This cost is up in the \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00 for one 40 foot container.

“Along with the shipping and availability issues we are having a trucking shortage here in California.


Add gas prices on top of that.

“Most companies are turning down Fourth of July shows under \$25,000.00

“You have requested a 20-minute display.

“The average price for a show is now \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00 per minute. Thus, bringing your show budget up to \$24,000.00 for a 20 minute display.”

I ask both communities of Gridley and Biggs for large donations or small, to help save our day of celebration - the 4th of July fireworks show. If we don’t, it’s probably gone forever. ★





# Burn Permits Required Beginning April 15

## CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Beginning Friday, April 15, 2022 all Butte County residents planning to burn residential door-yard debris will be required to have a burn permit in their possession. Free permits can be obtained at [burnpermit.fire.ca.gov](http://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov).

All the burning regulations can be viewed by visiting [www.buttecounty.net/fire](http://www.buttecounty.net/fire) and clicking the orange "CAN I BURN TODAY?" button. Note the change in allowed burn hours during the permit period. Starting April 15, burning is allowed between 6:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Permissible Burn Days as reported on the Butte County Air Quality Management District website ([bcaqmd.org](http://bcaqmd.org)) or by calling 530-332-9407.

During the permit period, April 15 until the date burning is suspended, residential burning rules are the same throughout the

county except in the following areas:

City of Oroville: Permits required year-round. Burn hours and locations determined seasonally by jurisdiction; City of Chico: No burning allowed year-round; Town of Paradise: Burn permits are required and must be purchased online at [www.townofparadise.com](http://www.townofparadise.com). If internet is not an option, you can obtain a burn permit at Station 81, 767 Birch Street, during office hours: 8AM to 5PM. Burning is typically suspended June 1st each year until the end of CAL FIRE's declared Fire Season.

CAL FIRE Butte Unit Fire Chief Garrett Sjolund reminds Butte County residents to be careful when working outdoors during the spring and summer months. "Burning your yard waste can be an effective part of your defensible space plan, but you need to make sure you're following all the burning rules and regulations because you can be held liable if that fire escapes your control." ★

# Candidate Forum Held for Sutter County and Yuba County Supervisors

## Feather River Tea Party Patriots

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced the second in a series of Candidate Forums. All candidates for Sutter County and Yuba County Supervisor have been invited to share their positions on the key issues facing the Yuba-Sutter area at the April 18, 2022, meeting.

The following candidates have been invited to participate:

Yuba County Supervisor Candidates, **District 1:** Andy Vasquez (I), Kristopher Kramer, Eric Mallow; Yuba County Supervisor Candidates, **District 5:** Zachary Cross, Bob Bagley, Jon Messick; Sutter County Supervisor Candidates, **District 2:** Dan Flores (I) and Courtney Ortega; Sutter County Supervisor Candidate, **District 3:** Mike Ziegenmeyer (I) Unopposed.

The moderator, Larry Virga, Feather

River Tea Party Patriots Founder and CEO, will introduce the participants and allow time for them to review their qualifications and respective campaigns. There will then be questions from a panel of community representatives and attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions, followed by closing remarks by each of the participants.

The Feather River Tea Party Patriots meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 at the Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City.

Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no membership requirement and no cost to attend. Doors open at 6:00 pm; come early to meet the candidates, socialize with like-minded neighbors, and get a good seat. For more information contact Larry Virga at (530) 755-4409. ★

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Send us your stories, comical tales, lessons learned, and your perspective about why this continues to be a remarkable community

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## COACHING VACANCIES

Gridley High School is currently looking to fill the following coaching positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

### Fall Sports

Varsity Sideline Cheer  
JV Sideline Cheer

### Winter Sports

Wrestling Assistant Coach  
(Boys/Girls)

If you'd like more information about each position, contact our Athletic Director:

Nathan Link at [nlink@gusd.org](mailto:nlink@gusd.org)

Applications can be found on the Athletics page on the Gridley High School website.

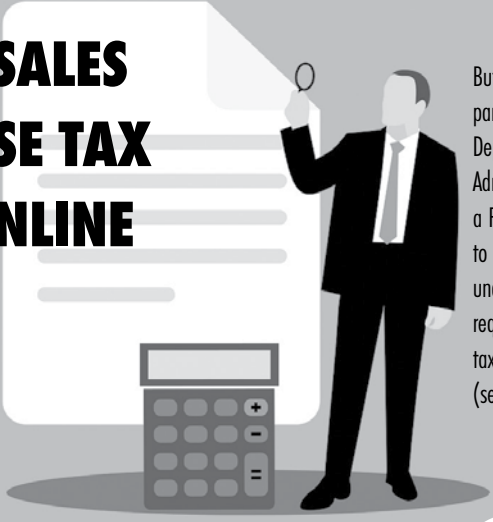
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Butte College SBDC in partnership with California Department of Tax & Fee Administration, is hosting a FREE Zoom Webinar to help businesses understand their tax requirements and file their taxes online with ease (see details below).

Gain an understanding of sales and use tax, district tax, taxable and nontaxable labor, as well as foreign and interstate taxability. Find out if you need a seller's permit and learn how to complete a resale certificate. Understand what exemptions & deductions are available and the formula for selling items

"tax included". Get a solid foundation on record-keeping and filing requirements. See all the online services now available including registration, filing, payment, free industry tax guides and publications related to your business. Finally, get step-by-step instructions on how to file your Sales and Use

When you register, a link to access the webinar will be emailed to you prior to the event.

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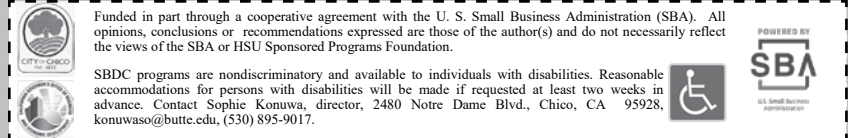
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# SPARKY'S CORNER



## Fire Extinguishers

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the #1 priority for residents is to get out safely.

Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

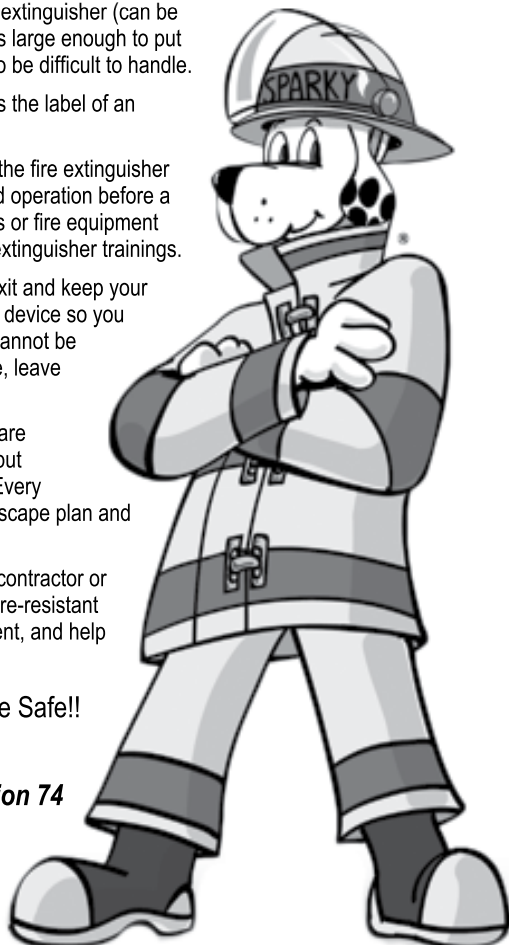
### SAFETY TIPS

- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:
- **Pull** the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- **Aim** low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **Squeeze** the lever slowly and evenly.
- **Sweep** the nozzle from side-to-side.
- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

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

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

**Sparky the Dog**  
**Gridley Fire Station 74**





# Mother Charged with Murder for Deaths of Her Children

## Yuba County Sheriff's Department Media Release

**LINDA, CA (MPG)** - Yuba County Sheriff Detectives arrested a 26-year-old mother, identified as Courtney Williams, for the alleged homicide of her two young children at their Linda home just before noon Thursday, April 7.

The Yuba County Sheriff dispatch center received a 911 call from the father of the children at approximately 11:45 A.M. Thursday morning, reporting possible drownings at their home in the 6100 block of Sunshine Avenue in Linda. (The call was transferred from Beale Air Force Base due to cell tower routing but did not involve the base or USAF personnel.)

Deputies responded to the home and discovered

the unresponsive infant and toddler in the bathroom. Deputies immediately began CPR, but despite attempts at life saving measures, both children were declared dead at the scene.

Investigators initially learned that the father of the children returned home from work just before noon for lunch, when his wife, Courtney, allegedly told him that she had hurt the children. When he searched the home, he found the two young boys, ages 5 months and 2 1/2-years-old, unresponsive in the bathtub full of water. At this time, detectives believe the apparent drowning of the boys was intentional. The investigation is still in the very early stages and continues to be active and ongoing at this time.

“The tragic loss of 5-month-old Holden and his 2 1/2-year-old

brother Ronin reverberates throughout our department and into the community,” said Yuba County Sheriff Wendell Anderson. “There are no words to adequately describe the sadness we feel for the family at this time.”

**UPDATE AS OF APRIL 13:** Yuba County District Attorney Clint Curry filed charges Monday morning, April 11, against Courtney Roxanne Williams, age 25, for the murder of her sons, Ronin Williams, age 2, and Holden Williams, age 5 months.

The complaint alleges two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of child abuse resulting in death. Mrs. Williams faces a maximum penalty of life without the possibility of parole. She remains in custody and was arraigned in Yuba County Superior Court on Monday at 3 P.M. ★

# Tea Party Patriots Hosts Town Hall for Sheriffs



**Yuba County Sheriff Wendell Anderson (left) and Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes (right), flank Larry Virga (Center) of the Feather River Tea Party Patriots.** Photo courtesy of Brenna Bontrager

*By Brenna Bontrager*

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - On Monday, April 4th, the Feather River Tea Party Patriots hosted a town hall meeting at the Crossroads Community Church in Yuba City. Sheriff Brandon Barnes of Sutter County and Sheriff Wendell Anderson of Yuba County met with Tea Party members and local citizens to discuss various community safety issues, ranging from disaster preparedness to staffing at the local jails.

Both Sheriffs have local roots and were elected in 2015. Since then, the two have had the shared goal of maintaining safety while at the same time protecting their constituents’ constitutional rights. A priority that The Feather River Tea Party Patriots believe in firmly. This was especially crucial at the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic. The two communicated daily and did their best to follow safety precautions without creating undue burdens. “We had to step up and we had to, probably more than we expected, work hard to protect, you know, everyone’s rights and honor the oath that we took.” Said Barnes

Many of the locals present shared their concerns regarding crime, homelessness, and drug use. The Sheriffs are in the process of filling multiple positions in the law enforcement and corrections departments, and Sutter County has recently added a motorcycle officer to its police force. Yuba County has made it a priority to monitor homeless encampments and deal with the issue of homelessness. “The push has been in the river bottoms and move some homeless people to where we think they should be...” explained Anderson.

During the evening, individuals had the chance to share concerns and ask questions of Barnes and Anderson. Most questions were regarding public safety, although some participants had questions about COVID restrictions, such as the legalities of requiring masks in public spaces in 55 plus communities. Both Anderson and Barnes expressed their commitment to working with their communities to make them safe and financially stable.

For more information on the Feather River Tea Party Patriots please visit their website [www.featherriverteapartypatriots.ning.com](http://www.featherriverteapartypatriots.ning.com) ★

# California Climate Credit?

## California Public Utilities Commission News Release

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG)** - This April\* your utility bill will include a credit identified as the “California Climate Credit.” Your household and millions of others throughout the state will receive this credit on your utility bills.

The California Climate Credit is part of California’s efforts to fight climate change. This credit is from a state program that requires power plants, natural gas providers, and other large industries that emit greenhouse gases to buy carbon pollution permits. The credit on your bill is your

share of the payments from the State’s program.

The California Climate Credit is one of many programs resulting from landmark legislation called the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Together, these programs are cutting pollution, creating jobs and investing in cleaner energy and transportation. Your Climate Credit is designed to help you join in these efforts.

For more information about the Climate Credit, visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/climate-credit](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/climate-credit). For more information about climate change science and programs to reduce carbon pollution, visit [www.climatechange.ca.gov](http://www.climatechange.ca.gov). ★

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RENEE LEHMKUHL CASE No. 22PR00146

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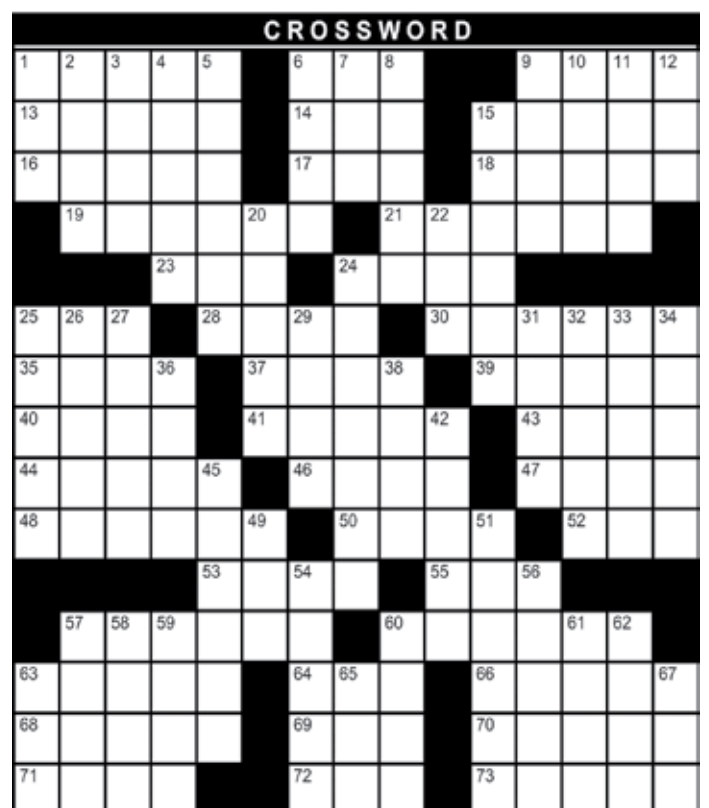
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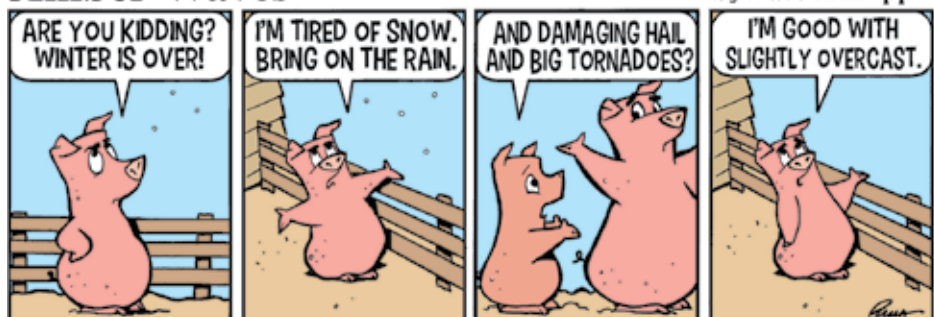


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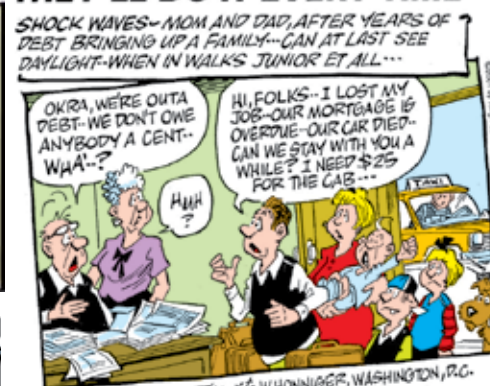
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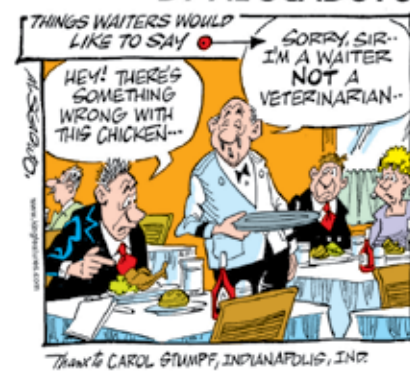


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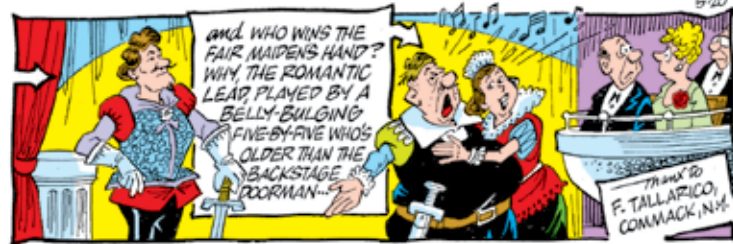
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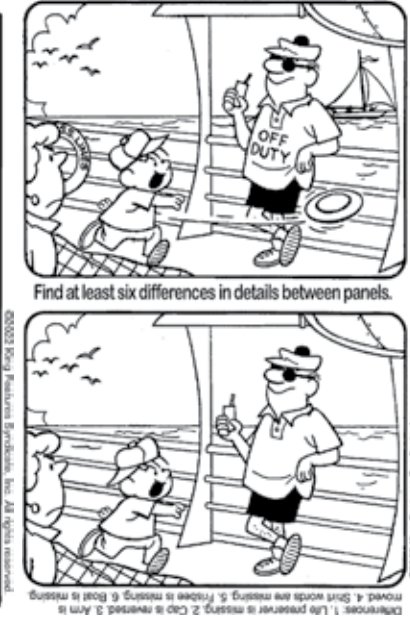
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# Biggs Track and Field Team Achieves Success

By Seti Long

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - Midway through the season, the Biggs High School Wolverines track and field team has two major standouts.

At the Vern Regier Invitational on April 1 in Durham, California, Biggs track and field athletes went up against 15 different schools, including: North Tahoe, Wheatland, Durham, Hamilton City, Clear Lake, Oroville, Providence Christian, Corning, Sutter, Pierce, Las Plumas, Colusa, Lindhurst and CORE Butte.

The Biggs boy’s varsity team would take on 14 of the aforementioned teams, as Wheatland took first place with 103 overall points. Biggs finished in second to last place with a score of 1.

The Wolverine girls would take on one more team than the boys, competing against 15 other teams. North Tahoe placed first with an overall total of 74.5 points. Biggs came in 11th with an overall score of 21.

Biggs senior Baylee Bowles cemented herself in the history books by tying a school record for the high jump at 4’8”, which is also her new personal record. Bowles would also



**Biggs senior Baylee Bowles poses for a photo with the two medals that she won in the high jump and triple jump at the Vern Regier Invitational on Friday, April 1 in Durham.** Photo courtesy of Steve Williams



**Biggs freshman Emily Williams strains her neck to see her time on the scoreboard for the 100-meters race at the Vern Regier Invitational on Friday, April 1 in Durham.** Photo courtesy of Steve Williams

take first place in the triple jump, soaring to a height of 31’ 8”.

On the track, Biggs freshman Emily Williams displayed incredible speed, placing 1st in the 100-meters with a time of 14.56 seconds and 200-meter races with a time of 31.35 seconds against a tough field of competition.

Bowles and Williams were the only Wolverines to represent Biggs at the Chico Track and Field Invitational on April 9, competing against 40 area schools. Both continued to perform well even with the added challenge of competing in gale force winds.

“The wind was crazy on the track,” said Biggs coach Steve Williams. “You could literally see the kids slow down into the headwinds and then significantly speed up with their backs to the wind.”

Bowles took 2nd place in the high jump, reaching a height of 4’6”, and 3rd place in the triple jump, reaching a height of 31’3”. Williams placed 1st and set a new personal record in the 100-meters with a time of 14.05 seconds.

The Biggs track and field team competed again Wednesday, April 13 at the MVL Meet held at Durham High School. The results of the meet were unavailable by press time. ★

# Gridley Boy’s Tennis Has Up and Down Week

By Ed Itori

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The first time Paradise Adventist Academy and Gridley High School faced off on the tennis courts this year, Paradise senior Tanner Sitanggang was nowhere to be found and Gridley won the match 6-3.

Sitanggang was not about to miss the rematch on March 29 at Gridley (5-6, 4-3 Butte View League). The Paradise (5-4, 2-0) senior displayed an awesome serve and powerful groundstrokes to beat Bulldogs junior Spencer Davis 6-1, 6-1 in their matchup of top seeds.

Gridley sophomore Ryan Woolery increased his games-won total against sophomore Cedric Smith in their rematch, but it was not enough as Smith prevailed again. Junior Wyatt Smith was also missing from the first meet. He showed the Bulldogs what they were missing with a solid

all-around game during his victory over junior Jeremy Longmire.

No. 5 seed sophomore Eric Ramirez continued to show improvement as the Bulldogs lineman from the football team went to a third-set tiebreak against senior Alex Arriaza. Ramirez was edged out 6-4, 5-7, 4-10.

No. 6 seed freshman Cesar Ortiz needed seven games to win his first set over freshman Dillian Rios, but then won the second set easily 6-0. Ortiz then paired with senior Taylor Johnson and the two won their doubles match 8-2 over senior Luke Selby and freshman Matt Camozzi. It was Ortiz’s fourth doubles victory of the season and Johnson’s second in as many tries.

Bulldog head coach Bob Moffitt said he was hopeful the meet would re-enforce the lessons learned at the hands of Orland (11-3, 8-0) and Oroville (8-2, 5-2 WSL) in the

previous two weeks.

“We have seen our future in these three schools,” Moffitt said. “We must improve our topspin game and our ball placement. If we do not, we are going to really struggle when it comes playoff time. These are lessons you would rather learn early in a season rather than later.”

The Bulldogs would rebound two days later as Las Plumas came to town (0-8, 0-7 WSL). With only three players available, Las Plumas was already bound to lose the match via forfeit. However, Lee Howard from Las Plumas was not in the mood to see his squad totally white-washed. He rebounded from a 6-1 first-set drubbing at the hands of Davis to even the match with a 6-0 win of his own.

Howard would win the tiebreak 10-3. Woolery and Longmire beat Troy Atkins and Nathan Cruz respectively in straight sets. Atkins and Cruz

would fall to Ortiz and Ramirez in doubles 8-3. For the second-straight meet, Ortiz was named player of the match for the Bulldogs.

In an exhibition match, Moffitt and Las Plumas head coach Rob Rodney squared off against Davis and Howard (the two No. 1 seeds from each team) and prevailed 8-6.

“Thank goodness Rob can play. Otherwise, I would have been dead meat,” said a grinning Moffitt afterward. “It was awesome to see a coach of any sport demonstrate that competition is supposed to be fun with his idea that we should play the two No. 1s. I wish more coaches were like Rob and focused on that aspect of competition rather than just winning.”

The Bulldogs topped the .500 mark for the second time this season in Butte View League play. They will play Corning (3-8, 2-7 WSL) and Orland next week. ★

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