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## Color Run More than Fun!



Color was everywhere during the final laps of the California Junior Scholarship Foundation Color Fun Run to benefit the North Valley Sparrow Foundation. Runners pictured left to right: Charlie Medina, Cooper Bunn, Harper Solander, Alexis Alcantar, Joe Schohr, Adriana Villarreal, Lucas Spade. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Some 282 students and staff members at Sycamore School were turned the colors of the rainbow as the California Junior Scholarship Foundation (CJSF) held its largest fundraiser of the year, the Color Fun Run.

Tuesday, March 22nd, students and staff came together to support cancer patients, survivors and their families by donating all proceeds of the Color Fun Run to the North Valley Sparrow Foundation (NVSF). The NVSF is a nonprofit dedicated to providing emotional and financial support to

cancer patients throughout Northern California and currently serves 23 rural counties.

While wild colors would soon fly, filling the air with brightly colored chalk, but before the anxious crowd hit the pavement, a humbling presentation was held.

On behalf of the North Valley Sparrow Foundation, Secretary for the nonprofit and teacher at Sycamore School, Michelle Solis, quieted the rowdy group for a special moment. Burgundy ribbons had been shared with those in attendance to be pinned to their shirts, in honor of teacher Mrs. Becky McCarthy, who

lost her life to Multiple Myeloma. McCarthy taught 8th grade history at the school for 25 years.

In addition to that honor, teacher Ms. Sheila Nichols organized the purchase of 100 butterflies to be released after Mrs. Solis addressed the crowd with a reading about the butterfly's representation and how it ties into the NVSF cause. Her words were as follows:

"As an ancient legend goes, if anyone desires a wish to come true, they must capture a butterfly and whisper that wish to it. Since butterflies make no sound, they can't tell anyone that

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## Butts, Budgets, Power and Grants

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - At its last regular meeting, the Gridley City Council heard from local group, Si Se Puede, organized by youth to address and educate on the matter of tobacco and vape use and their ramifications in our community.

Recently, volunteers with Si Se Puede held multiple park cleanups, which it referenced to in its presentation to the Council along with detailed information about the toxins and risks, both to humans and the environment, associated with tobacco use such as lung cancer and tossed cigarette butts. At the end of the presentation, the group asked council members to consider making each of our public parks smoke-and-vape-free zones.

Council then voted on applicants to the Planning Commission, installing Richard Holland and Jess Adams to the two vacant seats on the 5-member commission with a 3-1 vote (Johnson, Farr, Calderon: Yes, Sanchez: No, Torres: Absent).

Moving on, council heard from Elisa Artega, Finance Director, regarding 2021-2022 budget modifications through appropriating supplemental funds. In early March, Council held budgeting study sessions to act as a partial year review of the current budget. It was discovered that increases in fuel costs, maintenance costs, CIP projects and communications have affected expenditures. After analysis and financial additions to areas of the budget, Artega informed council that funds are still within cap limits. Artega took a moment to apprise the council that a separate fund had been established for the Greenhouse Carbon Credits, an SB 928 fund that will track any expenditures or credits. Council voted to accept supplemental funds for the 2021-2022 budget 4-0.

Agenda Item 6 was an informal update on the Assignment Administration Agreement (AAA agreement) with the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) for Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) base resource percentage management. Currently, Gridley's Power portfolio is managed and administered by the NCPA, with a portion of the diversified power sources coming from the WAPA, which primarily focuses on large hydro power sources. The City of Gridley has previously engaged in a AAA agreement with NCPA

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## What a Drive!

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Recently, Gridley High School leadership class was involved in saving lives.

With the help of Vitalant, reportedly the nation's largest independent, non-profit blood services provider, Gridley High's leadership class held a blood drive on Wednesday, March 25th.

While teachers and community members took advantage of donating, 46 students also participated. At this time, there isn't a final count on total units collected, but based off Vitalant's website, a single donation of blood can at least save 2 lives. Calculating on that information, Gridley High School and willing donors helped save at least 92 lives.

Wednesday's blood drive was also a family affair. Cousins Cesar and Emmanuel (last names withheld) both donated together. Older cousin Cesar, a repeat donor and now a Senior at GHS says that he helped persuade his cousin to start donating as



Cousins Cesar (left) and Emmanuel (right) get into the life-saving action by donating at the last Vitalant blood drive. Photo by Seti Long

he does because, as he simply put it, "It saves lives".

Emmanuel elaborates, "If you have the chance to help someone out, I don't see the reason why you shouldn't. It doesn't cost anything." He goes on to state that if you have something someone is in need of, people should help when possible, always keeping in mind that you should give back to your

community. To date, Emmanuel has donated 2 times and of donating in the future, he says, "Definitely. If I can fit the criteria's for donating blood and have the availability to do it, I would donate blood as often as I can."

As far as being nervous, Emmanuel says that can be part of it, but the people at Vitalant make donors feel comfortable, play

lighthearted music in the collection trailer, and provide beverages and snacks after donating to help with light-headedness. He adds that "Just seeing, like, the numbers of how many people you can help, it takes away from the nerves."

If you would like more information about Vitalant and donating blood, please visit their website at vitalant.org. ★

# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

It is clearly unwise and illegal to park in front of the Ice Burgie. The burning question remains Is it legal to park on the side of the Ice Burgie where there's not a parking spot. People leave their car there to jump out to get a soda quickly. Some people think it is rude; I am undecided. It seems a violation of the fire code.

Some significant news of great importance; the bridge on the back road to Durham, sometimes called the MidwayBahn (named for the famous German AutoBahn where there are no speed limits), is open to the public after more than a year of repair work.

Live Oakians and the rest of Sutter County love politics. At the last count, there were an estimated 4277 political signs in Live Oak and none in Gridley. The incumbent Sutter Sheriff - B. Barnes, District Attorney - A. Hopper, and the Superintendent of Sutter Schools Supt. Reusser have no visible opponents, but because they represent Sutter County, they must put up signs... everywhere. Amanda Hopper was on the shortlist of the Republican Party Statewide to run for Attorney General

when the leading Republican crime-fighter - Sacramento District Attorney A. Shubert, switched parties to No Party Preference. Amanda would have had enough signs for a statewide race, but she decided to stick with her friends and neighbors close to home. Live Oak should put up on their fancy city digital signboard a new temporary slogan "Live Oak - our sports teams dominate, we love local elections, and no more road construction until 2032."

The people of Biggs are again called to action. Yes, the good citizens of Biggs who have been so generous, kind, giving, and benevolent during times of sublime peace and in disaster are needed once again. It is a simple request that will make all of Butte County safer, more stable, sustainable, and good. Dear Wolverines - please donate your City Manager to Chico. It would be the most significant act of philanthropy in the history of Butte County. The Chico City Council held an emergency last-minute special Brown Act compliant session last week. Upon the convening of such, their City Manager resigned. Biggs Manager Mark Sorenson - the most successful, low-key, honest, diligent, fiscally prudent, and effective City Manager in the history of Biggs (post railroad empire era) was once the Mayor of the City of Chico. He knows their ways, understands their culture, can translate their customs and

colloquialisms, and by so doing, make life better for the rest of us. Please help Chico; send them your City Administrator. Do it for the Children of Chico.

My brother-in-law Randy Scott and his wife Tiffani came back to Gridley. They went to the Burgie every day for a soda, and after the Burrito at Casa Lupe, finally admitted that California is better than Idaho; they regretted having moved there (sort of).

Now, this snippet from a February 22, 1995, Original Burlinson Pi-Line: The city is getting ready to put in curbs, gutters, and sidewalks on the west end of Sycamore Street on the block running from Jay Drive to Butte View Drive. This project will provide a continuous sidewalk all the way from the ill famed Jay Drive sidewalk that dead ends in a ditch, past Sycamore and McKinley Schools, on to Hwy 99. There is one tiny section without sidewalk at the corner of Sycamore and Randolph Ave. that will require some thinking. It has a power pole in the middle and an underground pipe carrying Biggs-West Gridley irrigation water. The sidewalk situation is getting better, but there is a long way to go. Many corners do not have a ramp, only a sudden drop off into the gutter. They are a challenge to paper delivery boys on bikes, baby buggies, and wheelchairs.

Josh F.W. Cook is a former Gridley Planning Commissioner.

# So Sweet!

## Panaderia Meneses Opens!



Members of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Grand Opening of Panaderia Meneses, a new family run bakery that is now open in downtown Gridley. Photo provided by Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's downtown just got a little sweeter with the grand opening of bakery, Panaderia Meneses.

The bakery, run by husband-and-wife team Mario Meneses and Maria Castaneda, held its grand opening and ribbon cutting Saturday, March 19th at 3:00 pm. There was quite a turnout, including community members, members of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce, Gridley's City Administrator, and local religious dignitaries.

The Panaderia's opening was blessed by Catholic priests, including the entire building and those in attendance that were open to extra blessings.

After the ceremony, guests were treated to an array of the bakery's homemade

bread and sweets, including, but not limited to, donuts, muffins, croissants, specialty breads such as bolillos, and pasteles. Panaderia Meneses plans to add coffee and hot chocolate to their menu and would like to see the addition of a deli and small market later in the year.

Head baker, Mario Meneses, has been refining his craft for nearly 40 years, and word of his delectable goods is spreading quickly throughout town. Opening weekend, the Panaderia saw heavy business and is hopeful that it will continue.

The family-run bakery is open 7 days a week from 6:00 am-6:00 pm and is located at 1045 Hazel Street. For special orders, including Dulce de Leche cakes and more, please contact the bakery at (650) 518-2428.

# Stonyford Rodeo Tickets Are Now on Sale

Stonyford Rodeo Press Release

STONYFORD, CA (MPG) - Tickets for the upcoming Stonyford Rodeo's professional events that will run on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, 2022, are now available at [www.stonycreekhorsemen.org](http://www.stonycreekhorsemen.org). They are available as of March 31, at the following locations: Stonyford General Store, Stonyford; Carl's Feed, Willows; Boot Barn, Chico & Yuba City; Bucke's Feed & Grain, Orland; Marie's Lakeshore Feed, Clearlake; Rainbow Ag, Lakeport; and Ace Hardware, Arbuckle. Pre-rodeo ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, ages 7-12. At the rodeo gate, ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children, ages 7-12. The pre-rodeo cheaper prices are only available until April 25, so get your ticket now and save money. Tickets for the May 1, 2022, amateur



Bareback winner at the 2019 Stonyford Rodeo, Jacob Lees. Photo by Roy Stewart.

events can only be purchased at the rodeo gate on that Sunday. Ticket prices are \$5 for persons aged 13 and older; children 12 and younger are free.

The announcer for the 2022 rodeo will be Kelly Kenney. Kelly hails from southwest Missouri, where he learned to love rodeo as a teenager in high school and went on to college on a rodeo scholarship. In 2000 Kelly became the head rodeo coach at Missouri

Valley College in Marshall, Missouri, where he also did some announcing. Kelly now announces at PRCA Rodeos full time and works approximately 75-100 events each year, traveling from Georgia to California and Texas to Montana.

For more information about rodeo events, including the Saturday Parade at 10 a.m. go to Stony Creek Horsemen's Association website at [www.stonycreekhorsemen.org](http://www.stonycreekhorsemen.org).

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# Color Run More than Fun!

Continued from page 1 wish but the great spirit. So, by making a wish and releasing the butterfly, they will be taken to the heavens and be granted. With this symbolic gesture (release if the butterflies), we honor those that have left us and encourage those left behind to continue the fight on the wings of hope."

Reverently, the nearly 300 students and staff unfolded their butterfly containers, releasing their wishes to the heavens.

Then it was time to have some fun.

Starting with the 8th graders, students wearing 2022 Color Fun Run t-shirts, which of course were white, pushed towards the gate. Given the go-ahead, they raced around the school, being doused by water and colored chalk at 4 color stations. Followed by the 7th graders and finally the 6th graders, all participants were clearly having a blast. The Color Fun Run would last an hour and students going into it pristine, were caked in color by the end of the event.

If you would like more information on the NVSF or would like to make a donation, please visit their website at <https://www.northvalleysparrowfoundation.org/>



At the last color station on the CJSF Color Run, Jeffa Taranto (right) blasts fellow runner, Ayaan Khan (left) with a cloud of bright blue chalk! Photo by Seti Long



During the CJSF Color Run, students were sprayed with water then doused in colorful chalk for tie-dye effect -The more color, the more fun! Pictured left to right: Isabelle Santillian, Regan Witt. Photo by Seti Long

# There's A Spider on Your Head

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A great April Fool's Day prank would be if this article was blank.

Where did April Fool's Day start? It is not known on a factual basis, but the History website ([www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day](http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day)) gives several possibilities.

It might have started way back in 1582 when France switched from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar. In the Julian Calendar the New Year had

been the Spring Equinox. In the new Gregorian Calendar, the New Year was January 1st. When people celebrated the New Year on the Equinox because the change had not gotten to them, they were called "April Fools."

Another explanation is that the weather in the Northern Hemisphere is temperamental around the Equinox, so many were caught unaware of bad weather and were called "April Fools."

In modern times it has become a day for hoaxes and practical jokes of

many types, from small to large. Children might tell each other their shoes are undone, while big companies, like the BBC in 1957, convinced people that the Swiss had a great crop on their spaghetti trees that year.

Everyone has a favorite and there is sure to be big examples of hoaxes for the foreseeable future on April 1st with the use of computers and social media. If it sounds unbelievable on April 1st, it probably is a practical joke. Heads up - don't be an April Fool! ★

# Lion's Easter Egg Hunt Is On!

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 dyeing 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! ★

# Orchard Hospital Signs New Physician

Orchard Hospital Press Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Orchard Hospital has signed a contract with local physician, Dr Maralee Bowers. Dr. Bowers is set to start seeing patients in August 2022 at Orchard Hospital's Medical Specialty Center in Gridley.

Dr. Bowers completed medical school in Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois and her residency at Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Illinois. She is board certified in family medicine, a member of the California Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Catholic Medical Association.

"I'm so excited to be joining Orchard Hospital. Gridley is my hometown and I'm thankful to be joining our local hospital where my father worked when I was growing up. I've seen the hospital evolve



Dr. Maralee Bowers (right) will be joining Orchard Hospital in August 2022. She sits with Kirsten Stome-Piazza, LMFT of Orchard Hospital (left). Photo: Orchard Hospital

and improve throughout the years and our shared commitment is to keep excellent health care close to home for our patients and our families. I'm looking forward to the great things we will do together", said Dr. Bowers.

Dr. Bowers will spend time in the clinic and will also see patients in their home. "Home visits is a new idea that Dr. Bowers brought to us. We both believe people heal best

in their home and having a doctor load up supplies and see patients at home will save time and effort for our most vulnerable patient populations", says Steve Stark, Orchard Hospital's chief executive officer. "We are always looking for ways to make it easier for our patients and providers. Dr. Bowers has great ideas to help, and we're delighted she is now part of our amazing medical team!", Stark concludes. ★



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# Bulldogs Varsity Gains Experience

By Seti Long

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Bulldogs recently stepped into cat territory, having the unique and electrifying opportunity to play at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento.

The stadium, home to the River Cats of Minor League Baseball (MiLB), gave the Gridley boys a taste of what it's like playing under the bright lights. The opportunity to play in a Triple-A ballpark was earned by the Bulldogs as a reward for selling River Cats tickets during a fundraiser.

Gridley (10-3, 2-1 Butte View League) only had one loss going into the game, which was held on March 21 against rivals, Colusa (14-0, 5-0 Sac Valley). The Red Hawks snapped the Bulldogs' seven-game winning streak in dominant fashion, winning 10-0.

Gridley coach Javier Solis said that being from a small town, playing in a Triple-A stadium was a little nerve racking for his players. Players got the full experience with walk-up music as



**Bulldogs at River Cats Stadium:** The Gridley Bulldogs varsity baseball team pose for a photo on the field before playing Colusa on Monday, March 21 at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Javier Solis

they approached the plate to bat. Pitchers got to warm up in the bullpens and everybody got a chance to play on the field.

"They did great," Solis said. "It was definitely a good experience for them."

The Bulldogs bounced back from the loss two

days later with a 7-6 road win at Winters (5-10, 2-1 Sac Valley). However, this week, Gridley lost at home to Sutter 7-0 on Tuesday afternoon.

"The boys are still playing great baseball," Solis said after the loss to Sutter. "We are still sitting in a good position in league (play)."

The Bulldogs will attempt to exact revenge against the Huskies (10-1, 6-1 Butte View) today at Sutter with first pitch set for 4 P.M. ★

## Back-to-Back Wins

By Ed Itori

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - After a start to the season that gave the Gridley varsity tennis team a ton of experience, the Bulldogs posted their first win of the season on March 8, with a 9-0 win over Las Plumas in Oroville.

Though the score would indicate otherwise, it wasn't easy for the top two seeded Bulldogs.

Sophomore Ryan Woolery took on Las Plumas No. 1 seed Lee Howard in the first match. Howard possessed a significant height advantage over Woolery, but the Bulldogs' No. 1 seed was able to make the big man move and prevailed 7-5, 6-3. Woolery earned "Player of the Match" with his performance.

No. 2 seed junior Jeremy Longmire won the first set of his match against Mario Lujan 6-2. However, Lujan mounted a comeback, winning set two 6-4. Longmire then found his service game and won the tiebreak 10-4.

Las Plumas (0-3, 0-2 Butte View League) is in a rebuilding year. New starters Gohan Xiong, Troy Atkins and Nathan Cruz were formidable challengers, but fell to juniors Cole Leishman and Spencer Davis and freshman Cesar Ortiz. The three Gridley players gave up a combined three games.

Davis pitched a shutout in his match. Sophomore Eric Ramirez won his match via forfeit.

In doubles, the results were more of the same with the top four seeds each winning

8-1, respectively. Las Plumas did not field a third doubles team.

Two days later, Gridley hosted Paradise Adventist. The Bulldogs relied on the efforts of Jeremy Longmire (6-0, 6-1), Davis (6-1, 7-6 [7-0]) and Ramirez to win the meet 6-3. Longmire and Davis combined to beat senior Jeremy Zhang and freshman Dillian Rios 8-4 to clinch the win. Paradise Adventist came into the match with only five players. Davis earned "Player of the Match" with his performance.

"Spencer has really worked on his game," Moffitt said. "He has not been content to rest on his laurels. He has really been working to improve his serve. His efforts are paying off."

Woolery ran into a buzzsaw in

sophomore Cedric Smith, as did Leishman who lost to senior Wyatt Dewitt. Moffitt said wins and losses are not important to his team at this time.

"Both players gave solid efforts in defeat," Moffitt said after the 6-3 win against Paradise Adventist. "It is what they learned that is important at this time. Can they move their opponent around the court? Can they take advantage of their opportunities? Both Ryan and Cole really learned the value in those skills today."

The Bulldogs (2-2, 1-0) play against Orland and Cornland next week.

*The team is raising money to pay for equipment and improvements to the school facility. To help, please contact coach Moffitt at bobmoffitt70@gmail.com.* ★

## Lessons Learned for Gridley



**Members of the Gridley varsity tennis team play against Corning on Friday, March 18 in Corning.** Photo courtesy of Ed Itori

By Ed Itori

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley Bulldogs varsity tennis team recently won two in a row and were full of confidence they could challenge long-standing Butte View League champions, Orland.

After three hours of service winners, topspin backhands and well-placed drop shots, it was the Trojans (3-2, 2-0 Butte View) who emerged victorious over Gridley (2-3, 1-1) by a score of 9-0 on March 17.

Gridley coach Bob Moffitt repeated a familiar refrain as he spoke to his team, not about winners and losers, but of information and experience that can be turned into improvement.

"I am really proud of these young men," Moffitt said. "They faced a caliber of opposition we have not seen previously, which

is a good thing early in a season. Although the results were not what they would have liked, the obvious gap in our opponents' skills and ours gives us multiple targets for areas in which we can improve."

As the fourth seed, junior Spencer Davis continued to show an improved service game as he led all Bulldogs with 11 total games won, including the four he and fellow junior Jeremy Longmire accumulated in doubles.

Like Davis, in his second set versus Junior Glavan, two-seed Ryan Woolery doubled the number of games won (four) compared to his first set against Kevin Torres. Gridley sophomore Eric Ramirez battled hard as the sixth seed, but fell 6-3, 6-2.

The Bulldogs then played at Corning on March 18, winning a nailbiter of a match 5-4. ★

## Bulldogs Lose 2 In A Row

By Ed Itori

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - 17.

That's now the number of singles and doubles tiebreaks/overtime that Gridley varsity tennis players have pushed their opponents to so far this spring. It was 12 going into the March 24 meet at Oroville. Of the 17 tiebreaks played by the Bulldogs so far, they have won eight.

Spencer Davis made his first start as a No. 1 seed and served his way to a 6-2 first set win over See Xae Yang. However, Yang's service game recovered in the second set and he took it 6-4. That set up the first tiebreak of the meet, which Yang won 10-8.

The drop off from the one seed to the six

seed was not much, if any, as the Tigers all demonstrated above-average service games and a fondness for top-spin forehands. No. 2 seed sophomore Ryan Woolery overcame a sprained ankle to close within a game of Ethan Thao before losing the first set 6-4. Woolery would win the second set by the same margin but would be edged out 11-9 in the tiebreak.

Gridley juniors Jeremy Longmire and Cole Leishman led big early, but persistence from Ethan Saeturn and Tien Chao, along with improved service and serve-return games allowed the Tigers to come back to win a first-set tiebreak (Saeturn) and even the match before winning the tiebreak 7-2 (Chao).

Bulldogs coach Bob Moffitt said the results of the matches were unimportant compared to the improvement that his players showed.

"Cole has been struggling with his serve," Moffitt said. "But in the first set, his toss was high and he was making contact where he needed to. Spencer had at least 10 aces in his match, which was a season high. Both players saw a need for improvement and have made strides in that regard."

Moffitt went on to say that consistency would be a focal point for the team.

"Nobody learns how to play tennis in a day," Moffitt said. "There are a multitude of skills required and many of our players had never played before a month ago. I am

very pleased with their improvement so far. But, as Oroville showed us today, we have a ways to go to be consistently competitive."

Freshman Cesar Ortiz and senior Taylor Johnson were overwhelmed by the service and groundstroke games of their opponents, Aaryan Patel and Noushe Yang.

In doubles, Woolery and Leishman continued their strong play, but lost to See Xae Yang and Chao 8-5. Longmire and Davis went to extras but lost 10-8 to Saeturn and Noushe Yang. Ortiz and sophomore Eric Ramirez lost 8-3, though the play on the court was much closer than the score would indicate.

Gridley falls to 3-4 overall on the season and 2-2 in Butte View League play. ★

## Butts, Budgets, Power and Grants

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for assignment of those particular energy allowances from the City of Gridley to NCPA for management. The current agreement is set to expire at the end of 2024 and WAPA has encouraged all NCPA affiliates to get their AAA agreements in

order now, for the future year 2025. This was an information only agenda item.

To finish up the agenda items, Council voted unanimously on Item 7, the award of the contract for 2018 California Development Block Grant-Disaster

Recovery (CDBG-DR) to Housing Tools for a multi-family Housing Program. Gridley was the recipient of a \$2.3 million grant in which Housing Tools will act as a consultant to the City to assist in appropriately managing the grant funds and project. ★

### MEMORIAL

#### TOM W. CALLAWAY • 5/15/1946 – 3/15/22

Tom William Callaway, 75, of Las Vegas died Tuesday, March 15, 2022, after being hospitalized at Veterans Hospital in Las Vegas.

He was born on May 15, 1946, one of seven children, to Earl and Vivian Callaway. He grew up and lived in the Gridley-Biggs area, attended both Gridley and Biggs schools and graduated in 1965, from Gridley High

School. He was in the Army from 1966 to 1968 and was a Vietnam Veteran. He lived in the Central Valley for 44 years and worked in the title business prior to moving to Las Vegas 11 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Callaway of Las Vegas; two children Heather Quintanar and Jenny Callaway both of Modesto; a brother

Bob Callaway of Woodland and four grandchildren; Marcus, Hannah, Giselle, and Naomi.

He was preceded in death by his parents Earl and Vivian Callaway; four brothers, Dick, Dan, Donald, and Bill Callaway; and one sister, Patricia Harrison.

Interment will be at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery at a later date.

### MEMORIAL

#### JOYCE ANN HOWARD

Joyce Ann Howard passed away on March 21, 2022, at her home in Biggs, CA. Joyce was born in Gridley CA, in 1934 to Ted and Leona Hepworth. She is survived by her sister Shelly Jose, three sons, Donald, Ron and Brad Howard and their Wives, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Joyce married Joseph Thomas Howard in 1954 after he returned home

from his military service in the Korean War. She was married to Joseph for 58 years until his death in 2013.

Joyce was a long-time employee of the City of Biggs as the assistant City Clerk. She spent most of her life focusing on family. She will be deeply missed.

Services were held at the Biggs-Gridley Cemetery on March 30, 2022, at 10:00 am.



### MEMORIAL

#### CLEO CHRISTINE RICHINS • 7/30/1930 – 3/23/2022

Cleo Christine Richins, of Gridley, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2022 at the age of 91. She was born July 30, 1930, in Live Oak, California, to Daniel Elbertson and Lilly Mae (Baker) Elbertson. She was married to her loving husband Melvin Richins for 75 years. Cleo truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; camping and fishing, going on cruises, and spending time with family. She is survived



by her husband, Melvin; a sister, Patricia Vines; daughter, Christine Michelet (Raymond); Grandchildren, Kim Wilbur, Jenny Shirley, Shelly Cahoon, Amanda

Hansen, Melissa King, Matthew Richins, and Laura Skaggs as well as 17 great grandchildren. Cleo was preceded in death by her mother and father; son, Thomas Richins; daughter, Joanne Skaggs. Family, friends, and others whose lives Cleo touched are invited to the Biggs-Gridley Cemetery, at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022. A reception will follow at the Gridley Moose Lodge.

## Sheriff's Office Investigating Homicide at Feather Falls Casino

### BCSO Press Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On March 28, 2022, at approximately 4:21 PM, the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) received a call indicating two individuals had been involved in a physical altercation at Feather Falls Casino. Callers reported that one of the individuals involved in the altercation was not breathing. Deputies from BCSO responded to the location and found a victim inside Feather Falls Casino. Medical personnel responded to the scene to render aid, however the victim, who was subsequently identified as Dennis Wold (age 55), of Chico, died at the scene.

An investigation into the circumstances of the altercation was initiated. During the

course of the investigation, the individual involved in the altercation with Wold was identified as Michael Livermore (age 37), of Oroville. Livermore fled the scene on foot immediately after the altercation. After an extensive search of the area surrounding Feather Falls Casino, Livermore was located and taken into custody without incident.

During the subsequent investigation, detectives located evidence that gave them cause to believe Livermore's actions caused the death of Wold. Livermore was booked into the Butte County Jail for an open count of murder. This investigation is ongoing.

The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with information about this investigation to contact detectives at 530-538-7671. ★



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## The Blue Light Sale After Crashes

When the markets crashed hard in 2008/09 and then again in March of 2020, the rebounds that followed were nothing less than spectacular. Those that bought into the teeth of crash or right after either event, likely saw their balances soar.

Not a recommendation to buy stocks during crashes or anytime for that matter, investors can consider the absolute hammering certain stocks have had since the start of 2022. The technology-heavy Nasdaq stocks actually started eroding mid-November, with the more pronounced sell off starting around the first week of January.

Some of the popular stay-at-home stocks, as I called them, have been absolutely creamed, with some stocks off more than 80%.

Although no one can forecast market direction at any time, and markets can go a lot lower or higher than one might think and for longer than one might think, one has to consider some investors bought many of these stocks at much higher levels before the crash, and although many of these companies have seen their revenues drop as the country came out of the shutdowns, did these companies deserve the incredible haircuts they saw in their stock prices?

Much like after 2008/09 and the March 2020 sell off, it takes guts to start shopping in the garbage heap of obliterated stocks in the face of the negative sentiment surrounding such carnage.

But much like a clearance sale at your local retailer, one could make a case that if people loved these stocks at triple the price, why would one hesitate to buy these same companies at a fraction of the price they were such a short time ago?

After all, although earnings may have taken a hit for some of these past Wall Street darlings, are the companies' still strong and viable entities with good products?

Many are.

Although some of these companies might indeed go four feet up in a bankruptcy sometime in the future, many of these companies are not going anywhere and will survive and even thrive in the

months ahead, and some stocks might even surpass their previous highs.

As is common in massive sell off events, many a baby is thrown out with the bath water, as previous high flyers turn into the most hated stocks on Wall Street.

It is said to buy when there is blood in the streets, and certainly some sectors and individual stocks are gushing red.

Like super stock rally events, many stocks go much higher than thought possible, and during horrific crashes, many stocks get way oversold to the point of ridiculousness.

Although bottom fishing can be a dangerous business, I like to nibble on beaten up securities during severe market sells off, garnering the cash for such buys when stops are hit on some of my stocks on the way down.

Stops are predetermined sell orders I have installed during the rallies to try and protect my profitable positions. As the stocks I may have bought go up, I set the sell points higher and higher, known as a "trailing stop" in an attempt to retain any profits I may have.

Although stops and trailing stops don't guarantee that gains or losses will be controlled, when executed properly, they can provide some comfort and react accordingly during market sell offs.

Then as the market continues down, I use cash from any sells to slowly add some stocks that were badly hammered when the obliteration levels reach, at least in my mind, the point of ridiculous.

*Although prices may continue to drop, at least I know I am buying hopefully some good companies at much lower prices during the "blue- light-special fire sales" event that severe market crashes present.*

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### California Farmers are Investing in Renewable Energy

California farmers may hold the key to the Golden State's renewable energy future. Farmers have invested in solar power and other renewable energy technologies near vineyards, row crops and atop walnut dryers. Eight percent of California farms currently have onsite renewable energy systems. Meanwhile, a project is underway to place solar panels over some San Joaquin Valley irrigation canals to generate power, conserve farmland and reduce water evaporation.

### War in Ukraine Clouds Market for Sunflower Seeds

Growers in California are beginning plantings of sunflowers this month amid major uncertainty over the impacts the Russian invasion of Ukraine will have on markets for seeds and sunflower oil. Russia and Ukraine are the world's top two producers of sunflowers, owning 55% of global acreage. As a result, the sunflower market is now heated, but it's uncertain whether California growers can meet demand while dealing with drought, water shortages and limited milling capacity.

### Cabbage Harvest Accelerates in Time for Holiday

With St. Patrick's Day celebrated on March 17, California farmers are harvesting leafy greens fit for the holiday—cabbage. The crop has remained a reliable staple in California agriculture. In 2019, the most recent year with statewide figures, farmers harvested 14,500 acres of cabbage worth \$212 million. This year, growers in Ventura County and the Imperial Valley are reporting robust harvests of green, red and savory cabbage, as the winter vegetable season nears its conclusion.

### Competition Seeks to Provide Funding for Agricultural Innovation

The American Farm Bureau Federation is looking for the next generation of agriculture innovators. In partnership with Farm Credit, the AFBF is seeking applications for the 2023 Farm Bureau Innovation Challenge. The national business competition offers startup funds for businesses developing innovative solutions to challenges faced by America's farmers, ranchers and rural communities. Last year's winners included a venture creating a robot to improve safety for grain bins. ★

## Crime Reports



### Gridley- Biggs Police Report

March 6 - March 25

**3-6-22:** At 8:04 on Hwy 99 and Spruce St., Gridley CA, Luis Angel Perez Feliciano, 22, was arrested on charges of driving without a license (12500 (a) VC), DUI (23152 (a) VC), driving with a blood alcohol level of .08% or higher (23152 (b) VC), and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-6-22:** At 3:19 at W. Liberty Rd. and Losser Ave., Gridley CA, Mario Estrada, 24, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-6-22:** At 4:32 pm on E. Hazel St. and Fairview Dr., Gridley CA, Gena Leann Lewis, 37, was arrested on charges of obstruction of justice (148 (a)(1) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-9-22:** At 7:31 pm on Magnolia and California Streets, Gridley CA, Naveet Singh Dhillon, 45, was arrested on charges of DUI (23152 (a) VC), driving with a blood alcohol level of .08% or higher (23152 (b) VC), and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-11-22:** At 2:50 am on the 600 block of Kentucky St., Gridley CA, Trever Neil Rhone, 35, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S), public intoxication (647 (f) PC), and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-11-22:** At 9:50 on E. Gridley Rd., Gridley CA, Hannah Payge Rivers, 27, was arrested on an outside agency felony warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-11-22:** At 9:50 on E. Gridley Rd., Gridley CA, Joshua Tyler Filipponi, 26, was arrested on an outside agency felony warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-16-22:** At 10:23 pm on the 1500 block of Hazel St., Gridley CA, Christopher Lambert, 40, was arrested on charges of public intoxication (637 (f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-23-22:** At 3:00 pm on the 600 block of Kentucky St., Gridley CA, Shane Lecory Wright, 52, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and was booked into Butte County Jail.

**3-25-22:** At 10:11 pm on the 1500 block of Hwy 99, Gridley CA, Cody James McConnell, 34, was arrested for obstruction of justice (148 (a)(1) PC), possession of a narcotic controlled substance (11350 (a) H&S), controlled substance paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), violation of probation (1203.1 (a) PC), and was booked into Butte County Jail.

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# Dear Dietitian

## Omega-3



Commentary by **Leanne McCrate**

Dear Dietitian,

My father had heart disease, so I am careful about my diet. I eat right and exercise. I understand how important omega-3 fatty acids are for the heart, but I don't like salmon, and some of the other fish high in omega-3s are expensive. Do you have any recommendations?

Thank you,  
Teresa

Dear Teresa,

I commend you on being proactive in your healthy lifestyle. Salmon isn't one of my favorites, either. Various types of fish and seafood contain omega-3s, though not as much as salmon. With today's inflation, fish and seafood are expensive, but you can shop around for lower prices.

There are three primary omega-3 fatty acids: EPA (eicosapentaenoic acid), DHA (docosahexaenoic acid), and ALA (alpha-linolenic acid). Most of the studies that link omega-3s to heart health are EPA and DHA. Small amounts of ALA (2-5%) can be converted to EPA and DHA. EPA and DHA are found in animal products, the highest amounts in fatty fish, such as salmon, trout, mackerel, and sardines. ALA is found in plant foods, like flax seeds, tofu, and plant oils, such as canola oil.

Omega-3s are being studied for their effect on several diseases, such as depression, macular degeneration, and autoimmune disorders. Still, the most compelling results have been found on their impact on preventing heart disease.

While there is no Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) for omega-3s, many professional organizations have issued guidelines, but they vary widely. The

lowest amount recommended is .25 grams per day. The American Heart Association recommends eating non-fried oily fish twice weekly to get your omega-3s (1). Another recommendation is to consume eight ounces of variable seafood each week. The following table presents the amount of omega-3s in fish and seafood (2).

Food, 3 oz, Cooked	Grams Omega-3/Ser
Herring, Atlantic	1.71
Trout, rainbow, Wild	0.84
Shrimp	0.24
Salmon, Atlantic, Farmed	1.83
Cod, Pacific	0.14
Oysters, eastern, Wild	0.67
Tilapia	0.15
Tuna, light, canned in water	0.19

ALA is an essential nutrient, meaning our bodies need it for good health but cannot make it, so we must obtain it in our diet. Many plant foods are rich sources of ALA. There are creative ways to add these foods to your omega-3 profile. Chia seeds add a nice crunch to smoothies or oatmeal. Ground flax seeds bring added nutrients to your morning cereal or afternoon yogurt. Tofu is another rich source of ALA. Use it as your protein source in stir fry, or add it to your favorite fruit and make ice cream. Edamame has gained popularity in recent years. It makes a healthy snack; just roast it in the oven with a pinch of salt. It can also be added to salad as a protein source or served as a side dish. Bon appétit!

Until next time, be healthy!  
Dear Dietitian

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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By **Barbara Ott**

Turtle travails. My dog was barking like crazy, so I went into the yard to see what had her going. There near the fence was my missing turtle Gollum. He had been missing for 18 months. He was caked in mud. This is the third time Gollum escaped and lived

free. The first time he was found by my neighbor in his compost pile. He had been missing for about a year at that time. This turtle has lived 3 out of 7 years free. The first time he escaped my turtle enclosure he was living with another male turtle. I put him back in the turtle enclosure. He disappeared. I found a hole at one end of the enclosure. In Spring I was draining water from the tank and out Gollum walked. Sadly, the other turtle had not made it through the winter. This meant that my son-in-law gave me a large female turtle since I had an empty tank. So, here was Gollum with nowhere to live because I was not going to

put him in with a female. I used another stock tank and put him in with a rock to sun on. As summer started the water was evaporating quickly, I put in the hose to put water in for Gollum. I left, came back and the water was overflowing and Gollum was gone. For 18 months my big female turtle was content in the big turtle tank. The turtle gods were watching and I went out to feed Rosie the big turtle and she was floating, dead in the tank. Then the barking started and there was Gollum once more. I was sad about Rosie but now I had a place for Gollum. He went into the tank with very little water. I've renamed him Houdini. ★

# Thoughts to Ponder

by **Kathy Neal**



One of the hardest stories to relate to in the Old Testament is the one, where Abraham, God's chosen father of nations and His people, was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac to God as a show of faith.

Not only was it against God's law to offer human sacrifice, but this was Abraham's promise from God that had taken 100 years to be fulfilled. At age 100 Abraham was give Isaac as a line of future promises spoken by God to Abraham. Now God asks him to give up this promise, by offering on an altar his pride and joy. Could you do it?

Abraham followed and loved His creator and Almighty God because he believed God's promises and faithfulness. Once the Lord saw Abraham was willing to do all He asked God

provided a lamb, wood, and an altar in exchange for Isaac's life.

Do you think God would really Abraham to kill his own son? I think not, because he already knew what was in Abraham's heart. That is the reason He had chosen Abraham to be the father His chosen people.

Now let us go several thousand years into the future. Another Father is about to offer His Son on the altar of sacrifice. This offering would be from the highest level, God Himself. God was in the process of lifting up a Passover lamb, His Son Jesus.

John 3:16 says it all, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. That who so ever believed in Him (Jesus) would not perish but have ever lasting life." This time there was no lamb to switch for the human. Jesus was offered, bled, and died on a human cross to keep people from dying for human sin.

No longer would animals have to be killed and their blood used on

alters and doors to keep the angel of death at bay.

God gave us a picture of His role as a father when He asked Abraham to offer his son Isaac. God did put Himself and Jesus in the place of the Passover lamb so He could save this world and all its people from eternal death.

He raised Jesus up and made Him the first fruit of eternal life to show all of us how much He loves us all. Death was defeated and Adam's curse was banished forever. Through a belief in Jesus, we can all have a personal relationship with God, as He wanted from the beginning of creation.

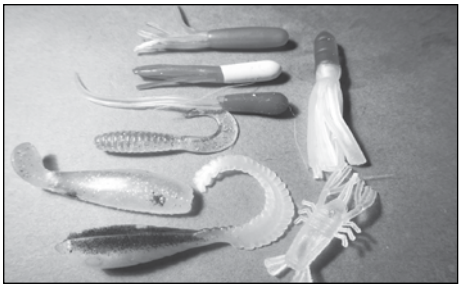
God is faithful. He keeps His promises, trust, and count on Him.

Come celebrate this eternal life God has given us at the Gridley United Methodist Church. We celebrate every Sunday at 10 am. We are located at the intersection of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. Join us for our Easter Service, time to be announced later. ★

**Brownie's BAIT BOX**  
Fishing rating scale: (b) Excellent • (a) Good • (g) Poor (bad)

**LOCAL FISHING**

Oroville's South Forebay; Lepomis macrochirus (Mr. Blue Gill). Biologist consider Mr. Blue Gill a freaking smart fish. Consider the vast amount of time and money that manufacturers invest in lures. So pretty that gullible fishermen buy boxes of them. Yet, not a passing nod from Mr. Blue Gill. Even local psychiatrist cannot prescribe a pill for you that

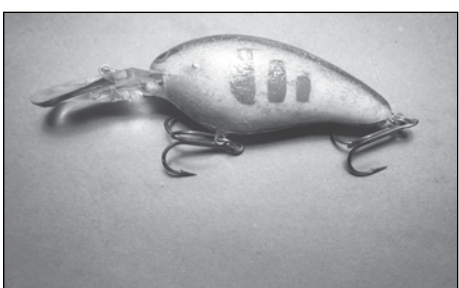


Crappie Jigs

will increase your chances of catching the elusive Mr. Blue Gill. Fly fishers...USE: Jigs (b) **Fisherman's Comment:** Butte Sink 14,500 salmon kill. Farmers open Drumhiller Slough.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA**

San Francisco South Bay; nice halibut dinner fare. USE: Anchovy Cut Bait. (b) Delta; Sherman Lake. Starry floun-



Spoonbill Rattletrap

der biting. USE: Herring Cut Bait. (a) Incoming stripers. USE: Spoonbill Rattletrap. (a) West Bank to Rio Vista. 23 fish caught...95% males? (a)

**COASTAL WATERS**

North and South coasts turning out limits of Dungeness crab and sand dabs. Crab...USE: Fish Offal. (b) sand dabs... USE: Fresh Squid. (b) Note: Rock fish opens Apr. 1st

**LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS**

Lake Oroville Chinook Salmon; Green Bridge gives up 6-lb. fish. USE: White Hoochie w/ Anchovy Cut Bait. Or, Cut Plugs w/ Garlic Scent. (a) Clear Lake; Tournaments "Holy Cow". No place to park. 288 fishermen signed up per each tournament. **Fisherman's Comment:** Game Wardens on the alert. Families taking over 5000 crappie every day. Davis Lake; Ice free. Two feet on snow still on boat ramp. Milton Reservoir; Middle Fork Yuba River, below Jackson Meadow Lake. German Brown trout up to 5lbs. USE: Size #18-#20 Midges. (b) Lake Almanor; fast trolling by dam, limits on 2-3lb Eagle Lake strain rainbows. USE: Rapala (b) German Browns slowing down.

**RIVER FISHING**

Feather River striped bass; try Boyd's Landing, at 9:01 PM under lights. Stage 28.5 ft/ Flow 3100 CFS. Steelhead fry released here, stripers love um. USE: Pencil Poppers (g)



Pencil Poppers

"Good things come to those who wait."  
~ Brownie

**LET'S RIDE** April 23, 2022

Ride this extraordinary route around Sutter Buttes. This ride benefits Lions Health Foundation's effort to support local diabetes screening and treatment. Call (530) 941-9977 for more information. Visit: [www.BikeAroundTheButtes.com](http://www.BikeAroundTheButtes.com)

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# Town Hall Meeting to be Held with Sheriffs

## Feather River Tea Party Patriots

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - On March 24, 2022, the Feather River Tea Party Patriots announced Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes and Yuba County Sheriff Wendell Andersen will be Special Guest Speakers for their Monday, April 4, 2022, Town Hall Meeting.

This will be a good old-fashioned Town Hall Meeting with our local sheriffs. A few of the topics of concern to local citizens may be:

After their first terms in office, what are their respective policies for Concealed Carry Weapon Permits (CCW)? The California legislature is on a crusade to destroy the Second Amendment. Governor Newsom has supported several unconstitutional

anti-gun and ammo bills that create a new class of criminal from law-abiding citizens. What is the impact on the average law-abiding citizen? Both counties have been overrun with the homeless who are destroying the riverbanks and the habitat; What are your thoughts on current election integrity and enforcing COVID mandates? What are your policies for handling illegal aliens and the interaction with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency?

"Issues of the day" are also encouraged from the audience. Matters that concern you that can be addressed by Sheriff Barnes and/or Sheriff Andersen are encouraged. Come hear your top elected law enforcement officers in Sutter County and Yuba County who have taken an oath to defend the U.S. Constitution



Sheriff Wendell Andersen

and the citizens against tyranny.

There is no membership requirement to attend and everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 pm; meeting begins promptly at 6:30 pm. Come early to register, socialize with like-minded patriots, enjoy the refreshments, and get a good seat.

The Town Hall Meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2022, at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City. Contact Larry or Carla at (530) 755-4409. ★

# LaMalfa Accepting Congressional Art Competition Submissions

## Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa

**WASHINGTON, DC (MPG)** - On March 21, Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) announced he is accepting submissions for the 40th annual Congressional High School Art Competition. The theme for this year's competition is Planes, Trains, and Automobiles. America's Open Roads and Open Skies.

LaMalfa said: "The Congressional Art Competition is a tremendous opportunity for talented high school students to compete to showcase their abilities to the entire country. This year's theme allows our young artists to highlight the unparalleled beauty of the North State and our country. I'm especially interested in seeing art depicting antique era vehicles, steam trains or early diesels, early aircraft thru the 50s, vintage cars, etc. I look forward to seeing the winning artwork displayed in our nation's Capitol building. Good luck to all those who will be competing!"

The winning entry will be displayed for one year in the United States Capitol as part of a nationwide exhibit dedicated to displaying the talents of young people representing each state. Information regarding the guidelines for the competition can be found here.

All artwork must be submitted by

Friday, April 22nd to any of my district offices or staff members. This year, we have staff available for pick up for: Modoc, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Siskiyou, and part of Eastern Shasta County. Staff and office contact information is listed below. For all other counties please contact your local district office to schedule a drop off time. The winner will be contacted by Tuesday, May 3rd.

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Redding District Office  
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Auburn, CA 95602  
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*Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou and Tehama Counties.* ★

# Shooter Sentenced in Motel 6 Homicide

## Butte County DA Press Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - One of three suspects charged with the murder of John David Noonan, 41, of Chico, in a rear parking lot of the Chico Motel 6, was sentenced March 9 in Butte County Superior Court.

Eric Allen, 38, of Chico, was charged with using a firearm to shoot and kill John Noonan on Jan. 23, 2020. Allen pled to first degree homicide in January 2022 and was sentenced to 25-years-to-life in prison on March 9.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said John Noonan's father, Michael Noonan, addressed the court during sentencing and described the extensive loss he has experienced throughout his life, but noted

that nothing compares to the loss of a child. John Noonan left behind seven siblings and two children.

"Despite Allen's 25-to-life sentence, he will be eligible for parole in just 20 years, because of the Legislature's new 'Elder Parole program,' which allows inmates to seek parole after only 20 years of custody once they reach the age of 50, regardless of their how many years a judge ordered." Ramsey said.

The remaining two defendants, Justin Cozakas and Monica Ruggiero, are set for jury trial June 13. Both are charged with first degree homicide for their role in Noonan's murder, and they remain in custody at the Butte County Jail while they await trial. ★

# SCSO Partners with Probation Department Resulting in 7 Arrests

## Sutter County Sheriff's Department

**SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sutter County Sheriff's Office partnered with the Sutter County Probation Department for various searches and warrant related arrests in Sutter

County. Compliance teams made contact at 24 residences throughout Live Oak, Yuba City, the town of Sutter, Meridian, and the Robbins area. This resulted in 7 arrests, as well as the seizure of methamphetamine and drug related paraphernalia

during these probation searches. We would also like to acknowledge our Dispatchers and Corrections staff for assisting with their proactive detail. This was a true corroborative effort to enhance public safety in our communities. ★

## SPARKY'S CORNER

# Fire Safe Landscaping

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

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

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

- Create fire-safe zones with stone walls, patios, decks and roadways.
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# Pioneer Day is Back!



Young people and adults taking an afternoon to learn about acorns at Pioneer Day 2019. Photo: SCRFI

By Kit Burton, SCRFI News

**SMARTSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Happily, Pioneer Day in Smartsville is back! Good! But what on earth have we just been through?

If we live long enough, most of us will experience periods of time where, due to circumstances not entirely controllable, we are forced to deviate from our chosen path. How we respond is a measure of our character. Several examples come to mind.

The Apostle Paul composed a series of letters that heavily influenced the New Testament while imprisoned in Corinth, and, more generally, anyone engaged in physically demanding work who becomes sick or injured must spend his or her time differently while recovering.

In spite of the hazards and restrictions of the past two years, we at SCRFI, the non-profit corporation for restoration of the former Catholic Church, have persevered with significant progress in our restoration efforts. Aurel Onut with Byzantine Painting Studios, finished

restoration of our sanctuary's apse, Rio Morales of Montgomery Lifters did an amazing job repairing our back wall's foundation, and James Stephens of Stephens Electrical Systems is now finishing the rough-in electrical for our church. That time was well spent.

The part of our activity that we weren't able to maintain was Pioneer Day, our annual fund-raising festival. But, we believe, the worst is now over and Pioneer Day 2022 will occur on Saturday, April 30, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Activities at Pioneer Day will be very similar to our 12 previous annual productions. We will have live music on stage, mining tours, food as well as arts and crafts vendors, children's activities, historic character portrayals at our Timbuctoo Theater, and opportunities to look inside the church to see our amazing restoration progress. We think you will be pleasantly surprised.

For more information, see our website [SmartsvilleChurchRestoration.org](http://SmartsvilleChurchRestoration.org) or contact Kathleen Smith at [Smartsville@gmail.com](mailto:Smartsville@gmail.com) or at (916) 838-2757. ★

# Letter to the Editor

Editor,

Recently Gridley residents received a glossy mailer from Waste Management outlining a new fee system for trash "violators" who either contaminate their trash or fill their cans in such a way the lid won't close. These "fees" are simply a back-door attempt at a massive rate increase. There are a number of problems with this plan, and I think it is deserving of City Council attention.

First, at \$15 per over-filled cart, the fee is roughly 25% of an entire quarterly service fee for a residential customer for one violation. That is unconscionable, and cannot possibly represent the real cost, if any, to Waste Management because a cart's lid did not close. Waste Management also wants \$17 for a "contaminated" cart. This proposal overlooks the obvious problem with unsecured carts - that other people often put things in them. Trash carts are often subject to clandestine loading (and unloading) by transients, not to mention neighbors late at night who slip a few extra items into a nearby cart. Unless Waste Management is going to provide secure/locking carts and/or surveillance for them 24/7 to aid in their "contamination" investigations, I don't see how such a fee is enforceable.

Secondly it is difficult to understand

how an over-filled yard trash can costs Waste Management anything, but not being able to overfill them can hamper residents attempts to remove debris that can wind up in and clog our street drains, especially after storms. Many residents likely lack either the tools or the physical ability to finely cut limbs and other yard trash so as to keep the lid fully closed.

Lastly the proposed fee structure disproportionately impacts low-income members of the community.

Our City Council needs to intervene to eliminate this fee system. If Waste Management refuses, then they should be ordered to provide locking carts, multiple carts upon request at no cost to residents, and a resource for residents to compel Waste Management to investigate who put an offending item in a can and bill that person. Perhaps a monthly town "clean up day" to collect items that won't fit in cans or cause the lid to not close properly would be a good idea.

From my time on the Council, I know Recology would love to pick up the contract for Gridley. Now might be a good time to open negotiations with them. I am more than happy to be involved in working up a solution that save's residents money.

Thanks!!  
Dave Garner

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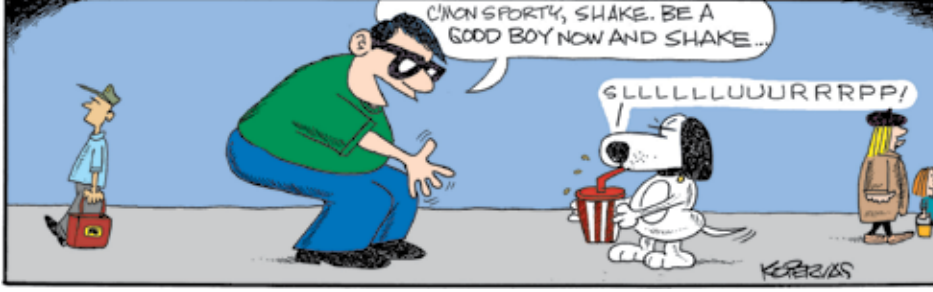
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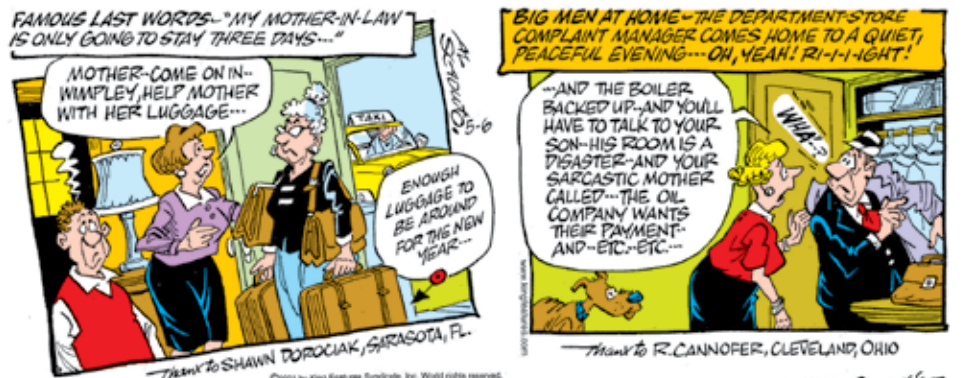
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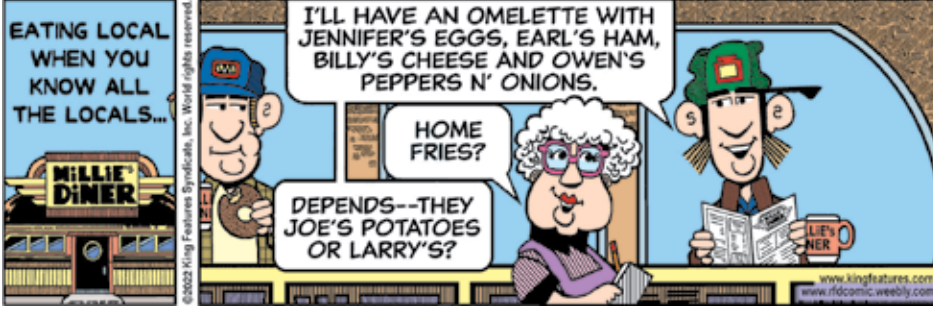
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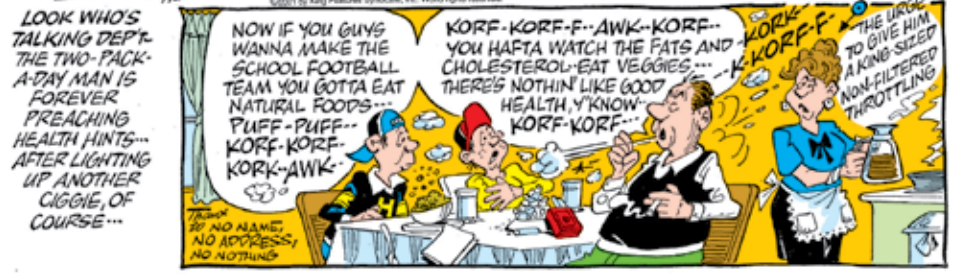


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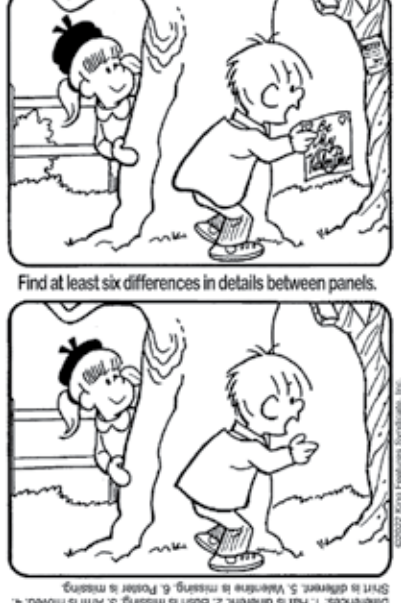
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# A New Universe for Entertainment

## Maroon 5 to Perform Opening Concert in June

By Paul Scholl, with information from Atherton Public Relations

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - It wasn't just a tour of an upcoming entertainment center for the region, it was the tour of a new entertainment universe. You could see in these construction stages just how fantastic this venue will be, from the closeness to the stars on stage to the orbit of the VIP skyboxes over every event.

The venue at Hard Rock Live, named Kumi Event Center, is in Wheatland, just a short drive from almost any population center in the region.

Mark Birtha, President of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, led a tour of local media on March 22, 2022 through the build-out construction area of the concert stage and surrounding support areas. He explained the layout, concessions, and how the bands and performers would access the main stage. "We are excited to provide our guests with authentic experiences that rock in a venue that is filling a great void in the Sacramento region," Birtha said.

Birtha expressed his enthusiasm for the project saying, "This entertainment center will help revitalize the community." He later commented, "Upcoming events include MMA, and additional concerts will soon be announced. Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a major event for next year."

The 65,000-square-foot facility has state-of-the-art in-house sound and lighting, unrivaled sightlines, a second-floor mezzanine level, VIP skyboxes, and mobile-stage technology, creating intimate experiences for events of varying sizes.

The big announcement was of the opening performers. With a live television audience watching, Birtha had the construction crew drop the banner showing which band is coming to the stage in June. "Maroon 5 is the perfect band to help us celebrate Hard Rock Live's grand opening. They are incredible live performers and live music is fundamental to the Hard Rock brand. This new venue will become the place for entertainment and world class amenities for the city of



Maroon 5 will be performing June 3rd. Photo Credit CAA.



Mark Birtha, President of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, shares the view from the mezzanine level just above the VIP skybox. Photo by Paul Scholl

Sacramento."

Grammy® Award-winning, multi-platinum band Maroon 5 are set to headline the grand opening of the brand-new Hard Rock Live in Sacramento on June 3, 2022. The band will launch the opening of

the 2,500-seat entertainment venue. The opening celebrations are part of the building's \$75 million property expansion, to be completed spring 2022.

Tickets went on sale Friday, March 25 at Ticketmaster.com, starting at \$99.50.

VIP skyboxes will seat approximately 20 people each.

Maroon 5's performance is only one of the many shows coming to Hard Rock Live this summer and fall, as the new venue continues to add a variety of acts and a diverse calendar for the remainder of 2022 and into 2023.

The center is also designed to be converted for use during a local emergency, such as the region experienced during the recent fires. "We will be able to provide shelter and food in case of an emergency," Birtha said.



Morning TV interviews were reported by Sacramento CBS Channel 13 Rachel Wulff from the VIP skybox. Photo by Paul Scholl

The building crew currently employs about 250 construction workers. The venue, when opened, will have approximately 100 employees for shows. They expect to have between 50 and 60 shows per year.

Jodi Goodman, representative from Live Nation said, "This was a natural fit. It is truly more state of the art in Northern California. For Live Nation events it is a really, really great asset. We can see an enormous future together for us." Live Nation, the world's leading live entertainment company, will be the exclusive talent booking agency for the venue.

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