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Gridley Welcomes New City Administrator



Cliff Wagner

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After nearly a 7-month search to fill the vacant City Administrator position, the City of Gridley, Mayor and Council have voted to install Mr. Cliff Wagner as our new City Administrator.

Wagner was chosen from a pool of recruits organized by the firm Bob Murray & Associates after 2 rounds of interviews, a complete background and medical check, and a third interview by a community citizens panel. The Gridley City Council voted 4-1 in favor of Wagner's placement; the no vote recorded from Councilwoman Catalina Sanchez.

Locals may already be familiar with Cliff Wagner. He and his family have lived in the outskirts of Biggs for the last 15 years. He has expressed that this is his "Home" and that he plans to retire here. Hopeful, Mayor Bruce Johnson said, "From what I have seen" from the community and the discussions with locals Wagner has been having, including the presence of the Mayor of Biggs, Bo Sheppard, at Monday's installation of Wagner as City Administrator, "they approve. I think the relationship between the two cities (Gridley and Biggs) is going to be mended.... really quick, and that's been an issue for years."

Besides having roots within the two communities, Wagner brings with him an impressive, professional resume. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Political Science from California State University, Chico. Wagner retired from the U.S. Army in the rank of Major after 28 years in service in multiple positions including but not limited to, paratrooper, drill sergeant, company commander, tank gunner and for his service in Iraq, Wagner was honored with the United States Bronze Star, the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (among others).

Wagner is not new to politics and has been

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Smiling, waving, carrying flags and showing their patriotic colors, Gridley area youth teams came out strong this Red Suspenders Day! Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Many would agree that the 60th annual Red Suspenders Days, with this year's theme, Celebrating Our Youth, was absolutely one of the BEST Red Suspenders Day events in recent history!

Due to COVID-19, this was the first large community event that has

been held in over a year. And man, did people turn out! The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce agrees that the crowd was huge this year. But with vendors, attractions, activities and more spread out, and with other social distancing measures taken, you would not have guessed there were thousands in attendance.

Food vendors ran out of food! Lines were an hour long at the shaved

ice spots. Bob Treaux of the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce, who was also assisting the Gridley Lions bratwurst booth, says they tried to restock but "the crowd was simply overwhelming."

Regardless of food shortages, everyone was having a great time! People were glad to be back together as a community. Careful planning and

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Gold Sox Set to Take the Field June 3rd

By Tommy Lininger,
Yuba-Sutter Gold Sox

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - After much anticipation, the Yuba-Sutter Gold Sox are set to take the field in 2021 for their 19th season of summer baseball. Following a historic 2020 season in which the club was the only sporting organization in the state to host a live audience, the Gold Sox have forged a plan to bring the great Yuba-Sutter area another summer of exciting baseball and family entertainment.

As reigning champions, the Gold Sox will return to compete in the Sierra Central - Montana Farms Summer Series for the second year in a row. The Gold Sox will face teams from throughout California including teams from the California Collegiate League and the Bay Area Collegiate League. Yuba-Sutter will continue their rivalry with the Lincoln Potters, who they will face four times at home this summer.

This summer the Gold Sox will play a 44-game schedule, including 40 home games. The Gold Sox are set to take on the Lincoln Potters Opening Night, Thursday, June 3rd. For ten consecutive weeks Yuba-Sutter will continue to play the fan friendly



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Thursday through Sunday schedule with games beginning at 7pm Thursday - Saturday and 6pm on Sundays. Ballpark attendance will be limited to 25% capacity (1,000 fans) to begin the season. Tickets will sell-out so be sure to purchase in advance.

In addition to the great talent coming into town to face the Gold Sox this summer, Yuba-Sutter themselves have recruited a top-level roster for the 2021 season, acquiring players from various colleges across the country including Northern Colorado

and UC Davis. The summer will tout one of the most competitive rosters the Gold Sox have ever put together.

To wrap up the summer baseball season the Gold Sox and Lincoln Potters will co-host the inaugural West Coast World Series. The 2021 West Coast World Series is an Invitational Tournament that will bring together 16 top Summer Collegiate Baseball Teams from the West Coast to determine who is the Best of the West.

Gold Sox GM Tommy Lininger commenting on

the season: "After only being able to have 100 fans per game last year we are excited to be able to expand that to 1000 this season. Given the size of the stadium, and our safety protocols we will be able to provide the community with safe, fun and affordable family entertainment for our 19th season of baseball here in Yuba-Sutter."

Full and partial season seats are on sale now by calling the Gold Sox at 530-741-3600. Single game tickets will go on sale on Thursday, May 20th. ★

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

At some point in the year, the editorial board of this most prominent and illustrious Journal of Record, The Gridley Herald, convenes to ascertain which are the best businesses in town – traditionally called “the best of” edition of the paper. Circumstances warrant expanding this prestigious designation when something appears so special, unique, and fantastic it must be enshrined in this the - the Pi-Line. Connie Bueler entered her Rat Rod (not a hot rod) in the annual Red Suspenders Day car show. Her vehicle was listed as a 1938 Buick. Still, after some conversation with Connie, it became clear to me that the car was composed of three (or more) separate cars put together by her husband at her direction so she could decorate the car. Rat Rods as a classification of classic vehicle reflect a period of American life in which transporting alcoholic at incredible speeds was critical. Moreover, having a car

that did not attract attention because of its fancy paint job, large engine, and expensive look was also important, suffice it to say these cars were used for “Moonshin” the moniker adopted to describe people who brewed alcohol by the light of the moon and then transported it in cars that were nondescript and very fast. Connie went to the southern United States and purchased a still used for making moonshine - and installed it in the truck as the gas tank for the vehicle. The back tailgate to the truck is two welded together sewing machine legs from an antique Singer sewing machine, the gearshift was a shotgun, the side view mirrors were made of cast-iron frying pans, there was one raccoon tail in the cab for good luck, and the front of the car had no hood, so the engine was constantly exposed to run cooler and be readily accessible when quick repairs were required. After talking to Connie for a few minutes, I ascertained that she is the kind of person who goes into Hobby Lobby or Micheal’s and can come out with the perfect craft project in less than 30 minutes when it takes the average less crafty person three days. Now imagine a woman who can do that at an auto parts store and a junkyard. Indeed Connie’s 1938 (and 1937,42, and 45) Buick Rat Rod was

the highlight of my weekend, and I hope she enjoys telling her friends that her skills and talents have garnered her the “2021 Gridley Herald Pi-Line tri-town Supreme Grand Champion Best of Show Award”. Congratulations, Connie.

Gridley should have a new City Manager by the time you read this column, and I am hoping that Seti Long, the Editrix (the actual correct word for a woman editor) of this illustrious and prestigious journal, does not take the job. Mayor Bruce Johnson should understand that without Seti at the Herald, the newspaper would collapse, and the first amendment rights of thousands of people would be in jeopardy. Also, what would the City Council do if nothing they ever did made it in the local paper? It's like a tree falling in the woods, and there's no one there to hear it. So I anticipate Seti turns down the job, and one of the lucky finalists selected by an impartial out-of-town talent search agency takes the helm. Or this could be like that 70’s Clint Eastwood movie - Paint Your Wagon - and Gridley and Biggs collapse into tunnels dug by Live Oak. Think about that.

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

Waller Nails Wood Arts



The master at work in his workshop! Jack Waller shows us how he makes some of his most popular pieces. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Jack Waller is a great kid. It is not surprising that he has taken it upon himself to build something out of his boredom.

Recently, Waller began to revisit the family garage, an area he spent a lot of time in with his late Grandfather. Hours of tinkering with wood, tools, and outdoors with Grandpa in his early years may have been behind the sudden new interest in carpentry. His mother, Jeanna Winters, says that in the last month or so, her son’s projects have really taken off.

Confident and animated, Waller explains that he has been building pieces, working outdoors, and more to earn money to buy more tools for his workshop. His most recent acquisition was a miter saw, which opened the door to even more wood crafts. He predominantly uses pallet wood for his pieces, but when a Facebook post caught the attention of a local business, Waller was the lucky recipient of some donated wood from Travis Byers at Goforth Molding. “I was floored,” said mother Jeanna Winters, “you just don’t see that nowadays” of the quality and amount of wood they donated to her son.

Waller is now accepting commissions

and creating tables, benches, wall décor, hearts and more with his tools. Waller says his mom and grandmother help him with craft ideas that will attract buyers and occasionally with production. He stains the wood as well, with steel wool, and utilizes other techniques for variety in his pieces. He displays his finished works for sale out on his driveway.

Waller says, “I would like to start more of a business, and just start building until I get to that. And then, just grow and grow.” He also wanted to remind everyone, “I just want people to know this is pallet wood – it’s not the best wood... And if you are thinking I’m a pro carpenter, I’m not.”

He might not be a professional carpenter, but Jake Waller’s wood pieces are amazing and his passion for building, his impressive knowledge of tools, and his craft, is whole-heartedly endearing.

At the same time, this 11-year-old, soon to be 12, is realistic, “If this doesn’t work out for me, let’s say, in the future, like with wood prices so high I can’t get any wood... I also know how to do like, electrical and stuff.” Something tells us that won’t be a problem for Jack Waller. Help support this young man and visit his wood shop located on the southwest corner of California and Magnolia Streets, Gridley. ★

Record Breaking Fun!

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the dedication of volunteers made the activities, events, parade and car shows one of the best on record!

The day kicked off with the Little League Pancake Breakfast and quickly transitioned into the Bed Races. No doubt jacked on maple syrup, this year’s bed racing teams were comprised of the Presbyterian Church Youth team and little league teams: the Giants, the Braves, and the Dodgers. As the first set of beds took off down Virginia Street pushed by the Giants and Dodgers, it was clear the competition was going to get heated. There were a couple of hang-ups, literally, as the beds got stuck together twice, wild all-in-fun accusations of cheating, and claims that the Napa Butte Auto bed was rigged because it always seemed to win. When all was said and done, First Presbyterian Youth Group took home first place of \$250, followed by Dodgers in 2nd and Giants coming in 3rd.

It is yet to be seen if it is a good or bad omen, but a photo-shoot after the win on the die-hard Napa Butte Auto bed ended in an ominous yet laughable finish to the 60-year anniversary of the bed races. Under the weight of the little league racers, the

Napa Butte Auto bed collapsed!! Councilman and Chamber Member Zach Torres assured that we will all see the infamous bed repaired and ready for next year.

Shortly thereafter, Motorcycle Officer Roberts cleared the parade route and singers Maddie Miller and Kari Wheeler treated viewers to beautiful renditions of the National Anthem. A color guard courtesy of CALFIRE ushered in the parade. What commenced was one of the longest Red Suspenders Day parades on record - over an hour long! Joe Dewsnup accompanied by wife Crystal, served as Parade Grand Marshal, and depending on where you were sitting, either Jeff Unck, Brian Bassett, or David Bassett were your emcees. This year’s Couple of the Year was Dan and Mary Boeger for their donation of the use of the Wildfires Distribution Center building. Over 20 firefighting units were part of the show, including vintage military vehicles, and the Amigos de Caballo dancing horses. First place and a \$250 prize went to Apples to Zebras Preschool for their float in the parade, 2nd place to Gridley Youth Sports, and 3rd place to Barefoot Dance company. Honorable mentions went to Claude the Dragon and

Amigos de Caballo.

The first ever Red Suspenders Day Car Show was a huge hit, with one of the strongest turn out of vehicles Gridley has seen in an exceptionally long time. Vehicles included U.S. classics, European classics, including some VW’s, motorcycles, and even tractors. Categories were: Best Interior – 1st place: Tim Murphy, 1940 Ford Coupe; Best Engine – 1st place: Wes Boone, Orange 1953 Chevy Pickup with 468 big block blower motor; Best Paint – 1st place: Eleazar Aceves – 1990 Chevy ½ ton truck; Best of Show - Ralph Blackburn, 1957 Chevy; and People’s Choice - Merv and Betty Howell, 1953 Buick. Best Tractor went to Steve Stark, and Best Motorcycle went to Officer Roberts and his Gridley Police Department bike.

Helicopter flyovers, Disney princesses, Firemen Games, Pony Rides and Pony Plop all combined to make one heck of a good time last weekend. On that note, the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone that made this event so amazing – Thank you Firefighters! Not to mention volunteers, sponsors, participants and more that made the 2021 Red Suspenders Days such a huge success!!! ★



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More Red Suspenders Day Fun!



Couple of the Year was Dan and Mary Boeger, honored for the generous donation of the building that houses the Wildfires Distribution Center and hours of service to help those in need. Photo by Seti Long



The Giants, Dodgers and Braves piled atop the legendary Napa Butte Auto bed after a rousing competition at the Bed Races – only to collapse the iconic bed! Photo by Seti Long



Gridley PD Chief Harr presents Motorcycle Officer Jim Roberts the Red Suspenders Day award for Best Motorcycle. Photo by Seti Long



Barefoot Dance Company, which took 3rd place, danced their way down the parade route after slaying it at Dupree Dance Festival earlier in the month! Photo by Seti Long



These handsome ballplayers heralded the arrival of a huge float carrying a combination of Gridley area youth sports teams. Photo by Seti Long



Claude the Dragon, always a crowd favorite, kept his fiery breath in check so CALFIRE units did not give him a talking to. Photo by Seti Long



Kids and parents get ready for the Big Parade. Photo by Paul Scholl



Tractors, Tractors everywhere! Photo by Paul Scholl



Spish, splash, sparkle!! Apples to Zebras Preschool took home the win with 1st place in the parade while their happy tots splashed in the mobile pool that was their float, and rained glitter on parade-goers! Photo by Seti Long

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Yuba Feather Museum Opening Day and Parade



Come and relive the life of the old timers as you stroll along the boardwalk and look in the old Wells Fargo office, the jail, the doctor's office, the dressmaker's shop and millinery. Photo Courtesy Yuba Feather Museum

office, the jail, the doctor's office, the dressmaker's shop and millinery. Pet the live donkeys at the livery stable near the blacksmith and leather shop. Ladies, mind your men as you walk by the saloon and save up those pennies for the array of old time goodies available at our bake sale. Spend some quiet moments in the one room school house and the picturesque chapel. Visit miner Hector Achorn's cabin and the pioneer family homestead where you can see implements used by your grandparents. At the Mercantile, an assortment of old-time toys and novelties make for some fun shopping refreshed by ice cold bottles of sarsaparilla. There will be folks in the regalia of the past to sit in the shade of the pines and reminisce with. New this year to the village is the opening of 1800s representation of a Chinese laundry and store that served the Chinese miners of the day.

Admission to the Museum and Gold Trader Flat is always free. Donations and proceeds go towards the Museum and interpretive village, both of which are supported entirely through private memberships and donations, and maintained by volunteers for the benefit of the community. Membership and Volunteer information will be available for those interested. Don't hesitate to leave a telephone message (530)675-1025. SEE YOU THERE! ★

By Lynette Wood,
Yuba Feather Museum

FORBESTOWN, CA (MPG) - Volunteers have been busy for months preparing for the opening season of the Yuba Feather Museum and Gold Trader Flat. Saturday, June 5th, is the big Opening Day after a year of being closed. Festivities include a Parade of Heros at noon, honoring all the agencies that saved our local communities from the wildfires of 2020. The historic gold trader flat village will be open immediately after the parade to 4:00 p.m. There will be a peddlers fair in the village after the veterans' flag raising. Table space is still available for \$10. Come and join us in celebrating the gold rush history that brought the first settlers to our Sierra foothills. The Museum is located at 19096 New York Flat Road in Forbestown.

Gold Trader Flat is a replica village of a 1800s gold mining town in scenic mountain town of Forbestown. Come and relive the life of the old timers as you stroll along the boardwalk and look in the old Wells Fargo

Condolences to the Family of Retired Officer Ronald Wesley Moore

Gridley Police Department

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Police Department wishes to send condolences to the Family of Retired Gridley Police Officer Ronald Wesley Moore.

Officer Moore passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2021 at his residence in the State of Washington. Officer Moore worked for the Gridley Police Department from 1990 until his retirement in 2009.

Officer Moore began his career in Law Enforcement with the United States Army, 980th Military Police Company, stationed in Herlong, California.

In 1983, after having served with the US Army, Officer Moore was hired as a Police Officer by the Susanville Police Department. Officer Moore worked in that capacity from 1983 until 1989.

In 1990, Officer Moore transferred

to the Gridley Police Department and worked undercover as a Detective for the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force.

In 1991, Officer Moore transitioned to the assignment of a Patrol Officer. Many of us knew Officer Moore as the Drug Abuse Recognition and Education (D.A.R.E.) Officer. Officer Moore served in that assignment for many years while assuming his regular patrol duties. Officer Moore received recognition for his work with youth in the D.A.R.E. Program from the National Child Safety Council and the Butte County Partnership. Officer Moore was chosen as Officer of the Year in 1998 by his peers. These were but a few of Officer Moore's accomplishments.

The Gridley Police Department would like to thank Officer Moore's Family for supporting his Law Enforcement career throughout his over 28 years of service in the field of Law Enforcement. ★



Water Shortages Prompt Orchard Removals

Productive orchards are being removed in the Central Valley, as farmers cope with severe water shortages prompted by drought and water-system limitations. One Fresno County farmer says he's pulling out almost 400 acres of almond trees. Federal and state water projects say they will provide little to no irrigation water to many agricultural customers, so farmers must calculate how much food they can grow with their limited supplies.

Projects Aim To Improve Water Forecasts Measuring snow, and forecasting how much may be available for future water supply, has taken on increasing importance – and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will invest \$2.5 million in improving its ability to assess the snowpack. One project looks at better ways to measure snow in the San Joaquin River watershed. Other research will employ satellite technology and artificial intelligence.

Rice Farmers Plant Fewer Acres

Lack of water will mean reduced rice production in the Sacramento Valley. This is the time of year when farmers plant rice, but analysts believe acreage will be down about 20% because of water restrictions. In some cases, rice farmers will leave land idle in order to transfer part of their water supply to users in other regions. Although acreage will be down, rice planting has proceeded smoothly due to favorable spring weather.

Sod Farms Adjust To Pandemic, Drought

For people who operate sod farms, the COVID-19 pandemic and the deepening drought have brought changes in business. The pandemic cut demand from schools and sports stadiums but brought an uptick in residential business. Drought prompts buyers to seek sod that uses less water, so growers have maintained a trend toward production of water-saving grasses. One grower says the previous drought had "a heavy influence" on what he markets now. ★

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Outdoor Entertaining

The warm balmy nights, food cooking on the grill, and friends and family spending quality time together in the backyard or around the pool create wonderful memories that last a lifetime. But, hosting outdoor events also means there's an increased risk of home fires.

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINING BY THE NUMBERS

- Outside fireplaces or fire pits caused nearly 3,700 grass and brush fires
- Total outdoor patio heater or fire pit injuries has nearly tripled in six years (1,330 to 3,608) from 2006 – 2012
- More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle
- An average of 8,800 home fires involved grills, hibachis, or barbecues each year
- In 2012, sparklers, fountains and novelties accounted for 25% of emergency room fireworks-related injuries*

Fortunately, following some simple safety tips and guidelines can help ensure you and your guests stay safe. Consider the following when you host your next outdoor event:

- Have an adult present at all times when a portable fireplace is burning
- Use sturdy candle holders that won't tip over easily
- Keep anything that can burn, as well as children and pets, at least three feet away from open flames
- Use battery-operated flameless candles and solar-powered patio (tiki) torches in place of an open flame. Flameless candles come in all colors, shapes and sizes, and many are scented. Flameless candles look and feel like the real ones, and add a beautiful soft glow to any outdoor event.

Source: NFPA's Fire Analysis & Research Division



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Gridley Thumbs and Roots

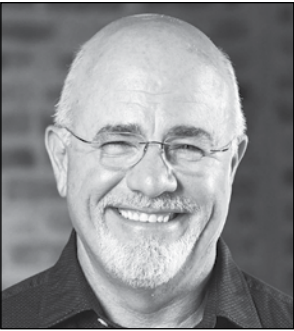


By Barbara Ott

I'm over sleeping-in, it must be hotter. If I don't get out and work in the garden when it is relatively cool, it doesn't happen. I'm officially a wilting violet when it heats up. I used to work and sweat in the heat, now I do that up to about 85. Due to being out earlier I've seen some interesting insect and mollusk action.

The edges of the lawn were treated for cockroaches the night before. There leisurely walking down the middle of the back sidewalk was a large roach. I knew its casual stroll was due to being poisoned. I always have a first reaction of feeling sad for the suffering. Then I thought, it is a breeder, I'll make sure it doesn't survive. So, I stepped on it and smashed it into the cement. I remembered the fly in The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy who wanted revenge for being killed over and over by the same person in its many reincarnations. "Ah well" I thought, and went about my business. When I returned that roach was only semi-smashed. Its abdomen

was smashed on the sidewalk and its thorax and head were making every effort to walk away, so weird and wonderful. Once you've squashed a bug it is easy to do it a second time. So, I put it out of its "misery." I've noticed shiny, slimy snail trails going across my back sidewalk for about a week. Out early I saw the large slimer who was leaving the trail. I did not smash it. It crept onto the lawn. I went about my business. Later it was crawling under a large pot, seeking snail air conditioning. I'm guessing I have an entire colony of snails living there on hot days. I'll probably not bother them where they live but beware when they are on plants. ★



More than any Amount of Money

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are both 29, and we have good jobs that allow us to bring home \$100,000 a year combined. Recently, we began talking about starting a family. We live on a budget, but we still have about \$15,000 in credit card debt and student loans we're working hard to pay off. Do you think couples should wait until they are debt-free to have children?

– Missy
Dear Missy
You and your husband are chipping away at your debt, and that's a good thing. It sounds like you two are determined to get it paid off and take control of your finances. You're also making pretty good money, so keep up the good work!

Dave Ramsey Says

Ok, so the truth is kids can be expensive. From medical costs and diapers, to childcare and beyond, it costs money to raise a family. But here's the thing: If you let money alone, or the perfect financial situation, determine whether you have kids or not, you may never have them. Now, would it be easier from a financial standpoint only to wait on having kids until you're debt-free and there's a huge pile of cash in the bank? Sure, it would. But children are worth more than any amount of money. If you love each other and want to be parents, and you're mature adults in every other area, don't let this debt stop you. A child isn't going to derail your journey to financial peace. Having kids might cause you to press pause for a while on some financial matters, or slow your pace a little bit, but as long as you both stay focused and determined to manage your money wisely, chances are things will work out fine. Just don't make the mistake lots of parents do – especially first-time parents. Many of them think they

have to run out and buy a new, "safer" car, spend a fortune on a fancy crib, or buy all things baby from some overpriced boutique. Do you get what I'm saying, Missy? Why buy a brand-new, \$400 stroller, when a friend or relative has a perfectly good, barely used one they're willing to give you? It's easy to get carried away spending for a baby. But children will be just fine as long as they have food, clothing, shelter – and most importantly – loving, caring parents. God bless you two!
– 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. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

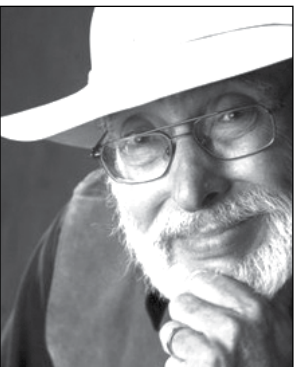


Oh no! I just broke a very special flowerpot, that I've had for years. Now what do I do? I could glue it together or just use it in the flower bed in pieces. But it is broken – not whole. Then I saw this on Facebook it is called "Kintsugi". It is Japanese for a way to repair broken pottery using powdered gold lacquer. This way the imperfections and broken pieces are highlighted not hidden. Don't we wish we could all be repaired in such a lovely way? Joyce Meyers, one of my favorited Christian

leaders, always says, "God loves cracked pots." What? God loves imperfections, broken pieces, loss of limbs, and dirty persons! Yep! In all our brokenness, God extends His love to make repairs and wash us clean. Our scars become a badge of courage and our damaged body becomes an outward sign of forgiveness and mercy. If we lose limbs, we still have our voice. If we lose our voice, we still have our hands. If we lose our voice and limb we still have our minds. Use it all for God's glory. Mother Teresa said we are all God's hands and feet, and may I add, His voice in a broken world. It is up to us to use God's repairs to do His work and spread His love. No one is so far down

in the dirt of life not to be forgiven and used for God's purpose. Remember the thief on the cross! No one is too far down the wrong road to not be changed by God. Remember Saul who became Paul the great apostle! God uses the weak, the rotten, the sad, the depressed, the marred, the scared, and even the dying to do His work. It is never too late! God has a plan for us all. Ask and He will tell you. Knock and He will open doors. Don't wait until the eleventh hour to give your scars to God! He will cover you in a new form. Come heal your brokenness with the Gridley United Methodist Church on Sunday at 10 am. We are on the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles
We watched the thunderstorm growing, building, off to the west. As we sat on our tailgates sipping coffee and wishing we could be inside at the Mule Barn counter, we just sipped and looked in awe. When the show began, we'd get in the pickups and drive off home, but there's no harm in watching the weather's overture to spring violence. "You boys been out on the plains in spring, right?" asked Steve, our tall, mustached cowboy

Not Something I'd Look Forward To

member of the vaunted world dilemma think tank. We nodded and sipped and glanced up at the roiling blackness. "Always wondered what it would be like to be caught horseback out on the plains in one of these storms. Not something I'd look forward to, I can tell you." "I know what they do, Steve," said Doc. "Had a patient who punched cows out that way. He said when it rained, he'd get off his horse and sit on the ground under his belly." "So the horse would get wet and he'd stay dry?" "More or less, I suppose." "But the lightning," Steve said, "what about the dang lightning?"

"Doesn't sound like any fun to me," Herb said. "But I guess it's some consolation that the horse, being the highest point for 15 miles, would get struck by lightning first." "See, Steve," Doc said, grinning. "If lightning goes through the horse and hits you on the ground, you don't have anything to worry about, but if it just strikes the horse ...?" "Yeah, Doc," Steve said, "then you'd have the honor of being killed by a falling, fried horse. I think I'll stay off those plains for now." **Brought to you by salmon fisherman, pastor and friend to all, Mark Henry Miller's book River Runs Through Me. At markhmiller@att.net. ★**

Gridley Welcomes New City Administrator

Continued from page 1
serving as the Chief of Staff to Orange County Assemblyman Steven S. Choi, Assemblymember 68th district. At the May 17th meeting of the Gridley City Council, Wagner said goodbye to 26 years of working at the California State Legislature, and to working with Assemblyman Choi to officially take on the role as the newest City Administrator.

Wagner is not wasting time, and started work first thing Tuesday morning, May 18th, at Gridley City Hall. In a post online Wagner says, "I am humbled and thankful for the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead. I'm fortunate to be joining a city staff of very capable, professional people, and I sincerely look forward to getting to work first thing tomorrow morning!" ★

Planning Commission Vacancy

The City of Gridley has one volunteer Planning Commissioner vacancy. Applications can be found at www.gridley.ca.us. Must live in the Gridley City limits. The Planning Commission meets the 3rd Monday 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 June 11, 2021. Call 846-3631 for more info.**



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Registered Sex Offender Arrested for Possession of Child Pornography

Butte County Sheriff's Office

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Earlier this year, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) detectives began investigating Clinton Kennedy, age 39, of Chico. During the investigation, detectives located evidence indicating Kennedy was downloading child pornography. Kennedy is required to register with law enforcement pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration Act. Kennedy is also on active California State Parole.

On May 06, 2021, detectives, with assistance from California State Parole Agents, contacted Kennedy in Chico. Kennedy was placed under arrest for violating the terms and conditions of his

parole. Detectives transported and booked Kennedy at the Butte County Jail. During Kennedy's arrest, law enforcement located Kennedy's cellular telephone.

Detectives conducted a forensic search of Kennedy's cellular telephone and located videos of child pornography. On May 07, detectives contacted the Butte County Jail and placed Kennedy under arrest for a felony charge of possession of child pornography.

Kennedy is scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on Monday, May 10, at 3 PM. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact Detective Mary Barker at 530-538-7671. ★



LOCAL FISHING

Northern California trout streams such as, Nelson Creek...Hi-flows won't last long. Fly fish now. Use: Mayfly Pheasant Tail Nymphs. (b) Yuba River shad now here. Use: Shad Darts. (b) American River; plenty of shad, Discovery Park to Sailor Bar. 2-3 lbs. Use: 1/16th/1/32 oz Jig Head with a Grub. (b)



Blue Swimbait

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Richmond; four anglers caught 9-halibut to 19 lbs. and two striped bass. Use: Live Anchovy. (b) Bodega Bay; limits of rock fish, also some Dungeness crabs. (b) Monterey Bay; sport salmon at 350 ft deep. Commercial salmon went belly up. (g) **Fisherman's Comment:** The bay is loaded with anchovy and krill. Sea lions are stealing commercial salmon, while multitudes of whale busy scooping up the krill. Delta; most stripers have spawned. Fish the tides...

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COASTAL WATERS

San Francisco coast producing lots of rock fish and ling cod. Use: Anchovy cut bait. (b) Farallon Islands; also producing lots of rock fish. Use: Anchovy cut bait (a)

LAKES RESERVOIRS AND RIVERS

Bucks Lake; Fly fishing the Mill Creek inlet. Use: Woolly Buggers. (b) Lower Bucks Lake; fish from the bank. Use: dangle a Nightcrawler under a bobber. (b) Grizzly Forebay; fish from the bank. Use: Nightcrawlers under a bobber. (b) Clear Lake; catches of 100 slabs. Use: Swimbait. (b) Lake Almanor, NW section; a prolific hatch of Midges and Flying Carpenter Ants getting all the trout's attention. Use: size #14 Midges, #14 Carpenter Ants. (a) Folsom Lake; low water submerged objects, 5 MPH limit. Some spotted bass. Use: Tubes and Swimbait. (g) Davis Lake; 18"- 22" rainbows active in shallows. Bank anglers float worms just off the bottom. Use: Live Red Worms under a water/bobber. (a) New Melones Lake; Black bass of 18" in shallows. Fish early and late to avoid watercraft. Use:



Classic 1944 Bomber

old classic "1944 Bomber" Pyramid Lake; fly fishing from shore ending. Boats trolling offshore 3 MPH at 18' deep. Landing 9 lb. Cutts. Use: Spinner and Plugs. (a) **Fisherman's Comment:** CDF&W has finally decided to truck 950,000 baby salmon from Coleman Fish Hatchery to Mare Island. By 2023, the 20" Jacks should be ready to come up the Feather River via Sacramento River.!!

"Judge not of men and things at first sight."
~ Brownie-

PG&E Tips to Protect Against Scammers

By Paul Moreno, PG&E

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG)

- With utility scams on the rise during the current pandemic, it is more important than ever for customers to be vigilant and to know what steps to take to prevent themselves or their families from falling victim.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, scammers have gotten deceptively creative with increased calls, texts, emails, and in-person tactics and are contacting electric and gas customers asking for immediate payment to avoid service disconnection. These impostors can be convincing and often target those who are most vulnerable, including senior citizens and low-income communities. They also aim their scams at small business owners during busy customer service hours. However, with the right information, customers can learn to detect and report these predatory scams.

As a reminder, PG&E will *never* contact a customer for the first time within one hour of a service disconnection, and will never ask customers to make payments with a pre-paid debit card, gift card, any form of cryptocurrency, or third-party digital payment mobile applications. Here are some steps customers can take to protect themselves and their families against being victimized: **Register for My Account** - PG&E reminds customers that they can visit PGE.com and register for My Account. Signing in will provide instant access to balance information, payment history and other account details and will provide a first line of defense against scam. If a customer receives a call from someone requesting

immediate payment, they can log in to My Account to confirm whether their account is in good standing. Customers can also call PG&E Customer Service at 800-743-5000 if they think that they are being targeted by a scam. **Add a Family Member to Your Account** - As an added layer of protection, customers can designate family members or another trusted individual to speak on their behalf to PG&E call center representatives. For example, an elderly parent could authorize an adult child to speak to PG&E on their behalf and make that person their first call should they receive a call threatening disconnection. The adult child could then call PG&E to confirm their account details. To designate an individual to speak to PG&E on your behalf, contact 800-743-5000.

"Scammers are constantly changing their tactics and tricks, so awareness is more important than ever to keep our customers safe," said Melisa Munoz, PG&E Contact Center Operations Director. "If an email, visit to your home or phone call doesn't feel right, don't fall for it. Delete it, shut the door or hang up. And, as a reminder, PG&E will never ask for your financial information over the phone or via email."

Signs of a potential scam - Threat to disconnect: Scammers may aggressively demand immediate payment for an alleged past due bill. If this occurs, customers should hang up the phone, delete the email, or shut the door. Customers with delinquent accounts receive an advance disconnection notification, typically by mail and included with their regular monthly bill. **Request**

for immediate payment or a prepaid card: Scammers may instruct the customer to purchase a prepaid card then call them back supposedly to make a bill payment. PG&E reminds customers that they should never purchase a prepaid card to avoid service disconnection or shutoff. PG&E does not specify how customers should make a bill payment and offers a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail or in person at an authorized PG&E neighborhood payment center.

Refund or rebate offers: Scammers may say that your utility company overbilled you and owes you a refund, or that you are entitled to a rebate. Again, customers should immediately hang up and call PG&E Customer Service to confirm details. **"Spoofing" Authentic Numbers:** Scammers are now able to create authentic-looking 800 numbers which appear on your phone display. The numbers don't lead back to PG&E if called back, however, so if you have doubts or have seen any of the above warning signs of a scam, hang up and call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000. If customers ever feel that they are in physical danger, they should call 911.

Customers who suspect that they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during contact with one of these scammers, should contact local law enforcement. The Federal Trade Commission's website is also a good source of information about how to protect personal information.

For more information about scams, visit www.pge.com and www.utilitiesunited.org. ★

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Housing Authority of the County of Butte Opens Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Wait List May 9, 2021 - May 22, 2021

Butte/Glenn County residents will be able to apply for rental assistance in securing safe, decent and affordable housing through the Housing Authority of the County of Butte (HACB) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Commonly known as "Section 8", the program provides rental assistance so that tenant-paid rent is limited to between 30 and 40 percent of the household's monthly adjusted income.

Eligibility for the program is based on household income. Households must qualify as "Very Low Income," defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as 50 percent of the Area Median Income. Applicants are screened for criminal background history. The Section 8 Wait List opens from Sunday, May 9 through Saturday, May 22. While all applicants will have an equal opportunity for placement on the Wait List, due to limited funding availability, a one-year pool of applicants will be selected. The one-year pool of applicants will be selected and ordered by means of a random lottery. One application per household will be considered.

Applications will be available online at www.butte-housing.com and can be completed and submitted online starting Sunday, May 9 and no later than Saturday, May 22.

For more information, call the HACB Office at 530-717-2121, TDD (800) 735-2929.



Gridley-Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee

By Cliff Wagner

GRIDLEY-BIGGS, CA (MPG) - In honor of our nation’s fallen servicemen and women and in recognition of those still serving, the Gridley-Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor invites area residents to join us for our annual Memorial Day Ceremony and observances. This year’s event features speaker, Nicolaus Gauthier, SSG,

US Army (Ret.), a two-time Purple Heart recipient and a combat veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan. The ceremony will conclude with a fighter jet flyover by pilots from the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base.
What: Community Memorial Day Ceremony
Where: Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District
When: May 31, 2021 – 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

One Night Only! Mrs. Dickey!!!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Mrs. Barbara Dickey, former teacher at Gridley High School during the 1970’s and early 80’s, will be in town for Gridley Scholarship Awards Night on May 27th. Mrs. Dickey taught German, French and home economics. Mrs. Dickey would like to reunite with former students on Friday, May

28th. Plans for the impromptu reunion have not yet been finalized, but hopes are to have those interested in visiting gather between the hours of 6:00 -7:00 pm at a local restaurant or establishment. For more information, suggestions or to help organize the evening, please contact Dianne Sheats 530-218-2309 or email at sheats@wild-blue.net. ★

Thank You, Gridley

By RuthAnn King

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Museum wishes to thank the Gridley Community for supporting our “Tri Tip Drive-thru Dinner” on Red Suspender’s Day. We navigated several Snafus and came out with success. We would like to thank the following organizations that helped us along the way: The Knights of

Columbus; Lions Club; Rotary Club; Quota Club; and FOCUS. Without your financial and physical support this dinner would not have been possible. A huge thank you goes to Pedro Mota who was our head Chef with all his helpers from the Knights of Columbus and Javier Solis who saved our bacon. Thank you, Museum board members Michael Dahl,

Tyrone Shaeffer, Howard Hamman, Joann Hamman, Frank & Shirley Stenzel, Jerry Fichter, Lisa Van De Hey, Randy & Cindy Davis, Bob Trueax, Pat Teague and Joe Viscusco. Thanks to the Groverlee Dahl, Florence Hamman, Denise Viscusco as well as Pauline Abbott, Greg Hughbanks, Terry Kendrick, Mike Trainer, and Willa Samprucci for all your hard work. ★

Report Blames Government Regulations for Healthcare Shortages, Unnecessary Lockdowns During Pandemic



Gavin Newsom

Commentary by Lawrence J. McQuillan

California agencies failed to plan effectively, failed to prepare, and failed to respond quickly or at all to the pandemic, a new report from the Independent Institute shows. When government agencies did respond, they found themselves playing a high-stakes game of catch-up, as many regulations imposed for years, even decades, prevented quick, efficient, and flexible responses. Eliminating burdensome regulations during the COVID-19 pandemic sped up the delivery of critical supplies and personnel to California’s citizens, according to authors of the report. The authors say if it works during this crisis, it will work when the crisis is over. “If removing harmful regulations during a crisis is the moral action to help patients and save lives, it would be immoral to reimpose the same regulations when the crisis ends,” said Lawrence McQuillan, Ph.D., Independent Institute Sr. Fellow and co-author of the report. For enacting or enforcing regulations that created crucial healthcare shortages and prevented a fast and efficient response by public and private entities to COVID-19, the

Independent Institute awards its eleventh California Golden Fleece® Award to several federal and state officials and regulatory agencies. California Gov. Gavin Newsom relaxed many regulations, which helped to alleviate healthcare shortages. But he usually was reactive, rather than proactive, waiting for bottlenecks to emerge. He also loaned 550 ventilators to other states at a time when Santa Clara County officials were asking for donations. And he signed multi-billion-dollar contracts with PCR-testing companies, yet PCR tests were worthless at containing the spread of the virus because test results took too long. Newsom used the resulting outbreaks to justify endless lockdowns. The pandemic exposed the ways that regulations are used in California to benefit narrow interest groups at the expense of consumers at large. COVID-19 taught a crash course to Californians on the downside of excessive regulation and the benefits of liberalization. New Report Blames Government Regulations for Healthcare Shortages - California’s shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE), medical supplies, and healthcare workers were all largely avoidable, if not for past missteps by governments. Lockdowns could have been prevented, if not for the government’s failed approach to testing. Lifesaving vaccine and therapeutic drug development could be fast-tracked if lessons learned during this pandemic are applied in the future.

Specific patient-centered recommendations are offered, which should be adopted permanently - Allow private companies around the world to supply equipment urgently needed by healthcare workers. Eliminate staffing regulations and barriers that prevent optimal access to healthcare professionals when and where they are needed. Permanently allow telemedicine across state lines. Ease testing restrictions to allow private companies to quickly provide at-home non-prescription testing for all diseases. Streamline clinical trials and FDA reviews of trial data. Use a “prize model” to incentivize innovation. The COVID-19 surges in California would have been easier to manage had markets, not regulations, determined healthcare staffing and supply chains over past decades, the report argues. And lockdowns and rationing of routine care could have been largely avoided. Through their various liberalization decrees issued during the COVID-19 outbreak, government officials essentially admitted that current healthcare regulations harm patients. Those liberalizations, and others, should be adopted permanently after the pandemic. Lawrence J. McQuillan, Ph.D., is founder and director of the California Golden Fleece® Awards. He is also a senior fellow with the Independent Institute and director of the Center on Entrepreneurial Innovation. He is the author of California Dreaming: Lessons on How to Resolve America’s Public Pension Crisis. ★

California Still Mistreating Its School Kids



By Dan Walters CALMatters

The traditional school year will soon end, but the maltreatment of California’s 6 million public school students – especially those from poor non-white families – shamefully continues. Although on paper California’s schools have reopened their classrooms after being closed to battle the spread of COVID-19 infection, most pupils will close out the year still struggling to learn at home or, in too many cases, having given up for a lack of technical and human support. EdSource, an online site devoted to California education trends, detailed the educational disaster in a recent article, having delved deeply into state Department of Education data. “Although 87% of California’s traditional public schools have reopened for some form of in-person instruction, fewer than half of students have returned either full time or part time in a hybrid model,” EdSource revealed. “A total of 55% of all public school students, including those in charter schools, were at home, in distance learning, as of April 30, according to an EdSource analysis of new data released by the state. Get a veteran journalist's take on what's going on in

California with a weekly round-up of Dan's column every Friday. “EdSource found that two-thirds of students in district schools with the largest proportions of low-income families were in distance learning, compared with only 43% of students in schools with the fewest low-income families – a disparity that may partly explain a widening learning gap between wealthy and poor students that researchers and teachers suspect the pandemic has enlarged. “Higher COVID rates in poor communities contributed to the disparity. Parents in highly infected areas have been reluctant to send their children back to school, and teachers in those areas resisted returning. Parents in low transmission areas, meanwhile, pressured school boards to reopen.” California is something of an outlier, according to monthly surveys of school reopening by the federal government’s Institute of Education Sciences. With full classroom access available to only 11% of its students, the state is at or near the bottom, according to its March survey. Other states ranged to as high as 100%. In arch-rival Texas, 93% of students have full classroom access. Months-long stalemates between teacher unions and local school leaders over the terms of reopening have been a major factor in California’s tardiness. Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature’s dominant Democrats, who are politically allied with the unions, have been noticeably unwilling to intervene. However, leaving reopening decisions in local hands has undermined the

promise of universal public education and led to the disparity that EdSource noted – classroom access for kids in upscale communities and homebound status quo in poor communities. California already had an immense “achievement gap” before the pandemic flared and there’s absolutely no doubt that the disparity has widened over the last 14 months, as a December report from McKinsey & Co. on national school trends underscores. “Educators, parents, and students know firsthand the high cost of this prolonged period of remote learning, from rising rates of depression and anxiety to the loss of student learning,” the report declared. “The COVID-19 pandemic has taken an especially heavy toll on Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous communities. Along with robbing them of lives and livelihoods, school shutdowns could deny students from these communities the opportunity to get the education they need to build a brighter future.” Newsom, facing a recall election next fall, has been running around the state declaring that the worst of the pandemic is over, that California’s economy will soon fully reopen and that he expects that schools will return to normal schedules after summer. Even if those predictions come true, California’s neediest children will have fallen further behind their peers with diminishing chances of ever catching up. Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

Dear Dietitian

Glycemic Index Diet



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

I have had diabetes for fifteen years and have kept it under control. But recently, my blood sugars have been higher, around 200 during the day. My daughter thinks I should try the glycemic index diet. What do you think?
Terry
Dear Terry,
The glycemic index diet was introduced by Jenkins et al. in the early 1980s as a ranking system for carbohydrates based on their immediate impact on blood glucose levels (1). It was developed as a meal-planning guide for people with diabetes, with emphasis on low glycemic index foods. The premise is to choose low GI foods to help control blood sugar levels and avoid spikes. The GI concept has since expanded to include weight loss and disease prevention, although its benefits in these areas have not been backed by science. The GI system ranks foods from 0 to 100; the smaller the number, the less impact it has on your blood sugar. Glucose is given the value of 100; all other foods are ranked comparatively to glucose. The GI values are classified as low, medium, and high. Below are examples of foods in each category (2):
Low GI (0-55) – old-fashioned oats, apples, peanuts
Medium GI (56-69) – orange juice, instant oatmeal, whole wheat bread
High GI: (70 and higher) – watermelon, baked potato, corn chips
Critics of the GI classification say it is not a measure of good nutrition. For example, the GI of ice cream, a

food high in calories and fat, is low; whereas, the GI of watermelon is high even though it is low in calories and a good source of vitamin A. Studies on GI and its impact on health-related outcomes have mixed results. The American Diabetes Association states that the overall amount of carbohydrates consumed is more important than GI (5). The glycemic index diet is still debated among dietitians, with this RDN not recommending it. It’s a complex system when carb counting is much easier and effective. Perhaps a more straightforward way of keeping track of foods that drastically raise your blood sugar is to keep a log. Then you can avoid these foods or modify them. For instance, some people complain that white rice spikes their blood sugar levels. In this case, you have three choices: avoid it, eat a smaller portion, or switch to brown rice. The bottom line is do what works for you. Maintaining healthy glucose levels and a healthy weight are of utmost importance in diabetes management. Talk to your doctor or dietitian if your blood sugar levels remain high.
Good health to you!
Dear Dietitian
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Frenchman Lake and Lake Davis Recreation Areas Are Open

By Lee Anne Schramel,
USDA

QUINCY, CA (MPG) - Many Plumas National Forest (PNF) recreation sites in the Frenchman Lake and Lake Davis Recreation Areas will be opening this weekend. Visitors should expect lower water levels that could preclude placing boat docks in some locations and limit what size boats

might be launched.

Campgrounds along Caribou Road (Gansner/North Fork/Queen Lily) in the Feather River Canyon (CA Hwy 70) opened last weekend.

"We really appreciate the hard work of our concessionaire getting these sites open early in the year," said Chris Carlton, Plumas National Forest Supervisor. The concessionaire,

Outdoors in Plumas (OiP), manages 67 recreation sites across the forest.

Beginning the first week of May, visitors to sites operated by OiP may see small fee increases (\$1-\$4 for single unit family sites and \$5 for group sites) in some campground locations, largely to cover increased costs of labor and Covid cleaning supplies. The Crocker Guard Station

Recreation Rental (sleeps 10) will see a \$30 increase. Fee increases will not affect existing reservations made through www.Recreation.gov.

Recreation sites at higher elevations such as Lakes Basin and Gold Lake remain covered in snow and will open later in the season.

Please visit www.outdoors-inplumas.com for estimated

recreation site opening dates and fees.

Other recreation opportunities may be explored at: www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/plumas/recreation.

Questions about the Concessionaire Program may be directed to Erika Brenzovich, Forest Recreation Staff, at Erika.brenzovich@usda.gov or (530) 283-7798. ★

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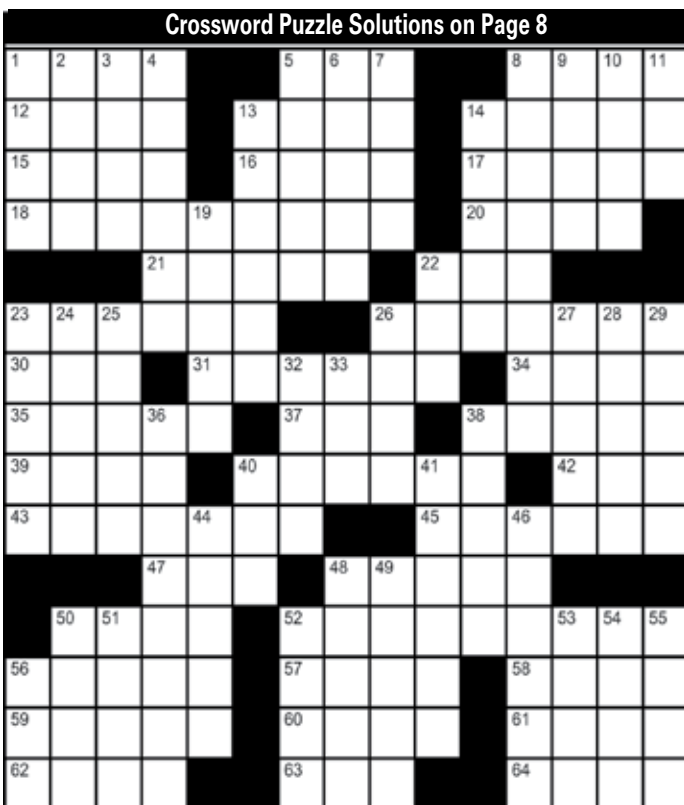
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 13. Mend, healthwise
 14. Deadly snake of south-eastern Asia
 15. Multicolored horse
 16. Estimator's phrase (2 words)
 17. "The Addams Family" manservant
 18. *Northernmost European capital
 20. One of British Isles
 21. EUR, pl.
 22. Ensign, for short
 23. Pieces of glass, e.g.
 26. Vacuum cleaner alternative
 30. "___ the land of the free..."
 31. Oxygenate, as in lawn
 34. Insane, in Spain
 35. Just harvested, e.g.
 37. A in IPA
 38. Church song
 39. Tiny amount
 40. Military marksman
 42. Fake tooth
 43. Devoid of liquid
 45. Jet setters' vessels
 47. Address abbreviation
 48. Sports stadium
 50. Japan's highest mountain
 52. *Capital that hosts Nobel Prizes
 56. Sophia ___, Italian actress
 57. Genesis twin
 59. Curved molding
 59. Tequila source
 60. Non-permanent office worker
 61. Like dental surgery
 62. *Capital on a fjord
 63. Possesses
 64. Big top

- DOWN**
1. Unit of pressure named after Torricelli
 2. Post sun-bathing relief
 3. Wallace & Gromit modeling material
 4. Desire
 5. Aussie gas station
 6. Desert wanderer's hope
 7. Alexander Alexandrovich ___, Russian poet
 8. *Also the capital of European Union
 9. James ___ Jones
 10. Paddy grain
 11. To the ___ degree
 13. Like voice after a pep rally
 14. "A Fish Called Wanda" actor Kevin
 19. Judea, alt. sp.
 22. Mama sheep
 23. *Bulgarian capital and actress Vergara's given name
 24. Long-necked bird
 25. Rocky ridge
 26. Pas
 27. Hunt illegally
 28. Audience's approval
 29. Frolics
 32. "Atlas Shrugged" author Ayn
 33. Cassius Clay
 36. *Balkan capital and 1984 Olympics location
 38. Practical joke
 40. Canine command
 41. Eyeball washing vessel
 44. Offer two cents
 46. Collusion
 48. Away from harbor (2 words)
 49. Drifts
 50. *London was famous for these pea soup particulars
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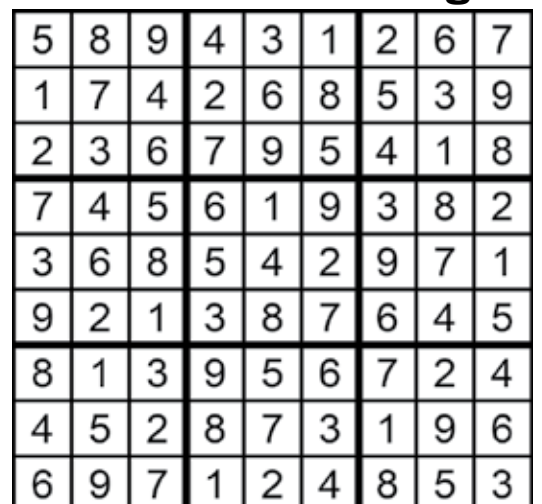
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May is American Stroke Month

**By Liz Faris,
American Heart
Association**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, the world's leading voluntary organization focused on heart and brain health, is raising awareness about strokes for American Stroke Month in May. Strokes don't discriminate. They can happen to anyone, at any age - and about one in four people worldwide will have one in their lifetime. The good news? 80 percent of first

strokes may be prevented. Stroke prevention is especially important now as much of what puts you at risk for a stroke, uncontrolled high blood pressure, smoking or unhealthy weight, also increases your risk for complications due to COVID-19. High blood pressure is the leading preventable cause of stroke and up to 40% of Black adults in the U.S. have high blood pressure. Stroke recovery begins the moment you suspect a stroke. The sooner a person can be treated for stroke, the more likely they are to have



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a successful outcome. He advises everyone to be ready to act FAST if they suspect a stroke.

The acronym F.A.S.T. stands for: Face Drooping - Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the

person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven? Arm Weakness - Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? Speech Difficulty - Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue." Time to Call 9-1-1 - If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get to a hospital immediately. (Tip: Check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared.)

Stroke is largely beatable through high-quality rehabilitation and patient support as well as implementation of the Association's Rehabilitation Guidelines. Stroke rehabilitation can help patients build their strength, capabilities and confidence, potentially regaining skills and returning to independent living. Rehab can also help patients better manage other conditions they have, which may affect daily living or their risk for a second stroke. For more information, visit www.StrokeAssociation.org. ★

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Rodrigo Soria, 2963 South Villa Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Date Filed in Butte County: March 29, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000458

The following persons are doing business as: GARAGE DOOR SERVICE PRO
111 Prince Road, Oroville, CA 95965
S.N. Cook Enterprises LLC, 111 Prince Road, Oroville, CA 95965
Date Filed in Butte County: April 6, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: September 1, 2015
This Business is Conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV00794

1. Petitioner Laura Elaine Appel filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name Laura Elaine Appel	Proposed name Laura Elaine Jones
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2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing June 9, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000537

The following persons are doing business as: ROCKABILLY RESELLS LLC
805 Sycamore Street Suite 1104 Gridley, CA 95948
Rockabilly Resells, LLC, 121 W. 4th Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Date Filed in Butte County: April 22, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is Conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000557

The following persons are doing business as: CIGARETTE CITY
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Saeed Iqbal Khan, 1810 Vermont Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Date Filed in Butte County: April 26, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 6, 2006
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RONALD S. MINNICK AKA RONALD STEVEN MINNICK AKA RONALD MINNICK CASE No. 21PR00202
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Ronald S. Minnick aka Ronald Steven Minnick aka Ronald Minnick, deceased
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Ronald H. Minnick, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Ronald H. Minnick be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows June 1, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. at Superior Court of California, County of Butte 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, Esq PO Drawer 111 Oroville, CA 95965 530-533-5661

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000521

The following persons are doing business as: VISIONS BY JANESSA PHOTOGRAPHY
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Janessa Lyn Taber, 254 Pryde Avenue, Biggs, CA 95917
Date Filed in Butte County: April 20, 2021
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000443

The following persons are doing business as: COTTAGE CREATIONS LEARNING CENTER
533 Justeson Ave., Gridley, CA 95948
April Ann Walton, 533 Justeson Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
Date Filed in Butte County: April 2, 2021
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This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000574

The following persons are doing business as: WILLOW AND BIRCH REALTY REFERRAL ONLY
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Willow and Birch Realty, Inc. 121 W. 4th Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Date Filed in Butte County: April 29, 2021
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This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000581

The following persons are doing business as: S AND S YARD SERVICES AND MAINTANCE
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Sean Steven Saulnier, 3031 Oro Dam Blvd East, Oroville, CA 95965
Date Filed in Butte County: April 30, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000501

The following persons are doing business as: DIAMOND L3
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Megan Lee Ann Castillo & Aurelio Lopez III, 239 Archer Avenue Gridley, CA 95948
Date Filed in Butte County: April 13, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 15, 2021
This Business is Conducted by: General Partnership

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000370

The following persons are doing business as: MATTRESS BY APPOINTMENT CHICO
2139 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926
Remalyn Mercado Jones, 2139 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926
Date Filed in Butte County: March 18, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #21CV00953

1. Petitioner Reanna Lea Nixon filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name Reanna Lea Nixon	Proposed name Reanna Lee Cook
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2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing June 9, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000582

The following persons are doing business as: A AND S CLEANING SERVICES
3031 Oro Dam Blvd East, Oroville, CA 95965
April Back, 960 High Street, Oroville, CA 95965 and Sierra Leanne Saulnier, 3031 Oro Dam Blvd East, Oroville, CA 95965
Date Filed in Butte County: April 30, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 4-30-2021
This Business is Conducted by: Copartners
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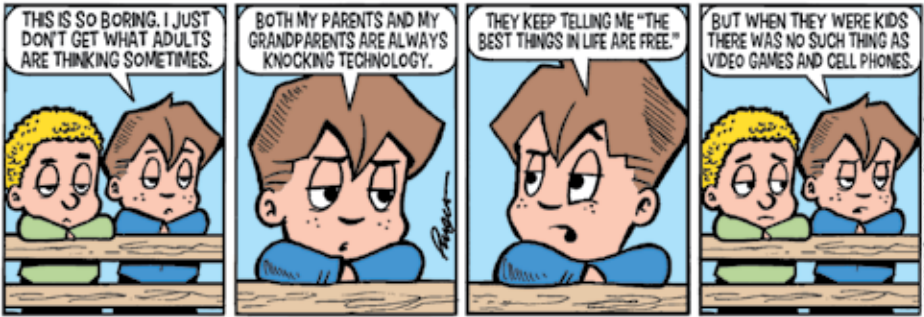
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Public Hearing: June 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
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Gridley Unified School District
Public Inspection: June 11, 2021 to
June 15, 2021, District Office
Public Hearing: June 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.
Gridley Unified Board Room
429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA 95948

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Public Inspection: June 03, 2021 to
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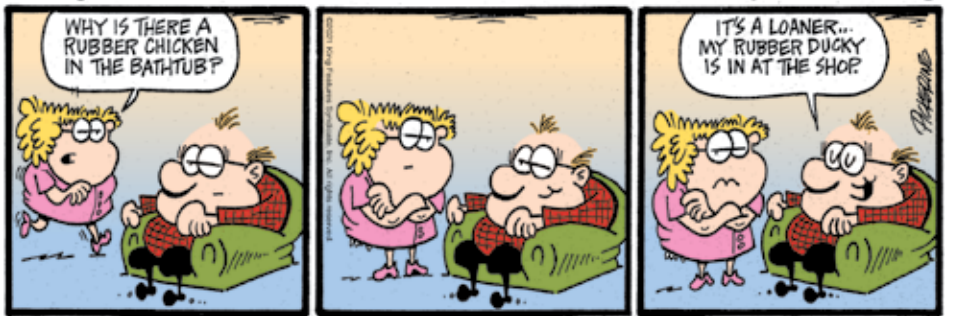
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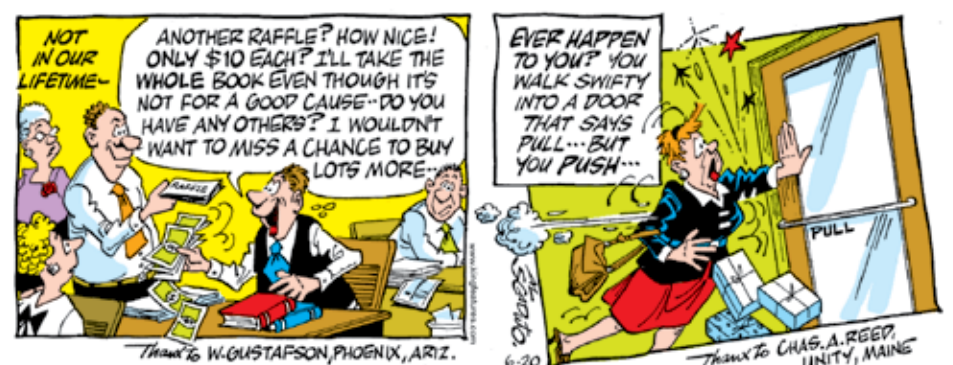
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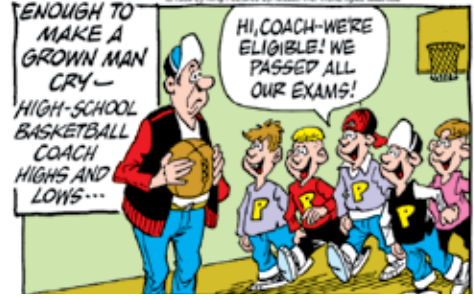


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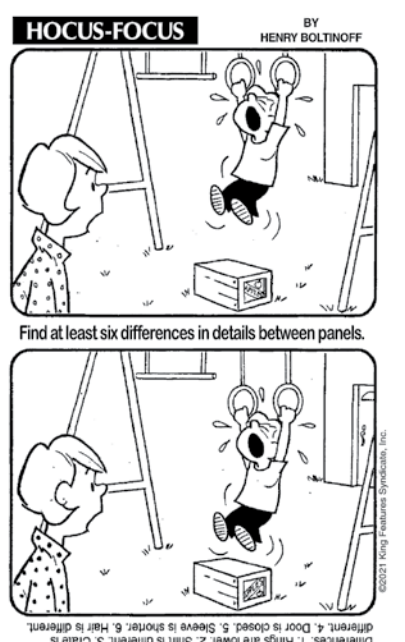
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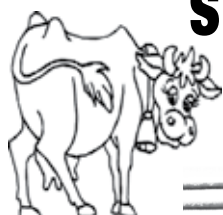
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SPORTS

Wolverines Baseball Back on the Diamond

By Joshua Porcayo

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - March 14, 2020, was the last time the Wolverines baseball team got to play America's National Pastime. Of all the schools in the local area, they are the last team to get back onto the diamond. Tuesday, May 11, 2021, the Wolverines hosted Williams High School for their first of eight games. The Yellowjackets struck first with two runs in the top of the first inning, but the Wolverines answered back in their first at-bats with four runs of their own. A scoreless second inning led to both teams scoring two runs each in the third inning to keep it a close 6-4 game in favor of the Wolverines. In innings four, five, and six, the Wolverines put up seven runs to close out the game 13-4.

Junior, Riley Rutherford, led the Wolverines offense going 2-for-2 with a single and a triple, driving in three runs and scored two runs. Senior, Gregg Slusser, went 2-for-3 with two singles, driving in two runs and scored one run.

Senior, Casen Rivero, also went 2-for-3 with a single and a triple, scoring three runs in the game. Senior, Sean Castillo, went 1-for-2 with a double and scored three runs. Junior, Cody Roles, went 1-for-4 with a single and scored one run.

Pitching by committee in this game, Rutherford started the game, pitching 2 innings, giving up two runs, one walk, and struck out two batters. Slusser came in in relief going 2 ½ innings, giving up two runs, two walks, and struck out six batters. Rivero relieved Slusser to go 1 ¾ inning striking out four batters. Freshman, Rylan Jones finished out the game going 1 inning and struck out two Yellowjacket batters.

On May 14, 2021, the Wolverines traveled to Williams for the second meeting between the two teams. In a dominant 16-2 win, the Wolverines offense was led by Castillo who went 3-for-3 with three singles, driving in two RBIs and scored three runs. Junior, Camren Jackson, went 3-for-4 with two singles and a double, driving



Biggs High School varsity baseball player, Cody Roles (#34), launches the ball to left center field against Williams High School on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Photo Provided by Jessica Roles

in four RBIs and scored two runs. Rutherford went 2-for-3 with a double and triple, scoring two runs. Roles went 2-for-4 with a single and a double, driving in two RBIs and scored one run. Slusser went 1-for-2 with a single,

driving in two RBIs and scored two runs. Senior, Tanner Job, went 1-for-2 with a double, driving in one RBI and scored two runs. Freshman, Emiliano Bermudez and Mason McLean got their first high school hits and RBIs in

the game. Bermudez hit a double and McLean hit a single and scored one run.

Another pitching by committee game, the Wolverines started Rutherford on the bump again, going 2 innings giving up two runs, two

walks, and struck out six batters. Freshman, Chris Kroupa, pitched 1 inning, walking one batter and struck out one. Jones got his second appearance on the bump, finishing out the game with 1 inning, striking out two batters. ★

Hydrants Kink Hoses in Annual Red Suspenders Softball Game

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Fans filled the stands at Dick Jones Field in Manuel Vierra Park Friday evening, May 14, 2021, as firefighters from local fire stations loosened their arms and stretched their legs for the annual Red Suspenders slow pitch softball game. In year's past, the game was between Guns (law enforcement) and Hoses (firefighters), but the past few years of playing have been difficult for law enforcement to fill a full team. This year, Fire Captain at Biggs station, Dustin Mattos, coordinated to fill two teams of firefighters and played a Hoses vs. Hydrants softball game.

The rules were simple: play ball, have fun, and each team could only hit five home runs in the game until the other team hit five. Playing on the Little League fields, these firefighters really showed the crowd how far they could launch a softball. In a back



Firefighters from Hoses and Hydrants pose for a picture before the annual Red Suspenders softball game on Friday, May 14, 2021. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

and forth battle, both teams hung close until the fifth inning stretch when both teams took a break to watch or participate in a ten pitch home run derby.

Fifteen participants took ten swings to see how many balls they could get to fly over the fence. After each participant got a chance, there was a four way tie to see who would take home the title of champion. Each participant still in the running had launched four home runs. Sudden death was where each participant got one swing. In

the second round of sudden death, fireman, Kyle Duran, launched a ball over the fence to take home this year's championship and the cash.

When the game resumed, the Hydrants took a commanding lead over the Hoses and went on to win the game 16-10 in seven innings.

A very special thank you to Mr. Edson Smith for umpiring as he does every year, the firefighters, fans, and Gridley Little League for putting on and participating in a great show. ★



Firefighter and Hoses team member, Kyle Duran, holds up the home run ball that made him this year's Home Run Derby Champion during the Hoses vs Hydrants Red Suspenders softball game on Friday, May 14, 2021. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

Gridley Basketball Starts Season

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - It's been a long time coming for Gridley High School's basketball teams to hit the court. March 3, 2020, in the playoffs was the last time each team tipped off. It's summer and basketball normally plays in winter. It seems backwards, but like every sport this year, it's important to the seniors to get one last high school experience before graduation.

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Las Plumas High School on Saturday, May 15, 2021, for their first contest of their five game season. In a back and forth battle the Lady Bulldogs pulled off the win 47 - 44. Senior captain and point guard, Kennedy Tull, dropped 30 points, had 8 steals, 6 rebounds, and 2 assists. Senior captain, and shooting guard, Ally Mardesich, scored 7 points, with 10 rebounds and 3 steals. Senior guard, Lupita Soria, scored 2 points and had 2 steals. Junior forward, Ariana



GHS varsity basketball senior, Cameron Carr (#12), shoots the free throw after being fouled. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

Alejo, scored 5 points with 8 rebounds. Sophomore forward, Ella Sannar, had 2 points, 4 steals, 1 block, and 6 rebounds, while freshman guard, Rya Andes, scored two points after sinking both her free throws.

The boys team tipped off shortly after the girls, but had a different outcome. Playing in their sixth game of the season, the Las Plumas Thunderbirds looked like they were in mid-season form compared to the Bulldogs in their first game. The Bulldogs would fall to the Thunderbirds 57-49 behind senior Cameron Carr's 16 points. ★



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PG&E Troubleman and Former Marine Overcomes Fear to Save Teenager

By David Kligman,
Pacific Gas and Electric

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Life can throw a curve ball when you least expect it. For Marysville troubleman Chris Stockton, that moment happened during his lunch break as he sat in his blue PG&E bucket truck parked under a tree on a drizzly day in Colusa County.

It was Feb. 11, Stockton had just finished a residential service call and he was eating a hamburger and fries (he hates fruits and vegetables, but more on that later). He was on his phone watching a spring training preview of his favorite team – appropriately, the Los Angeles Angels (more on that later, too) – when he received a startling text. The message was from the Be the Match Registry, a national nonprofit that seeks matches for desperately sick patients in need of bone marrow transplants.

“This is not a soliciting call,” the text read. “There is now a patient waiting for your help.”

He called and the woman on the other end of the line was a representative in Minnesota who confirmed Stockton’s identity. Before he knew it, he was speaking to a doctor.

Some background: In 2009, Stockton was an apprentice lineman with PG&E when a fellow

apprentice rallied coworkers to register as possible bone marrow candidates for his brother, a Gas employee who had just been diagnosed with leukemia and who tragically passed away soon after.

Fast forward 12 years and Stockton was suddenly hearing news that nearly took his breath away. The doctor told the PG&E worker he was the only known person in the world to be a bone marrow match for a 14-year-old boy with one of the rarest blood disorders. Only 40 people around the world have the disorder, which leads to cancer, and the boy’s prognosis was grim without a transplant, Stockton was told.

“Are you still willing to donate?”

But first things first. The organization delivered an overnight package so he could swab the inside of each side of his mouth and then send the sample right back to ensure the match. The following day, the doctor called and led with a blunt question: “Are you still willing to donate?”

“There was absolutely no hesitation,” Stockton recalled. “I was his only hope for survival. I told them, ‘Just tell me when and where I need to be.’”

But the doctor wanted to level with the 42-year-old troubleman. The procedure would begin with a week of daily shots



Stockton, who lives in Yuba City with his wife Andrea and son Evan, can usually be seen wearing his red Los Angeles Angels baseball cap. Photo provided by PG&E

from a visiting nurse, followed by a lot of blood drawn. And that last part was what he had to mentally prepare himself. Stockton, who said he’s a former U.S. Marine, had dreams of playing professional baseball (he was scouted as an outfielder by the Seattle Mariners and Tampa Bay Rays) and who stands 6-foot-4 and weighs 270 pounds, also has extreme hemophobia – the fear of blood. Particularly his own.

“It’s hard for me not to throw up just thinking about it,” said Stockton, who never considered not going through with the procedure. “I was a big bad Marine once. I can

handle it.”

He overcame the daily shots, which suppresses the immune system and causes the body to overproduce white blood cells. But the pain to his bones was excruciating, he said.

“I felt like Brett Favre being crushed by linebackers,” he said.

Before he knew it, he had taken vacation time and was flying solo to San Diego for the procedure at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla. His wife Andrea stayed home to watch Evan, their 3-year-old son. Even if she had accompanied him, she wouldn’t be allowed in the hospital due to COVID-19 precautions.

Surprises and Complications

When he arrived, he was treated like royalty, he said. But the doctor had more surprises in store for him and asked him if they could also get his stem cells because that could very well lead to a cure to a rare form of cancer. Of course, he agreed.

But there was a problem when doctors had trouble drawing blood. Stockton’s diet, particularly his aversion to fruits and vegetables, made it difficult to find a vein, he learned.

“Up until I got married, I never once ate a fruit or vegetable,” he said.

There were more complications but for the sake of the squeamish, we’ll just say doctors were eventually able to complete the 12-hour procedure. In simple terms, Stockton said, “They take all your blood out and run it through a machine and then put it back into you with all the stuff they want removed.”

The next day, he was on a flight home. The nonprofit registry had purchased his plane ticket but when it tried to reimburse him for his hotel, meals and cab fare, he flat-out refused.

“I make a hell of a good living being a troubleman for PG&E,” he said. “I told them, ‘Take all that money and put it toward the next person who needs it.’”

“I’m no hero”

He doesn’t know any details about the boy he helped. Due to privacy rules, the registry requires a year-long wait before the family can reach out if it chooses. He does know the high school student is planning to write a story about the stranger who saved his life.

Stockton said he’s sharing his experience to encourage others, especially his PG&E coworkers, to join the registry and maybe save a life themselves. He also became an organ donor and asks others to do the same. And he’s now eating more fruits and vegetables, thanks to his wife; one of his favorite recipes she prepares is stuffed peppers with riced cauliflower as a substitute for white rice.

“Believe me, I realize now how important vegetables are,” he said.

When reminded of his favorite baseball team and the red Halos cap he always wears when he’s not working, Stockton insisted he’s no angel.

“As much discomfort and pain that I was going through, I was thinking what that boy’s parents have had to go through and the joy and jubilation they’re feeling today,” Stockton said.

“I’m not the hero, folks,” he added. “I’ll help anybody anywhere, any time. I’m just the guy you called when I was eating lunch.” ★



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