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Soccer Rivals Clash



Gridley and Live Oak players fight for the loose ball during a NSCIF Division II Boys Soccer Playoff game on Tuesday, Feb. 22 in Gridley. Photo Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Bitter rivals Gridley and Live Oak matched up Tuesday in the semifinal of the Northern Section CIF Division II Boys Soccer Playoffs, as the Lions were victorious 1-0.

Junior captain Ricardo Ramos got the game started for Gridley with the opening kickoff. The Bulldogs pressured the Lions early, as their strikers attacked the Live Oak goal. The first half of the game was dominated by Gridley's aggressive offensive output as the ball remained in Lions' territory for a majority of the first 40 minutes of action.

Before halftime, the Lions

successfully thwarted one of the Bulldogs scoring attempts, but not without cause for concern. After a hard push by Gridley leading to a corner kick, Live Oak senior goalkeeper George Enriquez was injured during a rough scuffle for the ball. Enriquez was briefly replaced in goal by sophomore Rodrigo Caracheo before returning to action. The game was knotted in a scoreless draw at intermission.

In the 60th minute of the match, Ramos was called for a foul on Live Oak senior Yohan Rivera, the only player to be called for a yellow card Tuesday, leading to a free kick opportunity that Rivera drilled into the back of the net to open the scoring.

"He saw the opportunity to take the shot on frame and executed," said Live Oak co-head coach Luis Cibrian. "I've been watching soccer for a lot of years, and you hardly see a kick like that."

Gridley attempted to tie the game over the final 20 minutes to no avail. Lions prevail 1-0. When asked about his defense's performance, Cibrian said "they are our bread and butter."

Bulldogs head coach Jesse Barajas described the loss as a "tough one" for his team.

"I am proud of you," Barajas told his team postgame. "(I) love the fight you put in."

Cibrian said due to difficulties with
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Travel, Fun and Flowers



Anticipate the wonders of the coming of spring! Illustration courtesy Pixabay

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Ready to get out and about to find that perfect plant for the flower or vegetable garden? Then this day trip is for you and your friends.

Go north to the annual Local Nursery Crawl on both Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26 from 9:00 am to 4 pm. Twelve nurseries are participating in 2022. Crawlers must be prepared to travel a bit if they wish to see all of them—they are situated from the west in Proberta, all the way to the East at Yankee Hill.

Each nursery has its own specialty items. Garden Gleanings east of Willows has David Austin roses and heirloom vegetable starts. Spring Fever in Yankee Hill has rare and hard to find perennials. It also has gardens to walk in that display the plants available for purchase. Geffray's Garden is a cactus nursery in Chico that has mature, in-ground examples of cacti and succulents. Hodge's Nursery in Durham has many bare root fruit trees and their short fruit tree orchard. Déjà Vu in Paradise is at the old site of Mendon's. This nursery is helping to re-plant the burn scar. The other nurseries involved are just as wonderful!

For extra motivation, there is a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate once you have visited and collected six stamps from a nursery listed on the crawl map. You will need the Local Nursery Crawl map to get started, which can be found at localnurserycrawl.com. It lists the names and addresses of each participating nursery and details how to participate in the crawl.

Go have fun! Anticipate the wonders of the coming of spring! ★

Gridley Rocks Rotary!



These gentlemen show off their rock painting talents at Gridley's recent meeting of the Rotary Club. Pictured left to right: Dave Berg, Howard Hamman, Kory Hamman. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Last week, Gridley Rotary got themselves into some rocky territory with a program presented by Gridley Rocks!

Rotary hosted Gridley Rocks at their Thursday, February 17th meeting. What is Gridley Rocks, you ask? It is a local group dedicated to getting people outdoors in a creative and quirky way.

Those interested are urged to check out the group's Facebook page for more information, but basically, the fun consists of finding and painting rocks imaginative ways and then hiding them out in

the community for others to find. Participants are asked to post pictures of the rocks they find to the Gridley Rocks Facebook page. That goes for the rocks that they paint as
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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

We are witnessing Gridley Grocery Store-o-Rama. It seems the professional grocery store site location scouts believed Mayor Bruce Johnson and City Manager Cliff Wagner's pitch to invest in our community. There's a grocery store being built behind the AM/PM mini-market, there's a grocery store going into the old Thrifty location at the Heritage Oak Shopping Center next to Safeway, for those of us with a South of the Border flair, the Casa Lupe Market is attached to the Restuarant and Tortilla factory, and there's a Dollar General store across from McDonald's on Highway 99. Most Gridley City Council-approved housing growth is coming east of the railroad tracks. Oddly, the only grocery store east of Highway 99 is Sav•More (or Wentz Market as us locals call it), and there are no grocery stores east of the railroad tracks. At some point, Biggs needs two of these stores, and preferably one on the east side of the Highway and one west of the Highway.

*** Here are the numbers on vaccinations. 54.6 percent of the eligible population in Butte County are vaccinated. It's always bizarre to me when they add words like

"eligible population." I have no idea who the eligible population is? I thought anybody who had two arms could get the shot? Either way, it seems like we're going to be hearing less and less about getting your shots because the government is now going to stop trying to force people to do things; unless you are a kid at school. For kids, the California teacher's union will decide when the virus has subsided to the point that mask mandates can be lifted or at least align with CDC standards and the State Health Department guidelines.

*** There's a great big dump on Neal Road south of Chico where all the garbage goes. (I refuse to kowtow to the politically correct terms "recycling and waste," I still use the words garbage and dump). The County dump has been there for 50 years. Last month the County decided to start studying what to do when it runs out of space and how proper planning may allow the implementation of other high-tech technologies that will eat the garbage, so less of it must be put in the dump. They call their effort the long-term master plan for the Neal Road Recycling and waste facility. Josh Peck, the County Chief Dump Administrative Officer, announced at the meeting that there is roughly 30 years of space left in the garbage dump. This number has gone up as people have recycled more, but the number has gone up because we seem to be making more garbage in our prosperity; indeed, Landfill traffic has increased by 60 percent over the last

ten years. Tonnage rates have increased by 14 percent despite population decreases during that same time. The County is purchasing multiple large parcels surrounding the landfill to secure room for the dump expansion or create a buffer zone for adjacent landowners. Our Supervisor, Tod Kimmelshue, voted yes for upgrading the dump. It's not an issue candidates' usually campaign on, but having reliable garbage service is a fundamental core function of government.

*** What are the inflation numbers? Gas +40%, Electricity +10.7%, Bacon +18.1%, Eggs +13%, Chicken +10.3%, Fresh Fish +12.7%, Shoes +6.1%, Dresses +11.1%, Furniture +17%, Used Cars & Trucks Rental +29.3%. So if you were looking at your bank account at the end of the month and thinking, "wow, something must be wrong with me," it is not just you. A few obscure and relatively unknown economists have done a great deal of research on the effects of having the central government bank rapidly printing trillions of dollars. They claim inflation increases can be tied to government fiscal policies. The mainstream American thought is to incur more national debt and then have our grandchildren and great-grandchildren pay for it after we are dead. I'll stop there as I once promised that this column would be happy and upbeat.

*** Josh F.W. Cook is a public administrator and educator. ★

Wilson's Little Patriots



The 3rd grade classes at Wilson Elementary School put on a rousing Patriotic Program for their fellow students and families last week. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Surrounded by their classmates and families, the 3rd graders at Wilson Elementary School performed a rousing patriotic program.

Last Wednesday, February 16th at 1:00 pm, the third-grade classes met together on the basketball court area of the playground, which functioned as their stage. Families were invited to attend to watch the annual program as the students performed multiple patriotic songs. Opened

by the Pledge of Allegiance, the repertoire featured songs such as "God Bless America", "You're a Grand Old Flag", "God Bless the USA" and "Fifty Nifty United States" sung in both regular and super-fast versions. All songs were performed by memory.

The little patriots wrapped their program to the loud applause of those in attendance and retired to their classrooms to retrieve their belongings before heading home with their surely proud families. ★

Congressman LaMalfa's Statement on Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

From the Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Russia officially invaded Ukraine after months of amassing an estimated 150,000 – 190,000 troops and artillery at Ukraine's northern, southern and eastern borders. Russia has previously demanded the U.S. and NATO bar Ukraine from joining the military alliance and pull back troops from Eastern European member states. The United States first began supplying weapons to Ukraine after the Russian annexation of Crimea in 2014. Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R – Richvale) made the following statement after the invasion:

"Partisanship needs to end at the water's edge. America is stronger when we pull together in support of our republic. Today's Russian invasion of Ukraine is partially the result of American weakness on the foreign stage and fallout of a flawed withdrawal in Afghanistan. Domestically, we must address our failing leadership that contributed to this crisis. America's credibility on the world stage depends on our commitment to our principles and our allies. Internationally, I can support the Biden Administration's plan to offer Lend/Lease advanced military aid to Ukraine to defend itself from a Russian invasion. I cannot support sending American troops in harm's way. Giving the Ukrainians the military tools needed to defend their country is in America's best interest. With our technological aid they can make this invasion extremely painful for Russia and

hopefully prevail."
 "Further, immediate and crippling sanctions must be placed on all Russian industry, military leaders, and oligarchs. We should use our economic might to freeze their accounts and make Russian leadership feel true economic pain. A major shift in domestic policy has to accompany this foreign policy action. Biden's appeasement of Russia on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline has given Russia power over our allies in Western Europe. We must pursue a full domestic oil production policy including new pipelines. America has the largest untapped oil supplies in the world and now is the time to use them to avert escalating international danger. We must have the capacity to export LNG (liquefied natural gas) to our European allies to remove Russian threats to cut off their energy sources. We need to produce oil in such vast quantities that prices drop, robbing Russia of their primary economic driver. High oil prices hurt American consumers but also directly finance both Russian and Iranian aggression. This must be accompanied by returning to Trump era regulations that produce vibrant and strong economic activity. An economically powerful America has more diplomatic tools to stop both Russian and Chinese aggression."

---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. ★

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Kentucky Street Fire Under Investigation



Multiple agencies responded to a blaze between Kentucky Street and Little Avenue, Tuesday afternoon. Photo provided by Travis Price

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In the early afternoon hours of Tuesday, February 15th, at approximately 12:23 pm, reports came in regarding a fire that had broken out in Gridley.

The CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department Incident report says that calls came in regarding a commercial structure fire near Kentucky Street and Little Avenue in Gridley. When crews arrived, they found a 500-square-foot barn engulfed in flames, which were spreading to nearby wildland. Winds from the north apparently "pushed the

fire into vegetation and across a small ditch.... The vegetation fire damaged another small barn and several vehicles."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Reports from those in the area say they heard loud explosions during the time of the fire. Responding agencies included CAL FIRE/ Butte County Fire Department Engine 74, Engine 274, Sutter County Fire Department, Pacific Gas and Electric, California Highway Patrol and Gridley Police Department. Luckily the fire was 100 percent contained and there are no reports of injuries/fatalities listed on the incident report. ★

Break-in and Theft at Gridley Fire Training Grounds

CAL FIRE News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On January 13, and subsequent days, security cameras at a CAL FIRE training facility in Gridley captured multiple individuals inside a shipping container. Upon investigation, it was determined that the unit had been broken into, and expensive tools removed.

The tools included several generators, nail guns, and lumber. A flat-bed car trailer was also stolen.

CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department and the Gridley Police Department are asking the public for help in identifying the individuals responsible for the thefts. Photographs of the individuals from both the morning of January 13 and the evening of January 16 are available. If you recognize anyone in the pictures or have any information about these crimes, please contact the Gridley Police Department at (530) 846-5670. ★



If you recognize anyone in the pictures or have any information about these crimes, please contact the Gridley Police Department. Images provided by CAL FIRE

Gridley Rocks Rotary!

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well. That's right, anyone can paint rocks and hide them! Gridley Rocks asks that if you keep a rock you find, that you replace it with some of your own painted rocks and hide them around the community so that others can continue to enjoy the activity.

Gridley Rocks has been active in Gridley for about 7 years, says Lynne Spencer, who helps run the group's Facebook page. According to Spencer, it originated when Cindy Scott reached out to the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce for help with the project. Spencer says that since the inception of the group, she has painted and hid nearly 300 rocks! "It is a great way to get kids outside and off electronics," says Spencer, "It's a good family activity!"

Anyone can be a part of Gridley Rocks, but Spencer encourages adults who find rocks to "let it be for the kids" and for adults who finds rocks to either let



Rotarian, Adam Groen's "Happy Face" rock put a smile on more faces than just his! Photo by Seti Long

them stay in place, or for them to paint and replace the rocks they have found.

On Thursday, Rotary members painted over 30 rocks that will join those already hidden in the community. Apparently, Rotary plans to make the rock painting a part of their meetings in the future, in an effort to help grow the

Gridley Rocks program and increase the supply of hidden rocks in the area for happy hunting.

Keep your eyes open as you walk through the neighborhood, parks and even grocery store parking lots. A beautifully painted rock could be waiting for you to pick it up and inspire you to participate! ★

Chemical Spill Scare at Local School

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Valentine's Day brought with it a little extra excitement as Sycamore Middle School in Gridley experienced what was originally reported as a chemical spill.

According to a message

from Sycamore Middle School shared publicly on Facebook, "at approximately 11:45 am, a chemical spill was reported in a classroom. All classes were evacuated for approximately 30 minutes and emergency medical services and law enforcement were notified and on

scene. Upon investigation it was determined that a couple of students had discharged pepper spray in the classroom."

The canister was reportedly recovered and all affected surfaces cleaned. School activities resumed as normal and there were no injuries reported. ★

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FOCUS Gives Honorary Gift

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Although FOCUS has disbanded, the group's members were determined to honor long-time member, Joan Brock, who passed away in December of 2021.

FOCUS-Hands Helping Children was a non-profit children's charity that served the communities of Biggs, Richvale, Gridley and Live Oak. While FOCUS was active, the many retired teachers who were part of the group gave books regularly to elementary students in the Gridley and Biggs area.

Donna Long spear-headed this community service project. This Honorary Gift, in remembrance of Brock, was supported by personal donations from past members of FOCUS. Fifty-one gift baskets were distributed on Valentine's Day to residents of the Hovlid Community Center. Each basket contained warm socks, toiletries, hats, scarves, and candy. Kathy



Special gift baskets for residents at Hovlid Community Care Center were put together by the remnants of the service group FOCUS, in memory of one of its recently passed members, Joan Brock. Photo provided by Groverlee Dahl

McKenzie collected boxes of cookies that were gifted to residents of Hovlid along with the baskets.

The cookies and the memorial gift were a bright and loving contribution to the Hovlid

residents on Valentine's Day. The former members of FOCUS are continuing the spirit of the organization with plans to hand out May Day baskets to Hovlid in the near future. ★



Enthusiastic Throng Turns Out for World Ag Expo Return

Tens of thousands of visitors descended on Tulare County last week as the World Ag Expo reopened to in-person attendance after being held virtually last year due to the pandemic. The expo featured 2.6 million square feet of exhibit space that brimmed with new agricultural technology, including robotics, artificial intelligence and low-emission farm vehicles. The event featured more than 1,200 exhibitors and numerous demonstrations, tours and seminars.

Report: U.S. Organic Produce Sales Top \$9 Billion In 2021

U.S. organic produce sales topped \$9 billion in 2021. That's up \$477 million from 2020, according to the Organic Produce Network. But California organic farmers say they still face a challenging season ahead due to drought and higher production costs. Some organic vegetable growers also say competition with imports from Mexico is driving down their crop prices. But restaurant sales, including to high-end eateries wanting organic produce, are rebounding after pandemic closures.

UC Davis Researchers Discover Gene That May Increase Wheat Yields

Researchers at the University California, Davis, have discovered a new gene variant in wheat that they say can increase grain yields for the essential global staple. According to research published in the journal PLOS Genetics, the gene controls the number of grains in a wheat spike and breeding it can make wheat varieties more productive. That could allow more farmers to grow more wheat without increasing land use.

Sonoma Academy Trains Vineyard Workers for Leadership Roles

The Sonoma County Grape Growers Foundation is supporting a training initiative that aims to secure the future of agriculture in the county and impart business development skills for new generations. The foundation is hosting the inaugural class for the Richard and Saralee Kunde Leadership Academy. Named for the late Sonoma County wine growers, the year-long program teaches skills to enable vineyard employees to advance into leadership roles in the wine-grape industry. ★

Planning Commission Vacancy

The City of Gridley has two volunteer Planning Commissioner vacancies. Applications can be found at www.gridley.ca.us. Must live in the Gridley City limits. The Planning Commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. This position will be filled by appointment of the City Council. Applications should be submitted to: City Clerk, City of Gridley, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, 95948 by March 1, 2022.

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MEMORIAL

CHRISTOPHER ANDREW SKAGGS

11/30/1982 – 2/02/2022

Christopher Andrew Skaggs was born November 30, 1982 in Yuba City, California to Dan and Joyce Skaggs. Chris passed away peacefully on February 2, 2022 in Sacramento, California after a courageous battle with metastatic melanoma.

Chris attended Gridley schools and graduated from Gridley High School in 2001. He went on to attend Butte College and California State University, Chico. Chris worked with his dad in the family business, Dan Skaggs Auto Care Center, and later went on to run the business himself. His longtime interest in computer science eventually took Chris back to college, and he went on to work for Alliant Networking, Inc. in Yuba City, CA.

Chris was a beloved husband to Melissa Jenkins. After almost 10 years together they were married on January 31, 2018. Chris enjoyed quiet times with Melissa, and the two spent time camping and backpacking in the mountains along with their



dogs, Buddy and Lily.

Chris always enjoyed the mountains and grew up spending time with his family at their cabin near La Porte, CA. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling was a favorite sport.

Chris is survived by his wife, Melissa Jenkins, his parents, Dan and Joyce Skaggs, his sister, Ashley Salisbury and her husband Shawn, his niece, Addison, his nephew, AJ, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws.

Chris is preceded in death by his sister, Amy Lynn Skaggs, and his

grandparents, Bennie and Otilia Skaggs and Lester and Evelyn Helmers.

There will be a casual Celebration of Life barbecue for all who want to honor Chris on Saturday, March 5th at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Avenue, Yuba City, beginning at 12:00.

To honor Chris' memory and keep his loved ones safe, his wife requests that all guests be vaccinated or have a negative COVID test within 72 hours. A private graveside service was held previously at the Gridley-Biggs District Cemetery.

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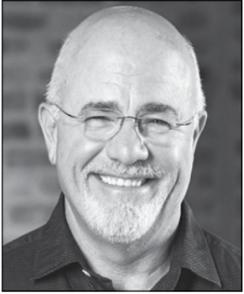
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Dave Ramsey Says

These Debt Reduction Strategies are Bad Ideas

Dear Dave,
I've been seeing lots of ads lately for debt consolidation companies, debt settlement companies and the HELOC. Are any of these methods for reducing debt a good idea?

– Brent
Dear Brent,
No. These are all bad ideas when it comes to getting out of debt. There's a lot of buzz these days surrounding all the "quick" and "easy" ways to clean up debt and get control of your finances. But the truth is neither one is ever easy. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Debt consolidation is basically a loan that combines all your debts into one single payment. Sounds like a great idea at first, right? But then you find out the lifespan of your loans increase, and that means you'll stay in debt even longer than before. The low interest rate that looks so appealing in the beginning usually goes up over time, too. Stretching out the amount of time you're paying off debt, plus adding interest, is just dumb.

Debt settlement companies are awful. These crummy outfits will charge you a fee, then promise to negotiate with your creditors to reduce what you owe. In most cases, they take your money up front, do a bad job "negotiating" your debt and leave you responsible for what's left.

A home equity line of credit (HELOC) is also a bad idea. With a HELOC, you're borrowing against your home. On top of that, you risk losing your house if you

can't pay it back on time. All these plans are really just gimmicks that only treat the symptoms of your money problems. They never help you address the root issue of why you landed there in the first place. Personal finance is always 80% behavior, and 20% head knowledge. You have to change your behavior if you want to make a lasting, positive impact on your finances!

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




SPARKY'S CORNER

OVEN STORAGE HAZARD

With a recent surge in emergencies that are the result of residents storing pots and pans inside an oven, CAL FIRE / Gridley Fire Department wants to remind the citizens to never store anything inside your oven. The plastic handles and light metal pots and pans can melt onto the heating element and produce large amounts of toxic smoke and easily catch fire. Plastic and rubber handles can melt at temperatures as low as 200 Degrees Fahrenheit. On the self-cleaning setting, an oven can reach temperatures of 900 degrees Fahrenheit easily igniting anything flammable that may be inside. So to reduce the risk of a fire and significant smoke damage to your home, please never store anything inside your oven and always check inside before using.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74





Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



I'm tired. I've pushed through struggles over and over. My body aches. My mind is reeling from relentless fatigue. I've fought the battles of live over and over. People have turned away and friends have forgotten me. I've face difficulties by myself. I know Lord, you've been there but ever so often I would like someone with skin and bones to be there. We've walked the walk together, Lord and without your strength, power, and love I would never have made it this far. As a broken cracked human, life would life would be so much harder without Your mighty right hand of power. So many of our

modern-day youth and yes, even adults are moving through this world unprepared to face the unyielding foe that roars around trying to keep man from finding the peace and joy of a relationship with You. Without a feeling of belonging to someone, many young people choose to leave this world rather than fight to live.

People who grow to know the Living God find a strength within that helps chase away the fears, hate, and loneliness that the evil one throws out to ensnare all of mankind.

Some battles we will win, others we will lose. It is the loses that cause the heart pain and bruises. But the loving Almighty God will feed and heal as he puts us up again.

God loves us all and does not want one to fail or fall behind. Over and over, He will offer us new ways to change and grow as we all try to

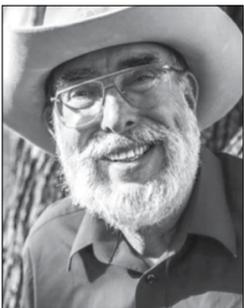
make it day by day. Jus as He opened doors of prisons for His disciples and created different ways to walk the paths of missions in strange lands, He will guide and direct modern-day believers.

Yes, we are tired! Yes, we have fought battles to stay upright in a frightful world! But don't give up. Believe in a Creator that loves His creation and will provide for it. Keep you heads up and eyes on the heavenly prize. Don't be fooled by false doctrine or lying mouths.

Do the work the Lord has called you to do: Love one another, provide for the needy, and live as much like Jesus as possible. Fight the good fight! It will be worth it!

Come fight and gain strength with us to keep moving through the battle at the Gridley United Methodist Church. We meet each Sunday at 10 am at the corners of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

The Fireplace is the Spiritual Center of a Home

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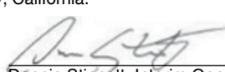


BIGGS-WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT CEQA MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines, the Biggs-West Gridley Water District ("BWGWD") hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project:

- Name of Project:** Biggs-West Gridley Water District 2022 Water Transfer Program.
- Project Proponent and Lead Agency:** Biggs-West Gridley Water District, 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road Gridley, California 95948; principal contact -Donnie Stinnett, Interim General Manager, (530) 846-3317.
- Project Description:** BWGWD proposes to sell during the 2022 irrigation season up to 18,780 acre-feet ("AF") of water to participating member districts of the State Water Contractors, Inc. or other south of Delta purchasers, including Central Valley Project contractors (collectively, "Buyers"). Buyers and others are seeking up to approximately 300,000 AF of transfer water from various willing sellers in the Sacramento Valley during the 2022 irrigation season. Purchasing this water would lessen potential water supply shortages to these parties that may occur as a result of dry hydrologic conditions and regulatory restrictions on pumping in the Delta. As a willing seller, BWGWD would make up to 18,780 AF of water available to Buyers by idling cropland (i.e., non-irrigation of farmland by voluntary participants). Water made available by crop idling within the boundaries of the BWGWD would then be retained and stored by the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") in Lake Oroville for delivery to Buyers. BWGWD's proposed transfer will comply with the most current Draft Technical Information for Preparing Water Transfer Proposals prepared by DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation dated December 2019 (Draft Technical Information), as applicable to land idling transfers.
- Project Location:** The project area, from which the water for this transfer will be made available, is defined by the BWGWD's legal boundaries, which encompasses approximately 34,800 acres in the northern Sacramento Valley, mostly in Butte County with a small portion of that acreage in Sutter County (See attached draft IS/MND). Within the BWGWD's boundaries are approximately 31,300 irrigable acres, of which approximately 22,739 acres are dedicated primarily to the production of rice.
- Hazardous Waste Sites:** The project location is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.
- Public Review:** A copy of the draft Initial Study and related documentation is available for public review at www.bwgwater.org and during business hours at BWGWD's office at the above address. Public comments on this proposal to adopt a negative declaration will be received by BWGWD at the above address beginning on February 28, 2022 and ending at 3:30 p.m. on March 29, 2022. Following the review and comment period, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be on the District Board of Directors' agenda for potential adoption at a noticed regular or special meeting to be held at a later-determined date at the District's offices located at 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road, Gridley, California.

Dated: February 18, 2022


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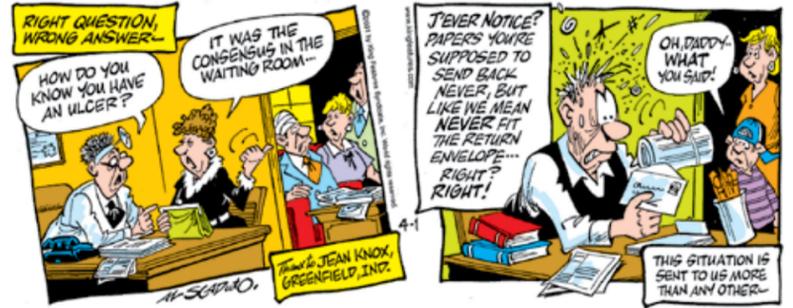
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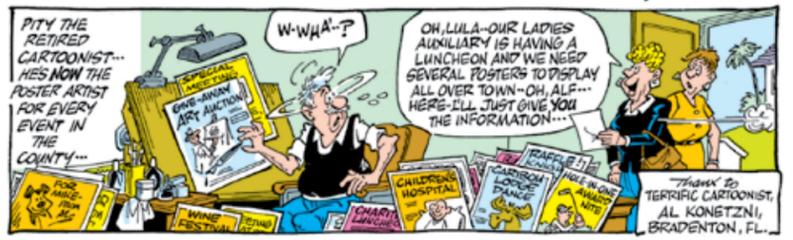


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This year's GHS Tennis Team began its season on Thursday, February 24th. Photo: GHS

GUSD News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -The Gridley High School boys tennis team will begin match play this week and will host its first of the year against Colusa on February 24. The team features four returning players in Jeremy Longmire, Spencer Davis, Cole Leishman and Ryan Woolery as well as newcomers Taylor Johnson, Eric Ramirez, Cesar Ortiz and Juan Diego Avelar.

The team is on the rebound after a rough season last year. New Varsity Head Coach Bob Moffitt tells the Herald he is excited by the talent level he has seen so far.

"This team is full of young men with athletic ability and solid work ethics. I have been tremendously pleased and impressed with their effort and their attitude," Moffitt says

Six of the eight players recently finished playing football for a squad that went 4-2 in league play.

And though they have been involved in a winning culture, wins and losses are not part of the discussion for this tennis team, on strict orders of Coach Moffitt.

"Worrying about winning can only lead to thoughts about the outcome instead of the task at hand," Moffitt says. "It actually increases the chance of losing. Our goals are to improve every day, to play hard, to be good sportsmen and let the chips fall where they may. We will take our lumps in the early going, I am sure. But we will learn from those experiences and I am confident we will be in a solid position to surprise some schools by the time playoffs roll around."

Moffitt is an English teacher at the high school. He has been a coach in multiple sports within the Yuba Sutter area for a dozen years. He began his coaching career 20 years ago at Sparks High School as a junior varsity baseball coach.

His assistant coach, Emily Morgan, returns for a second season in that capacity. She played tennis for GHS in 2012 and 2013.

"I love tennis," Morgan says. "It's amazing to see both experienced and brand-new players with such a strong desire to learn and grow as athletes. That desire is really pushing them along quite quickly."

Morgan is also involved with the school assisting the theater department.

The Bulldogs play in the Butte Valley League. They will play Las Plumas, Paradise Adventist, Corning, Orland, and Oroville twice each from now through the third week of April. Gridley had planned to play Wheatland and Sutter in boys tennis this Spring, but neither school managed to field a team. The regular season will end April 19 with Senior Night against Oroville. BVL championship play will commence April 22 at Las Plumas. Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation team playoffs will take place at the end of April and into early May.

"Whether you are a serious or casual fan, this is a great way for you to come out and be a part of your community," says Moffitt. "Bring your lawn chair and an umbrella and be prepared to support our boys. There isn't a bad seat in the house!" ★

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COVID-19, his team has been unable to play an entire match with their complete starting lineup the entire season and the win against Gridley felt "amazing."

"We've had a very, very difficult season," Cibrian said. "So, I am very proud of our boys."

Live Oak will play Wheatland in the NSCIF Finals on Saturday at 3:00 P.M. ★



Members of the Live Oak High School Varsity Soccer team pose for a photo following a 1-0 victory over Gridley in the NSCIF. Photo by Seti Long



Members of the Live Oak Lions react to a yellow card being called on senior Yohan Rivera against Gridley during a NSCIF Division II Boys Soccer Playoff game on Tuesday, Feb. 22 in Gridley. Photo by Seti Long



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