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Remembering the Great War



Commander of the American Legion Post 210, Owen Stiles, presents the World War One Remembrance ceremony. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's American Legion Post 210 held a special ceremony, May 21, 2021 to honor and pay tribute to the sacrifices of the American military in World War One and honor the 100th anniversary of one American's return home.

Gridley's American Legion, with the support of Gridley VFW Post 3751, highlighted Private Claude Clay Soper of the 115th Field Signal Corps, American Expeditionary Forces. He was drafted at age 26 in 1917 and was later killed in France,

December of 1918. His remains would not return home for 3 years.

American Legion Commander, Owen Stiles, said in his presentation regarding WWI, "116,000 Americans lost their lives. Over 80,000 died overseas from combat, illness, and other causes ... After the war, 44,000 (dead) were transported home from France and Belgium aboard homecoming ships that brought them back to New York Harbor. From there, they were sent on to their final resting places across the country. The May 1921 arrival of one ship, the USAT Wheaton, was chosen for an official

national commemoration ceremony."

The remains of Private Soper were aboard that ship. Stiles continues, "One week before Memorial Day, President Harding welcomed home the more than 5,000 men and women brought back on the voyage, and paid tribute to all of America's returning war dead."

100 years to the date of Private Soper's return to the States, and ultimately Butte County, Gridley VFW, Gridley American Legion, and volunteer active military joined together to honor the 100th year anniversary of

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Dahle is Studying the Effects of Forest Fires on Wildlife Habitats

By David Orosco,
Office of Senator
Brian Dahle

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) appealed to the California State Senate Committee on Appropriations to pass legislation Monday, May 10, that would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to use their time and resources to study the effects of wildfire damage to local wildlife and their habitats.

Wildfires are an unfortunate and devastating reality for California residents. Last year alone we saw over 4 million acres burned and destroyed. One thing that many of us forget is that the devastation and cost is not exclusive to humans. Many animals and vegetation are also subject to the devastating losses of their natural habitats.

Senate Bill 592 proposes that the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in coordination with Cal Fire and the appropriate local representatives, put a portion of their resources towards studying the impact that these catastrophic fires have had on California wildlife and their habitats.

"The genuine goal of this bill is to establish a baseline of information to understand the true impacts of wildfire to our habitat and wildlife," said Senator Brian Dahle. "Only then can we know the real cost of wildfires, and begin to address a solution that encompasses all affected."

The hope is that we can use the findings of these studies to better protect and conserve our wildlife and forests going forward.

It is important to understand how these events impact ecosystems, biodiversity, and protected species in the state. Knowing where we went wrong and how we can correct our mistakes in the future may save the lives of many helpless creatures.

The Senate Appropriations Committee voted to send SB 592 to suspense for a hearing at a later date.

SB 550 (Dahle), which would subject the Legislature to the same laws and regulations imposed on California businesses, was also heard and placed on suspense.

Senator Brian Dahle represents California's 1st Senate District, which contains all or portions of 11 counties, including Alpine, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, and Siskiyou.

Pretty and Sweet!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Girl scout cookie season looked a lot different this year and we all know why.

Due to COVID-19, many Girl Scouts were unable to canvas or set up a pop-up tent at a busy location, like supermarkets. Instead, area Girl Scouts got creative, selling online, marketing on Facebook, and using minivan windows to advertise their coveted cookies for sale.

This year, Service Unit 708, which encompasses Gridley, Biggs, Manzanita and Richvale Girl Scout troops (Troops #70170, #70185), had overachieving sellers, with some girl scouts selling over 800 boxes! The Unit had so many Care-to-Shares (when someone donates money instead of purchasing a box of cookies) that they were able to treat several organizations to something extremely sweet.

The chief beneficiary of Unit 708's hard-selling efforts was Operation Warm Heart. Heather Rogers, leader for troop 70185, product and cookie manager/cookie cupboard host for Service Unit 708,



Stella Rose, Troop 70170, smiles brilliantly as she displays her sign for local military servicemen! Right: Serviceman Michael lends a helping hand. Photos provided by Toni Torres

worked with Operation Warm Heart to facilitate the donation. Rogers says, "The fact that this is getting to happen.... It's awesome." She continues, "especially, because we couldn't sell in person for more than half our season!"

On behalf of Operation Warm Heart, Senior Airman Michael Orzamanski and Airman 1st Class Andrew Ford came to the Biggs cookie cupboard to receive a huge donation of SU 708's care-to-shares. Both airmen were impressed by the number of cookies—literally

792 boxes—and the festive handmade signs created by the Girl Scouts in thanks for their service. Senior Airman Orzamanski said, "I think this is awesome, honestly. I mean, it's nice to give back to the people I work with and help coordinate this... just help out." And as far as the cookies themselves, AIC Ford says his favorite are "probably the S'mores." Orzamanski agreed.

After the donation to Operation Warm Heart and the soldiers in our area, SU 708 sugared up Gridley



Police Department and Gridley Fire CALFIRE Butte County with 84 boxes and our area schools with just a tad more than that. Pretty sweet!

If you are interested in becoming a Girl Scout or would like to learn more? Visit gsnorcal.org or email info@gsnorcal.org to have local staff contact you.

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The happy campers of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are happier than usual as the walls of the big new synagogue have taken shape in Yuba City. A source of pride for Area Church Leader President Justin Tolman is the square footage of the Feather River Temple when compared to other such edifices. Sacramento is 19,500,

Oakland Temple 80,000, Medford Oregon comes in at 10,700, Reno Nevada is the same - 10,700, and the Feather River Temple at Yuba Sutter is 41,484. I think it has something to do with the Temple real estate market in Yuba City. There are so many religious structures among the Chinese Taoists, Hindus, Sikhs, and

Christians that the Latter-day Saints did not want to be too small in a town that is big - on going big - when it comes to religious shrines.

The City of Biggs continues the process of expanding its boundaries as the California housing situation seems to be getting worse, as far as available houses and prices, the situation is untenable. The need for entry-level homes as well as move-up homes is going to be a key part of the economy and how well it comes back after taking a year and a half off. At least those are the Kory Hamman talking points from Gridley Hamman Real Estate for the week.

Seems like the transition to having the Butte County Sheriff be the Biggs Police department in Biggs has transitioned with few to no complaints, except drug dealers and criminals; they don't like it.

Mark your calendars to attend the Memorial Day services

at the Biggs Gridley Cemetery Veterans Memorial facility. We have good facilities, and this year's speaker, Nicolaus Gauthier, SSG, US Army (Ret.), is a two-time Purple Heart recipient and a combat veteran of both Iraq and Afghanistan. The ceremony will include a fighter jet flyover by the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base. May 31, 2021 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

RuthAnn King wrote a Letter to the Editor last week thanking all of the people who made the Gridley Museum BBQ drive-thru dinner a big success. Somehow in thanking Pedro Mota and Javier Solis from the Catholic Knights of Columbus for their great deeds in the kitchen - she made it sound like there was some excitement to the event that remained behind the scenes. Letters to the Editor are a long-standing tradition that adds to the sense of community.

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

Manzanita 4-H Honors Old Glory



Manzanita 4H members show some of the flags that have been donated for retirement. Front row L to R: Nico Donati, Taetum Warfield, Gemma Donati, Alianna Santillan, Hailey Thompson, and Antonio Santillan. Back row L to R: Leo Donati, Isabella Thompson, and Armando Santillan. Photo by Christy Santillan

By Alianna Santillán

YUBA CITY, CA. (MPG) - American Legion Stephen M. Brammer Post 705 would like to formally invite you to their first annual flag retirement ceremony this Flag Day, June 14, 2021, at 9:00am. The ceremony will be at Sutter Cemetery.

This Flag Day, they are hosting the largest flag retirement ceremony our region has ever seen. The first Flag Day was observed on June 14th, 1877 to commemorate the one -hundredth anniversary of the adoption of our great banner.

As a result, Manzanita 4H will be

collecting flags in need of retirement to be given to the American Legion Stephen M. Beamer Post 705 in Yuba City. Flags that are considered in need of retirement are flags that are torn, tattered, or otherwise worn and no longer fit to be flown.

If you would like to donate any flag in need of retirement, please call Christy at 530-693-1000 or email her at cmsantillan@rocketmail.com. Manzanita 4H will make arrangements to pick them up. We ask that all donations be scheduled for pick up by June 5th so we have adequate time to deliver them to the American Legion. ★

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The New Lomo Crossing

Those travelling State Route 99 between Yuba City and Live Oak soon will find themselves exposed to a much greater risk of Accidental death or injury as a result of the ill-conceived Caltrans' plan to enhance what they peddle as "highway safety" at the Lomo Crossing.

As of May 24, 2021, the Lomo Crossing intersection of Hwy 99 was reconfigured. Vehicles using Live Oak Blvd and/or Encinal Roads will only be able to enter Hwy 99 if they are merging into the flow of traffic in the lane nearest them. Neither crossing nor left hand turns will be allowed from Encinal or Old Live Oak Blvd onto Hwy 99. Nor more left hand turns for southbound travel on Hwy 99 onto Old Hwy 99. Sorry, you'll have to wait and get off Hwy 99 at Eager Road approximately 2 miles south.

Aside from the inconvenience, this Caltrans' plan for Lomo Crossing will result in a much greater risk of serious accidents as it shifts traffic entering Hwy 99 at Lomo Crossing to Clark Road roughly one mile north. Arguably it "may" make the Lomo Crossing/Hwy 99 intersection "safer" but the net effect will be to create a much more dangerous roadway just one mile south.

Hwy 99 at Clark Road is a high speed, heavily travelled two lane north/south Sate

Highway.; there are little or no shoulders on the west or west side of the highway; poor visibility due to lighting and trees along the shoulders of Hwy 99; Union Pacific RR tracks border and are contiguous to the west side of Hwy 99 right-of-way; eastbound vehicles stopped, waiting to enter onto Hwy 99 from Clark Road will be straddling the RR tracks; and finally no merger lanes for traffic departing Clark Road and entering either the north or southbound flow of travel.

Even before this remodel of Lomo Crossing, entering onto or crossing Hwy 99 at Clark Road has been a "suicide exercise". This Caltrans' engineering decision qualifies as what California Law defines as a "dangerous and defective design" and will expose the State of California to legal liability for the inevitable resulting accidents. A "bad idea" by the State and a foolish waste of highway funds (\$100k) that could be put to better use.

Drop a line to our Assemblyman James Gallagher and Senator Jim Nielson and invite them to travel the Clark Road/Hwy 99 intersection at peak hours for a real look at an accident waiting to happen.

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Get Your Tickets for The Happiest Place on Earth!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Do not miss out on this opportunity to support a great cause and win a trip to the "Happiest Place on Earth", Disney Land!

Manzanita School Booster Club is holding a Fundraiser Raffle for 12 Disney 1-day hopper passes. Since the prize-package includes 12 tickets, each raffle ticket

costs \$100 and there are only 100 tickets being offered for purchase. There are still quite a few available, which makes already good odds, better! You can purchase yours from any Manzanita student or at the Manzanita School Office.

The raffle will be held virtually on Friday, June 4th at 1:20 in the afternoon. Tickets are good until December 14th, 2022. ★

Memorial Day Ceremonies

Gridley Biggs Military Veterans Court of Honor Committee

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, Monday,

May 31st at 10:00 am at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery.

This year's event's featured speaker, Nicolaus Gauthier, SSG, US Army (Ret.), is 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. ★

Remembering the Great War



Coming together to honor. Various veterans, active military, and local dignitaries came out to pay their respects to those lost in World War I and all those in military service, past and present. Photo by Seti Long



A formal salute from Commander Stiles, while the honor guard provides a 21-gun salute with flags at half-mast in remembrance of the return of 5,000 dead from WWI, exactly 100 years ago. Photo by Seti Long

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his and the 5,000 other souls that returned home that day with the World War One Remembrance ceremony.

A beautiful rendition of the National Anthem, sung by Kari Wheeler, opened the ceremony followed by the pledge of allegiance. Supervisor Todd Kimmelshue, Congressman Doug LaMalfa and Gridley City Councilwoman Catalina Sanchez were in attendance. An invitation to three dignitaries brought Supervisor Kimmelshue to the podium, followed by Councilwoman Sanchez who echoed his statements on honor and service. Commander Stiles then directed the rest of the presentation. After background on Private Soper and the 100-year anniversary, a moment of silence was observed. The flag outside memorial hall was brought to half-mast, taps was played, and a 21-gun salute was provided by

an honor guard comprised of American Legion members, VFW members and volunteers.

No matter what branch they served in, which veterans' group they were or weren't part of, the military men and women present at the World War One Remembrance ceremony did what they do best – united together to make the remembrance ceremony a reality and honor their fellow service men and women in proper military fashion.

Supervisor Kimmelshue said, "World War One was supposed to be the war to end all wars, and of course we know what happened after that.... many more lives have been lost, American lives... lives lost throughout the wars. I think it's only appropriate that the local VFW, local veterans, have events like this so that we never forget the sacrifices that our men and women in military service [made]."★

90 Years to Shine at Beta Sigma Phi



Sorority Sisters front left to right: Louise Wedin, Virginia Faulk, Ernie Chambers, Nancy Schouten. Back: Mary Ann Boeger, Sheila Huffman, Bonnie Bayles-Stier, Pam Coffin, Ada Christensen, Clara Tamborski, Dell DeMeyer. Not shown: Kathy Adams, Ruby Mena-Dickey. Photo provided by Dell DeMeyer

By Dell DeMeyer

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Members of Beta Omega Master chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, have been busy this spring with the April and May meetings and the annual Founder's Day celebration on April 26. Bonnie Bayles-Stier was hostess in April at which time members said farewell to member Sheila Huffman who is moving to Mississippi for a short duration. Present were Mary Ann Boeger, Bonnie Bayles-Stier, Dell DeMeyer, Kathy Adams, Louise Block, Pam Coffin, Ada Christensen, Clara Tamborski, Ernie Chambers, Sheila Huffman, Virginia Faulk, Ruby Dickey-Mena and Nancy Schouten. Highlight was a presentation by Mrs. Block she wrote several years ago and once again brought the house down with a very humorous poem on the color Magenta.

Founder's Day was held April 26th in the garden of the Victorian Rose in Biggs with the group gathering to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Beta Sigma Phi. Luncheon was served and the program included a message from the International Office read by Nancy Schouten and announcement of the new International theme, "90 Years to Shine" which recognizes the sorority's ninety years of existence. The chapter's highest honor, Woman of the Year, went to Mrs. DeMeyer for helping keep the chapter an interesting and challenging opportunity and also making the meetings fun for everyone.

Installation of officers for the coming year and delicious luncheon was held May 10th at the home of Kathy Adams with twelve members present with the following taking office: President Mrs. DeMeyer; Vice President, Mrs. Christensen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Chambers; Treasurer, Mrs. Bayles-Stier; and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Adams. The chapter theme will be "Strut Your Stuff – Let's Flamingo" using flamingos as the logo and incentive for all activities.

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Mrs. Boeger presented a program on "Women of the Bible" and spoke on information she took from a Life special edition magazine. She described the many kinds of women who portrayed strong abilities throughout life in the biblical period and up to the present time. A second program by Mrs. Tamborski was a biographical presentation of her life growing up in the Princeton-Maxwell area and how her father who immigrated from the Portuguese Azore Islands went from a migrant worker to owning many acres of riceland on the west side. She also outlined her later life when living in Concord and working at the San Francisco Bank of America main office for many years before moving back to Oroville. Newest member, Laurie Cassady, was welcomed back after undergoing a several month-long absence for foot surgery.

The final meeting of the year will be June 14th at the home of Mrs. DeMeyer and will be a salad potluck and planning meeting. Beta Sigma Phi belongs to the state area council referred to as Far Northern California Council and the council board has announced they will be once again conducting the five yearly brunch meetings, starting in October at the Win River Casino in Redding. Because of the Coronavirus, all council activities were put on hold through most of 2020.

Beta Omega Master chapter meets on the second Monday of each month at members' homes or at a specified meeting place and is mainly a social group, based on cultural, social and philanthropic endeavors, supporting both statewide and local charities. Beta Sigma Phi is an international organization that has around 100,000 members and membership is by invitation and is non-academic, for all ages between 18 up. ★



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MEMORIAL NOTICE

Carmen Francis Cabrera Garcia

June 12, 1949 to May 20, 2021

Carmen Francis Cabrera Garcia was born June 12th 1949 in Oroville California. She passed away May 20th 2021 in Yuba City at the age of 71.

Carmen worked as a housekeeper for a majority of her life. She also loved cooking and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her big smile and infectious laugh will be missed dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Nellie Cabrera, her brother's Pete Cabrera and Joseph Cabrera and her son Johnny Garcia.



Carmen is survived by her sisters Elodia Cabrera and Susie Ramirez, her son Arthur and wife Celina Garcia, daughter Santa Garcia, daughter Eryka and husband Kyil Parker, son Cuauhtemoc Garcia as well as 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Thursday May 27th at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gridley, California with burial following at Gridley Biggs cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Alicia Francis Bowling

April 16, 1948 to May 19, 2021

Alicia Francis Bowling, 73, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by loved ones on Wednesday May 19, 2021. Alicia was born April 16, 1948 in Orange, CA to Samuel and Alicia (Arnold) Francis. She married Bruce Bowling on November 26, 1969 in the Los Angeles Temple.

Alicia grew up in the orange groves of Tustin, CA. She was the second of nine kids and they all remember what a fun sister she was. She attended BYU where she met the love of her life, Bruce. They were married for 46 years before his death in 2016. She dedicated her life to her family and her church. Alicia spent most of her spare time in her garden and always had a love of plants and flowers. She also enjoyed painting. She worked with the Cub Scouts for many years and earned the Silver Beaver award. Alicia served many years as the Booster Club president at Manzanita school and was a proud member of Focus in her later years. Alicia served in many positions within her church but she especially loved working with

the young women, members of the Hmong Branch, serving in the Sacramento Temple and serving a mission with her husband in Little Rock, AR. Alicia was an amazingly fun and loving mother and grandmother who always made sure to share her love of her Savior with her family.

She is survived by her children Sherrie (Steven) Jensen of Woodland, CA; Douglas (Charmayne) Bowling of Salem, OR; Richard (Lisa) Bowling of Rancho Cordova, CA; Dave (Jessica) Bowling of Gridley, CA; Anne (Craig) McDowell of Erie, CO; Bob (EmmaLee) Bowling of Gridley, CA; and her 15 grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday May 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gridley Stake Center, 400 Spruce Street Gridley, CA. Those not able to attend may join via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 791 192 2614 Passcode: 272458

Interment will take place in the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Felipe Angel Chapa

January 9, 1945 to May 20, 2021

On Thursday, May 20, 2021, in Scottsdale, AZ, our loving Father, Felipe A. Chapa was called home and went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and God, Our Heavenly Father in Heaven at the age of 76.

Felipe was born on Jan. 9, 1945 in Hebronville, TX to Maria Aida Trevino and Manuel Chapa. He was the oldest in his family and he took his role of being the big brother very seriously. Throughout his life he was very involved in his extended family's care and helped them in any way he could.

In June 1964, he married the love of his life, Victoria Rejino. On his birthday in 1966, they welcomed their first daughter Cynthia. Later that same year, they welcomed their second daughter Patricia. In mid 1967 Felipe and Victoria moved to California where they would eventually settle in Gridley. He often said Mom cried the entire the way, but they knew there was a better life waiting for them. In June 1969, their son Philip was born and their family was complete.

Felipe was a hard worker and throughout his life took extreme pride in everything he did. He worked in the Biggs area as a farmer in the rice industry driving tractors and lasers to ready the land for planting and harvest. He worked at Chico San, which later became Quaker Oats in Gridley as a machine operator and was very mechanically gifted. At one point in 1995 he was asked to go to Missouri to help train the new machine operator employees at the new Quaker Oats Facility there. His last position found him at Walmart Chico in the maintenance department.

Felipe's biggest pride and joy was his love for his family. He retired from Walmart to care for his beloved Victoria who was diagnosed with early onset dementia. Even though he couldn't work, he never stopped trying to come



up with ways to stay busy and always had a business idea he was working on. He was an entrepreneur and Shark Tank would've loved some of his ideas.

When Victoria needed full time care, they moved to Colorado where she passed away in 2013. Shortly thereafter he returned to Gridley and then moved to AZ in 2015 to be near his daughter Patricia.

He loved talking about his family and cars, especially his 1956 Chevy Bel Air. The first car he bought at 16 years old and spent a lot of his time restoring. Felipe was a man who said what he meant and meant what he said. Those that knew him, either liked him a lot or not at all... and he was ok with that.

Felipe was a Father, Brother, Uncle, and Grandfather. He is survived by his daughters Cynthia Harmel (Scott), Patricia Collins (Mark) and son Philip Chapa, his sisters Rosa Perez (Jose) and Juanita Arevalo (Wilman), grandchildren Ashli, Charlie and Drew Collins, Travis, Mallory and Aubrey Harmel and Tayla, Calissa, Caleb and Derek Chapa. There are also other numerous siblings, nieces and nephews.

Waiting in anticipation for him in heaven are his true love Victoria Chapa, his parents Maria Aida Rodriguez and Manuel Chapa and his siblings Manuel Chapa Jr., Teofilo "Toby" Trevino, Santos Rodriguez and Linda Arias.

The viewing, vigil and Rosary will be held on Wednesday, May 26th starting at 3pm at Gridley-Block Funeral Home. His funeral service will be on Thursday, May 27th at 1pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gridley with graveside burial following at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery.

Dad, thank you for everything you did for us and all the sacrifices you made and for loving us! We love you and rest in peace Dad.

Newsom Transforms Taxpayer Protection into Welfare



Ted Gaines

By Betsey Hodges,
Office of Senator
Ted Gaines

California actually has a government spending limit, hard as that may be to believe, and Gavin Newsom is making a mockery of it, just as his predecessor did.

In 1979, a year after signing off on the revolutionary Proposition 13, voters passed Proposition 4, implementing the "Gann Limit," which would peg California's state spending to the 1978-79 level and only let it grow adjusted for inflation and population. State revenues above the voter-approved limit can be reckoned with several different ways, including refunding half of the excess revenues to taxpayers, with the other half going to schools.

Newsom is choosing the refund path for this year's massive Gann Limit excess, which is currently estimated at \$16 billion dollars. But instead of sending their money back to the taxpayers in relation to how much they paid, giving everyone a slice of the rebate in proportion to their tax contributions, Newsom is turning the program into a giant transfer payment scheme.

Paul Gann, the father of Prop. 13 and the namesake of this taxpayer protection plan, would be dumbfounded by Newsom's willful misunderstanding and shameless appropriation of his taxpayer-protection initiative.

The wealthiest taxpayers in this state, the top five percent, paid nearly 70-percent of California income taxes last year. Those citizens were also supposed to get relief from the Gann Limit. Instead, they get nothing.

Newsom is sending rebates to the bottom two-thirds of tax filers only. What about the top-third, who paid a whopping 97-percent of the total income taxes in 2018, for example? In Newsom's redistribution plan these top payers are simply out of luck, even though it's their payments providing the bulk of the excess. And before you shout, "tax the rich!" understand that in that same tax year, we are talking about people making \$60,000 a year.

It's great that the Governor wants to help taxpayers during the pandemic, even though it was state policy that caused so much of the damage to small businesses and killed so many jobs. If the governor and legislature want to make more direct payments to citizens out of the general fund, after Gann Limit refunds have been fairly distributed, be my guest.

In fact, I challenge Governor Newsom and the legislature to find ways to make the state more affordable and livable for all citizens, starting with lower taxes on personal income, on business income, on gasoline, and by eliminating green energy mandates that

have forced our electricity prices up 9-times faster than the national average over the past decade. These steps would help every day of the year, not just on the day he announces his budget.

Getting money back into the hands of job-creators – by lowering costs and equitably rebating the Gann Limit dollars – would actually fuel a California rebound.

But to repurpose a taxpayer protection act, approved by voters, into a new tax and welfare plan, is bad-faith politics and speaks to why Newsom is facing a recall.

Governor Brown's 2017 budget dodged the Gann Limit by magically reclassifying \$22 billion in spending as neither state nor local, as required by the original Proposition, making it disappear, along with the hopes of fiscal conservatives.

Brown would not adhere to the mandates of the 1979 Gann Limit reform; he tricked his way past the law and shafted taxpayers along the way. Apparently, Governor Newsom was watching and learning, waiting for his own opportunity to betray the intent of California's voters.

Mission accomplished. Newsom's plan is ugly political alchemy, where he mutates a rebate program into a new tax on the homeowners, small business owners, teachers, police and other middle-class people who will be paying the taxes they will never get back. He should refund ALL taxpayers according to their tax payments and quit manipulating the Gann Limit for his political needs.

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SPARKY'S CORNER



Medical Oxygen Safety

Portable medical oxygen in the home has grown over the past decade. Medical oxygen adds a higher percentage of oxygen to the air a patient uses to breathe. If a fire should start in an oxygen-enriched area, the material burning will burn more quickly. Homes where medical oxygen is used need specific fire safety rules to keep people safe from fire and burns.

SAFETY TIPS

- There is no safe way to smoke in the home when oxygen is in use. A patient on oxygen should not smoke.
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- Keep oxygen cylinders at least five feet from a heat source, open flames or electrical devices.
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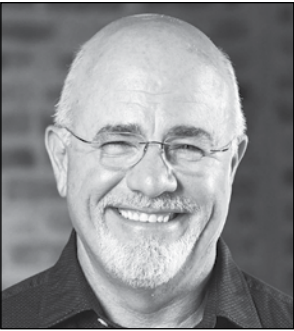


By Barbara Ott

Enough with the wind already! It seems very windy this Spring. Not sure if is my imagination or I'm simply whiny because I don't like to work in the wind. My street is in a north to south direction it feels like the wind is funneled straight down from the north. I've had to add supports to the

tree lilies so they don't break. I was at a large box store and everything in their nursery section that was over four feet tall was laying on the ground. I water my container plants and my Japanese maples more when it is windy, since it dries plants out so quickly. I've been shading my turtle pond with a patio umbrella. It has been working great until the wind came up. I have to lay it down on the ground because even when it is furled and tied it blows over. It has a weighted stand but it is not enough on a really windy day. I've noticed the birds struggle with big wind. Along the road I saw a hawk swooping across the

road and barely be able to do an upward turn to avoid a truck. The backyard birds have not trouble because it is less windy in the backyard. Tall fences, houses and trees block a lot of the wind. Because of this micro climate change I can enjoy working in the back yard for most of a windy day. This brings me to my next gripe about the wind. I was an official senior citizen when I moved to Gridley. I never had allergies, ever. Now I have allergies most of the time. It is especially hard when the wind is ripping though. Ok gripe time is over and we'll return to garden talk next week. How is your garden growing? ★



You're in Good Shape Either Way

Dear Dave,

I can't decide whether to sell or keep a rental property. Except for the property in question I'm debt-free, and I make \$90,000 a year. I owe \$20,000 on the property, and it is worth \$65,000. What do you think?

— George

Dear George

You're in pretty good shape financially, and you could probably pay off the rental property in a year or two. So really, it's a matter of personal preference. I will say this; there's nothing worse than being a landlord if you don't want to be one.

It's not a bad thing to feel that way. Some folks have fun and enjoy landlording for a while, but then other things become more important. It's your life and your feelings that matter at this point.

If you still enjoy dabbling in real estate and being

Dave Ramsey Says

a landlord, go for it. If the shine has worn off, get rid of the place. If the latter is the case, you'll get the responsibility of being a landlord off your back and become debt-free all at the same time!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I've been following your advice for about a year. I'm almost out of debt, and I live on a budget, but looking toward the future it seems like it will be very difficult to save up for a down payment on a home. I live in Chicago, and property prices are very expensive. I have a friend in Georgia who suggested I buy a less expensive property there, then fix it up and flip it to make the money I would need for a down payment. What do you think of this idea?

— Erik

Dear Erik

When you take on the kind of work you're talking about, you need to oversee what's happening every step of the way. You're working out details, keeping an eye on the crew, and having to handle a dozen other issues tied to the project. Plus, you can't just walk up to a house or see it online, buy it, and expect to

come out ahead in the deal.

People who flip houses for a living professionally eyeball dozens, sometimes hundreds, of properties to buy just one. It's not an easy way to make money, and it's definitely not something I'd recommend doing from a distance. In short, I wouldn't do it, Erik. Fixing and flipping properties is a hands-on business, and trying to do it from 700 miles away would be a nightmare.

Just keep on working the budget and save as much as you can. I'd consider getting a part-time job for a while to add to the down payment fund before I'd try to fix and flip a house that far away.

— 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



Are you a "pew sitter"? What is a pew sitter you ask? It is a person who goes to church, sings the songs, repeats the scriptures, and nods the head in agreement with the sermon, but once gone from the building forgets the Word and regresses to the world again.

In James 1:22 we are called to be "doers" of the Word not just "hearers". Once you've heard the Words of the Lord it is then time to go to work to spread them, act on them, and live them in our lives.

We do works of faith because we want to tell others of God's love and

mercy. We act out of love because God loved us and gave us reasons to tell and show others. We are not made to be hermits in God's kingdom.

We are planters of seeds of life and salvation. We plant where we are, and we bloom from God's watering. Later we harvest from God's fields after He shines forth light and warmth from His store house.

Sometimes God prunes us to give us new growth; but we find we are stronger and produce more fruit from God's hands.

We can read and read the Bible and memorize verse after verse; but if we don't put into use their messages, we have achieved nothing.

We can watch TV program after program from religious leaders and messengers but if we don't put into action those

messages, we fail to reach out to those who need us.

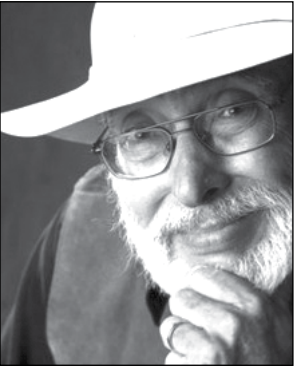
We are fed when we go to church and hear religious leaders, but if that food goes unused for God's Kingdom we have eaten nothing.

"Don't be a pew sitter!" Be doers of the Word. Use your faith to help others and spread the love of God in our broken world.

It is time we as Christians take a stand to make our lives a living fragrance of God's glory. Walk out in the world and show them the hands and feet of a working living God.

Sunday at 10 am come join us at the Gridley United Methodist Church. We are located on the corner of Haskell and Magnolia Streets. We do sit in pews, but we are workers, and helpers in our community to spread God's word and love. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Dud Campbell was at the kitchen table, contemplating what to do next on his novel, "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms." It's been a constant concern to him for several years now, since the idea struck him. The idea was a love affair between a duchess in a castle in Europe and an American truck driver on special assignment to her home country.

Try as he might, he had yet to overcome a few roadblocks in the writing, such as what to do with the love child the

Soggy Bottoms

duchess had from him the last time he was on special assignment, what the special assignment was, and how many murders to put in the first chapter.

A guy can't just rush into these things, of course. On top of all that, he still had never heard of a place called Soggy Bottoms, and didn't even know which state it was in. The guys down at the Mule Barn thought his book should be called "The Duchess and the Truck Driver," but Dud didn't think it was mysterious enough. And Doc thought Soggy Bottoms sounded like a diaper change was called for.

But maybe he could conjure up something from his own past that at least might give him

an idea of what to write next. So he took the lid off his cast-iron Dutch oven and walked into the back yard. He built a fire in his barbecue and tended it until it was down to coals, and then turned the lid over and put it on the coals. He smeared a little oil on the lid and poured pancake batter on it.

After eating too many pancakes even before Anita woke up, he walked back in the house and began writing. How on earth, he asked himself, does anyone anywhere write more than one book in a lifetime?

For a treat, go to the heart of Louisiana with Shari Hearn's books. <https://books2read.com/ap/nmPreX/Shari-Hearn>. ★

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Murder Suspect Found Legally Insane

By Michael L. Ramsey,
Butte County District Attorney's Office

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - A homeless Chico man was found legally insane by a Butte County judge today after that same judge found the defendant guilty of the first-degree murder of a homeless Chico woman in a court trial last week. The murder occurred on the Chico State University campus in 2018.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said as a result of that insanity finding, Samuel Eugene Johnson, 30, was therefore found not guilty by reason of insanity for the murder of Linda Blacksten, 55. Ramsey said Johnson will be committed to the state mental hospital.

Ramsey said Blacksten's battered body was discovered on October 30, 2018 shortly before 5:00 a.m. in a pool of blood in an alcove on the south side of Kendall Hall on the university campus. Witnesses noted Blacksten was homeless and occasionally slept on campus.

The Chico State University Police investigated the homicide and quickly developed information leading to Johnson's arrest. Ramsey said the night of the murder, at 1:18 a.m. a 911 caller reported a male yelling at a female and threatening to kick the female's teeth in. In a later interview, the caller told police he heard the verbal altercation take place at the alcove where Blacksten's body was later discovered. The caller also said he saw Johnson nearby the alcove.

An autopsy revealed Blacksten was killed by blunt force trauma and suffered multiple

broken bones including fractures to her skull, vertebra, pelvis and fractures to most of her ribs. DNA testing revealed Blacksten's blood was on Johnson's pants and shoes.

No motive was discovered for the murder.

Ramsey said Johnson then pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. Ramsey explained that when a defendant pleads not guilty by reason of insanity, the defendant's trial is broken into two phases – the guilt phase and the sanity phase. Johnson waived a jury trial and submitted both phases to the judge to try.

On May 19, 2021, during the guilt phase of Johnson's court trial, Butte County Superior Court Judge Jesus Rodriguez found Johnson guilty of 1st degree murder.

During the sanity phase of the court trial, the defense presented evidence of Johnson's extensive history of Schizophrenia. A court-appointed psychologist testified and opined Johnson was in a psychotic state when he killed Blacksten and that Johnson did not understand the difference between right and wrong at the time of the killing. After hearing the evidence, Judge Rodriguez found Johnson not guilty by reason of insanity and set the matter for a placement hearing on June 23, 2021.

Ramsey said due to the violent nature of the offense, Johnson, who has been in custody since the murder, will be placed in the state mental hospital for psychiatric treatment. Such a commitment carries the potential for a life sentence in the state hospital until doctors and a court determine he has regained his sanity and is safe to release. ★



LOCAL FISHING

Sierra trout creek's; fly fishermen battle high winds, rain and snow. (g) North Fork Yuba River, Sierraville; snow flurries. Small caddis hatch. Fly fishers ...Use: Stimulator, or Copper Johns. (a)



T/B Stimulator, Copper John

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Bay; weather fair. Scattered halibut. One-fish per rod. (a) Delta; striper run pretty much over. Lower San Joaquin delta, Antioch Bridge and 3-Mile Slough producing a few stripers, on the last part of the incoming tide. Use: Deep diving Yo-Zuri (15-Ft). (g)

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

Lake Oroville; made use of #7 floating camp site at Middle Fork Feather River. Hiked in to Feather Falls when not fishing. Large mouth bass on beds. Use: cut plugs w/ anchovy scent. (b)

Kings near the dam. [8lb 2oz]. 40-50 feet



Hoochie w/ Dodger

deep. Use: 360 degree flasher w/ Hoochie. (a) Lake Tahoe; boat traffic curtailed. Reason: low-water, Covid-19. Boat ramps closed.. (g) Lake Almanor; rain, wind, hail and sleet. Prattville water temperature 56 degrees. Downriggers at 10-15-foot catching 3-pound bows. Use: Speedy Shiners behind Dodgers. (a) Lake Camanche; rainbows chasing. Fast troll 3.0 mph at 20-30 feet in the AM and 45-feet during PMs. Use: Speedy Shiners. (b) Black Butte Reservoir; "Danger" Cyanobacteria infected waters, causing eye irritation, skin rash, mouth ulcers and liver failure. { Watch for...green, white, red, or brown algae that looks like paint on the water}. New Hogan Reservoir; "Danger" Leeches in the water. If bitten, clean with bottled water and seek medical help. Indian Valley Reservoir, Colusa Co; catfish on the bite. Fish Cache Creek channel. Use: Beef Brains w/ Limburger Cheese mix, wrapped in cheese cloth. (b) RIVERS REPORT: Fisherman's Comment: Salmon kill of 60-80 percent on the Klamath River main stem. Reason...Low water releases creates warm water (15C/60F) diseases. { Salmon Anaemia (ISA) } Symptoms: pale gills and swimming near surface, gulping air.

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By Mary Eldridge,
CAL FIRE

AUBURN, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at approximately

1:00 PM, CAL FIRE received a report of a female wearing all black clothing lighting fires along Scott Grant Road near Beacon Lane, in the community of Loma Rica, CA.

The first on scene CAL FIRE resource secured the scene of two small fires along 12328 Scott Grant Road. CAL FIRE first responders witnessed a female who fit the description of the suspect flee the scene of the fire.

CAL FIRE Law Enforcement, assisted by

Yuba County Sheriff's Office and Department of Fish and Wildlife, interviewed multiple parties at the scene. Eleven small fires were found on the property of 12328 Scott Grant Road, and two small fires were found outside the property, also on Scott Grant Road.

Julie Stewart was arrested for felony arson, a violation of California Penal Code Section 451 (c). Julie Stewart is currently being held on \$100,000 bail in the Yuba County Jail. ★

Inflated Job Numbers Prop Up Bullet Train



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Whenever politicians spend large sums of taxpayer money on pet projects, they invariably overstate their supposed economic benefits, particularly creating oodles of "good-paying jobs."

They all do it, using a deceptive assumption that if one worker works one day on the project, it's counted as a "job."

Ralph Vartabedian, a reporter for the Los Angeles Times who—thank goodness—specializes in telling us what's really happening, or not, in the state's woebegone high-speed rail project, punctures its job creation myth in a recent article.

Vartabedian cites a banner on a bullet train viaduct in Fresno claiming "5,000 jobs and counting" but reveals that while consuming many billions of dollars, the project has employed only about 1,000 construction workers at any one time.

"The boast of 5,000 jobs refers to the number of workers dispatched from union halls," he wrote. "Each time a worker is sent to a job site, whether for one day or hundreds of days, it counts as a job for the purpose of the banners."

"Rail authority Chief Executive Brian Kelly

defended the worker count as a valid measure of progress, saying the authority has been doing it for years."

In other words, since inflated job numbers have been used for years, Kelly would have us believe it's a valid practice.

In fact as Vartabedian discovered from analyzing bullet train data, "hourly workers have received about \$265 million of the \$6.1 billion that has been spent on construction, representing just 4%. Of the total \$8.1 billion spent on the project, the labor portion is even smaller, 3%. The \$265 million is less than what the rail authority spends every three months."

The much-inflated job creation claims are important because construction union support has been one of the most important factors in keeping the project alive despite lacking a rational justification.

The original vision, backed by voters, was for a statewide north-south system of high-speed travel, but no one ever came up with a plan for financing such a system, which would cost upwards of \$100 billion.

The Fresno structures, dubbed "Stonehenge" by local critics, are part of a very limited stretch in the San Joaquin Valley, financed by some state bonds, a federal grant and a share of proceeds from the state's auctions of greenhouse gas emission permits. At the moment, it would run from a few miles north of Fresno to a few miles north of Bakersfield. Gov. Gavin Newsom

came close to killing the project after taking office in 2019, only to backtrack under pressure from construction unions.

Newsom then declared that he wants to expand the current project northward a few miles to Merced and southward a few miles to Bakersfield, assuming that someday it could be connected to the Bay Area and Los Angeles. But that also added billions of dollars to the projected costs.

Newsom's latest budget proposal would appropriate \$4.2 billion from remaining voter-approved bonds to advance his version of the project and mentions "potential federal funds" to fill the remaining financial hole – a reference to President Joe Biden's ambitious infrastructure program.

However, Newsom's plan doesn't sit well with some legislative leaders who would prefer improving commuter transit. Some bullet train money has already been shifted to electrifying the Caltrain commuter service on the San Francisco peninsula, and Southern California lawmakers, led by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, want similar diversions for their region.

The commuter projects would probably use inflated job creation claims as well, but at least they would be serving real needs, rather than a unrealistic pipedream.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

Dear Dietitian Nutrition Myths



Commentary
by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

There once was a country song that declared, "It's easier to sell a lie than to give the truth away." I sometimes feel that way about nutrition education. There seems to be more misinformation about nutrition now than ever before. Here are some interesting nutrition myths that you may have heard in the past.

1. Celery has negative calories because it takes more calories to digest than the calories that are in it. While celery is low in calories, there is no food with negative calories. The calories needed to digest a portion of food are not deducted from the calories contained in the food.
2. Certain foods are bad for you. Ben Franklin once said, "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." No food is inherently bad for you. It's the amount of a particular food that may become a problem. If you eat potato chips every day, that's not good for you. We have to get out of 'black and white' thinking when it comes to food.
3. Sea salt is better than table salt. In a survey conducted by the American Heart Association, 61% believe sea salt is a lower sodium alternative to table salt. Both sea salt and table salt contain the same amount of sodium, about 40% by weight. The bottom line is there is no nutritional advantage of choosing sea salt over table salt.
4. Butter is better for you than

margarine. At one time, margarine contained trans fats, but these are no longer used in the US. Butter is an animal product that contains saturated fat. A diet high in saturated fat increases cholesterol levels, which increases the risk for heart disease. Choose margarine.

5. Cheese causes constipation. This folklore has been passed down for generations. While I only found one study on this topic, cheese was not proven to affect bowel habits of those who ate it compared to those who did not. [1]

6. Certain foods increase your metabolism. Research shows that while certain foods may have minor effects on your metabolism, it is not enough to affect weight loss.

7. Certain foods help to remove belly fat. A study discovered that soluble fiber reduced visceral fat, the fat stored in the abdominal cavity. However, it did not reduce subcutaneous fat, which is the fat underneath the skin. [2] Claims that certain foods reduce belly fat are often the same claims for overall weight loss. When losing weight, you simply cannot "spot-reduce."

Good health to you!
Dear Dietitian

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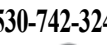
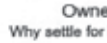
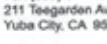
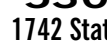
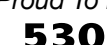
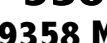
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Oroville Resident Arrested for Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with Minor Victims



**Tristan Harper,
Butte County Sheriff's
Office**

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - In May of 2021, Butte County Sheriff's Office detectives obtained a video depicting Aimee Few, age 36, of Oroville having unlawful sexual contact with a minor victim. During a subsequent investigation, detectives

obtained evidence that Few had unlawful sexual contact with a second minor victim.

During the investigation, detectives interviewed multiple witnesses and obtained additional digital evidence. On May 11, detectives obtained a felony arrest warrant for Few. On May 12, detectives located Few in Chico during a traffic enforcement stop. Few was placed under

arrest without incident.

During the arrest of Few, detectives located electronic devices that belonged to Few. Detectives obtained a search warrant for the electronic devices and located additional evidence related to this investigation. Based on the evidence located during the investigation, Few was booked into the Butte County Jail for two

felony counts of having unlawful sexual intercourse with minor victims.

Few later posted bail and is scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on July 30, 2021, at 8:30 AM. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact Detective Tristan Harper at 530-538-7671. ★

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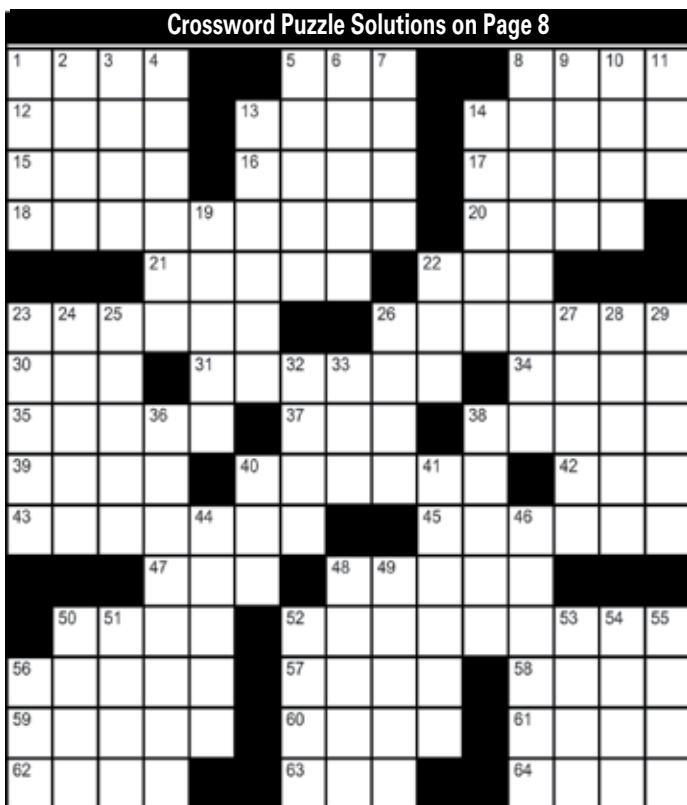
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- ACROSS**
- Ivory, in the bathroom
 - Letter of the _____
 - Kiln for drying hops
 - Marine eagle
 - Muffin Man's Drury
 - Zest
 - Landlord's collection
 - Chieftain in Arabia
 - Frequently precedes "nonsense"
 - "Tabletop fun (2 words)
 - Passage in a coal mine
 - Clear the whiteboard
 - Sean's mom Yoko
 - Alpine structure
 - Slabbed
 - Clothing border
 - Incense burning container
 - Gauche or Droite, in Paris
 - In a frenzy
 - Unagi
 - Fancy necktie
 - Eye protection, sing.
 - Not dangerous to health
 - Dwight the President
 - Worked the dough
 - *Screen-free message
 - Hairpiece, slangily
 - Libra symbol
 - Buenos
 - *Dirty hobby?
 - African prairie
 - Like family lore
 - Don't let it hit you on your way out
 - *Ten-pin establishment
 - Challenge
 - Purse to match a gown
 - Lake of Scottish lore
 - *Between 'game' and 'match'
 - Deliver a tirade

- DOWN**
- Belgrade native
 - Dessert sandwich
 - Pavlova, e.g.
 - Tube-nosed seabird
 - Tibetan priests
 - Japanese cartoon
 - Used to be _____
 - *Explore the great _____
 - spumante
 - Editor's mark
 - Craggy peak
 - Official emissary
 - Bird-deposited fertilizer
 - Same as schlock
 - Famous Bobby, on ice
 - *Sidewalk art medium
 - Macho man
 - *Tell jokes, e.g.
 - Sub station
 - Permissible
 - Extract a memory, e.g.
 - Try to prevent
 - It's not a want
 - _____ Bernie Sanders, abbr.
 - *Guessing game
 - Administer an oil
 - *Don't make me _____!
 - With pleasure
 - Full of bunnies?
 - Full of gentleness
 - Ranee's wrap
 - *Macrame or wood carving, e.g.
 - Expunge
 - Bodily disorders
 - Hermes and Apollo
 - *I in Greek alphabet
 - Person, place or thing



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55. John Wayne's "True _____"
56. Delivery vehicle



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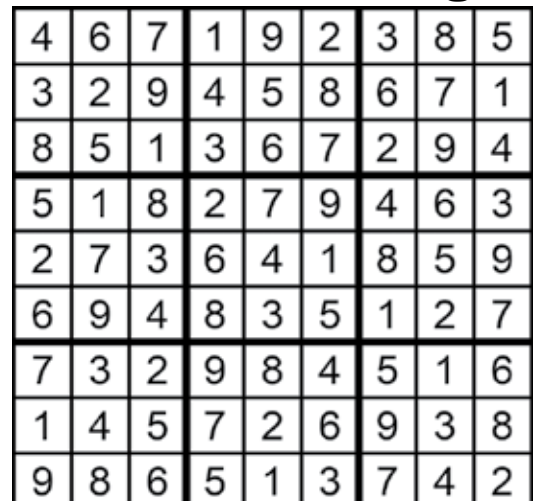
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000574

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
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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
3031 Oro Dam Blvd East, Oroville, CA 95965
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. 2021-0000579

The following persons are doing business as: CRAZED
100 Penzance Avenue, Apt. 37, Chico, CA 95973
Kuipo Corner & Shay Monk Vigil, 100 Penzance Avenue, Apt. 37, Chico, CA 95973
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: General Partnership

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BUTTE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION 2021-22 BUDGET AND LOCAL CONTROL and ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN: INSPECTION AND HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the 2021-22 proposed budgets and Local Control and Accountability Plan for the following school districts in Butte County will be available for public inspection on the dates indicated below. Also shown are the dates, times and locations for the public hearings on the 2021-22 proposed budgets and LCAP.

Biggs Unified School District

Public Inspection: June 4, 2021 to
June 9, 2021, District Office
Public Hearing: June 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
District Office: 300 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917

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

Manzanita Elementary School District

Public Inspection: June 03, 2021 to
June 08, 2021, Manzanita Elementary School
Public Hearing: June 08, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
Manzanita Elementary School
627 E. Evans Reimer Road, Gridley, CA 95948

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN C. HIRONIMUS ALSO KNOWN AS JOHN CRAIG HIRONIMUS CASE No. 21PR00224
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of John C. Hironimus also known as John Craig Hironimus, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Stray O. Hironimus, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Stray O. Hironimus be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows June 8, 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
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Summons

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER:
19CV00993
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
Kathleen G. Shadwick
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Butte County Credit Bureau A Corp
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in prop-

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

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

Present name	Proposed name
Reanna Lea Nixon	Reanna Lee Cook
- 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000643

The following persons are doing business as: BIDWELL DUPLICATE BRIDGE
955 Salem Street, Chico, CA 95926
Steven Gregory Kaessner, 1045 Cordelia Court, Chico, CA 95926
Date Filed in Butte County: May 17, 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. 2021-0000636

The following persons are doing business as: ORCHARD HARDWOODS
319 W 9th Street, 9B, Chico, CA 95928
Joseph Stuart Bottom, 319 W 9th Street, 9B, Chico, CA 95928
Date Filed in Butte County: May 13, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 13, 2021
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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Notice of Lien Sale

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property. Pursuant to Lien Sale Chapter 10 Division 8 Sections 21700-21716 of the California Self Storage Act. Where said property has been stored and which are located at Mallard Mini Storage 1796 State Highway 99, Gridley CA, County of Butte, State of California, 95948. The sale of the property is "As Is Where Is", without any representations or warranties as to the value or nature of the property. This is a cash only sale and is subject to cancellation up to the time of sale in the event of settlement between the Landlord and the obligated parties. The company reserves the right to refuse any online bid. The property must be removed within 72 hours of the time of sale. **Jessica Parker Unit # 112** Description of contents: (miscellaneous contents) Phone: (530)846-6864

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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
14 E Gridley Road, Suite C, Gridley, CA 95948
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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000580

The following persons are doing business as: CT WELDING AND FABRICATION
830 Vermont Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Armando Nunez, 830 Vermont Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Date Filed in Butte County: April 30, 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000671

The following persons are doing business as: SOLO CREATIVE SERVICES
1229 Marian Avenue, Chico, CA 95928
Thurston Keith Crawford, 1229 Marian Avenue, Chico, CA 95928
Date Filed in Butte County: May 21, 2021
The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 1, 2020
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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Applicants must be district residents and be registered to vote. A new board member will be appointed at the June 16th Board meeting.

Interested residents may email Brittany Lobo blobo@mesd.net to request application or pick up paper copy. Applications are also available on our school website. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 3:00 PM on June 11th, 2021

Contact person: **Brittany Lobo, Manzanita Elementary School District**

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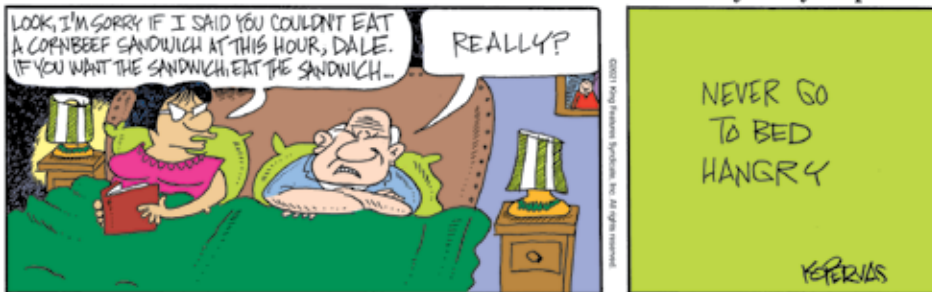
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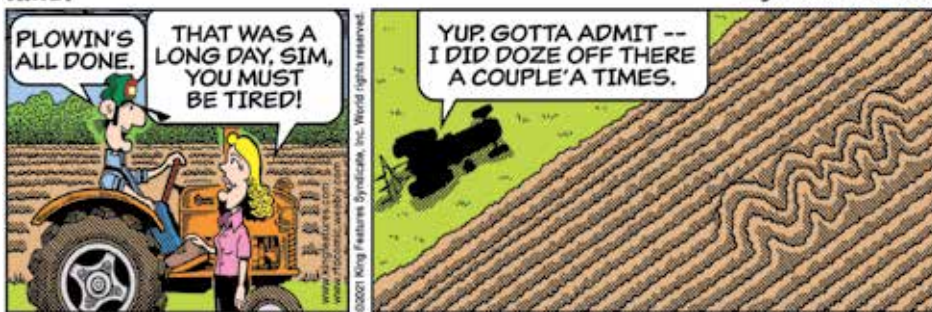
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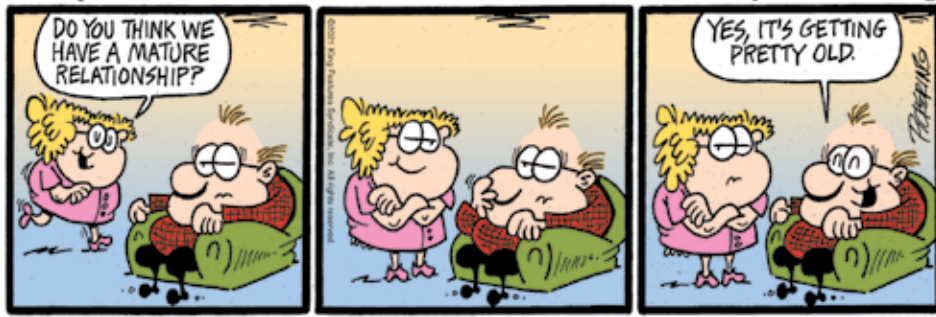
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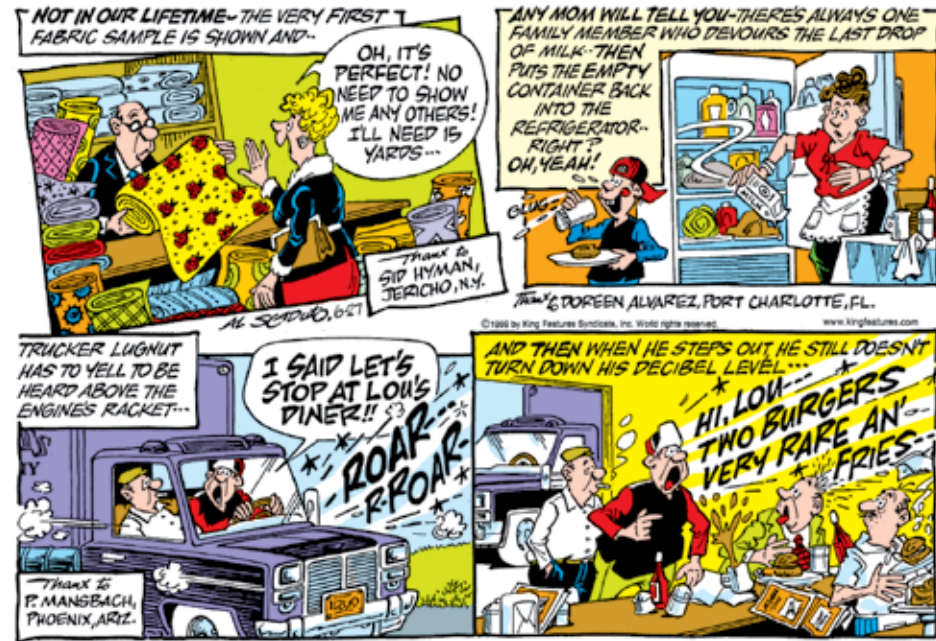
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Biggs/Richvale PAWS Holds 6th Annual Run Around the Rice

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Come May, rain or shine, the 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Parent Association Working for Students (PAWS), holds their annual "Run Around the Rice" 5K, 10K, and Kids Dash fundraiser event in Richvale, CA. In 2019, a strong storm had runners enjoying the course around a number of rice fields in pouring rain that seemed to make the event more fun and challenging. Last year, it was canceled, but this past Sunday, May 23, 2021, the weather was beautiful and the rice was just starting to show green poking out of the water for runners from all over the North State as they came to support the organization and get some exercise.

This year's event had over 300 people registered in support of Biggs Elementary School. Many supporters of all ages showed up to run or walk one of the events and learn a little bit about the rice industry along the way.

Each event has a winner, and this year's winners are: Charlie



Above: Runners take off from the starting line for the 5K Run Around the Rice event in Richvale, CA on Sunday, May 23, 2021. Below: Runners can be seen in the distance with the green rice poking through the water in the foreground during the 5K Run Around the Rice event in Richvale, CA on Sunday, May 23, 2021. Photos Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Shoemaker and Elizabeth Steward (10K event), and David Bumpus and Becky Llamas (5K event). It is unknown who won the Kids Dash event.

PAWS was able to raise over \$35,000 in sponsorships and registration fees. The proceeds that PAWS raises helps in a continued effort with providing chromebook computers for every student K-8th grades, helps provide funding for school wide incentive programs such as "Perfect Attendance", "School Spirit Store" for "Students of the Month" and good citizenship. The proceeds also help to fund enrichment opportunities and activities like the Missoula Children's theatre, Royal King Music and Dance Program, BES Chess Club, ASB activities, and STEAM night.

A special thank you from PAWS to all the sponsors who have donated year in and out. And a special thank you to SunWest Milling who has been a sponsor every year and Shifflet Bros. Enterprises for the past four years. ★

GHS Wrestler, Malia Montero, Signs Letter of Intent to UW Oshkosh

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - For many serious high school athletes, playing at the next level is not only a dream, but a motivation to excel at their craft. On Wednesday, May 19, 2021, all that hard work to make that dream a reality got one step closer for Gridley High School wrestler, Malia Montero. In front of Gridley High School, surrounded by her mother and father, Malanee and Tito Montero, grandparents, former coaches, friends, and Gridley High School staff, Montero signed her letter of intent to wrestle and attend the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh where she will be studying special education in conjunction with wrestling.

Montero has been wrestling since she was in elementary school when she was inspired by her brothers, Raiden and Miko, and family friends to take

up the sport. That is when she fell in love with the sport and began her journey on the mat. Throughout her high school career as a Lady Bulldog, Montero is a three-time San Joaquin masters qualifier, a three time San Joaquin regional placer, and a 2019 California state qualifier.

Montero received the Titan National Scholarship from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, which is given to academically qualified out of state applicants. This summer, she will be joining her older brother, Raiden, and the rest of the Titan wrestling team. Raiden, a 2018 Gridley High School graduate, will be in his senior year majoring in Japanese Studies when his sister makes the move to the Midwest.

Malia has great potential to be a successful collegiate athlete over the next four years for the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. Congratulations Malia! ★



Gridley High School wrestler, Malia Montero, poses for a picture after signing her letter of intent to the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

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Grants in Place Project Unites Community



Sycamore Middle School students and community members work together to create an inviting outdoor gathering place. Photo: Jan Mathews

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - As sources of ideation and inspiration, rural teachers are well situated to see opportunities to better the school for students, families, and the community alike. After Covid-19 forced students to adhere to challenging restrictions, Jan Mathews, a science teacher at Sycamore Middle School in Gridley, CA, noticed that students didn't have a comfortable place to eat outside. "The space we had was crowded, and the grassy area got muddy in the winter and had no shade in the summer."

Luckily, through her mentorship at Chico State's CLASS Program, Mathews heard about RSC's Celia B. Godsil Grants in Place Fellows program and applied, explaining "teachers are used to being told no, so it's nice to be told yes." After finding out she was awarded the fellowship, Mathews teamed up with her students to kick off a transformative, place-based project at the middle school.

Beyond creating an outdoor space at school, Mathews saw this project as an opportunity for students to have an active role in forging a legacy. She shared with her students, "Sometimes your legacy isn't worldwide or countrywide; it's just your own - so when you walk back on campus you can say, 'That lunch area didn't used to look like that. I worked on that and changed it to make it how it looks today!'" That's a legacy."

Mathews continues that she "did not realize how powerful that was to a young person... There's a generational footprint that's been left there. It's changing [things] in a good way and remembering what's there and making it better for whoever is there now. I think that's what education is, really."

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I worked on that and changed it to make it how it looks today!'" That's a legacy." - Jan Mathews, Sycamore Middle School Teacher to her students

This project provides students with new benches and tables, artwork, and much-needed shade outside. But at its root, this project is an act of collective memory building to renew a sense of community shared between all involved.

Not long after launching the project, the school administration pitched in to help. Then, the larger Gridley community began lending a hand. "I was reiterating this to someone else and they said, 'well, what else do you need? I want to get involved!'" I said we needed shade umbrellas and they replied, "Okay, send me a bill. Pick whatever you want and send me a bill."

Mathews worked with her student volunteers to begin construction. Students had an active hand in each aspect of the process, from planning to voting on the design and artist for the space's mural. When the project's biggest build day arrived on a Saturday, students, families, teachers, and administrators all joined in. Mathews' initial aspiration has grown to a community-wide project exemplifying the power of place in rural schools.

Reflecting on the experience, Mathews encourages others to act on their ideas: "Pick something that you care about and don't be deterred - the answer is always no until you ask."

The Grants in Place Celia B. Godsil Fellows program is funded through generous support from Celia and Mark Godsil. Learn More about the program and check out all of the 2021 Grants in Place projects.

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Grange Co-Op Awards Local Students with \$14,000 in Scholarships



Grange Co-op Press Release

MEDFORD, OR (MPG) - Grange Co-op Awards Local Students with \$14,000 in Scholarships Grange Co-op has awarded nine scholarships, totaling \$14,000 to high school seniors in Southern Oregon and Northern California for the 2021-2022 academic year. Eight recipients have each received \$1,500 to be used towards higher level education. Since 2012, Grange Co-op has awarded scholarships totaling over \$118,000! In addition, for the 10th year, Grange Co-op has partnered with Rogue Co-ops to award the top recipient one \$2,000 scholarship.

Rogue Co-op Scholarship is a partnership between Medford Food Co-op, Ashland Food Co-op, Rogue Credit Union, and Grange Co-op. Through this partnership, Rogue Co-ops have provided scholarships to students that have spent their years striving for academic excellence, often going beyond what is expected of them.


"Grange Co-op and Rogue Co-op's are excited to announce Kelsea Whiting as our 2021-2022 Rogue Co-op's Scholarship recipient, as well as the other eight recipients," states Neil Itzen, Grange Co-op CEO. "We were overwhelmed with the positive feedback from our local youth through this process, and we continue to be encouraged with their positivity, energy, and desire."

Grange Co-op is proud to announce these eight individuals as recipients of \$1,500 scholarships: Amelia Moore of Klamath Falls, OR., Arielle McMahan of Eagle Point, OR., Cameron Carr of Gridley, CA., Colten Wright of Merrill, OR., Janelle Shumway of Ashland, OR, Jonwyn Ayres of Rogue River, OR., Makayla Frias of Colusa, CA., and Reilly Eiyneck of Medford, OR. The Rogue Co-op's are pleased to award Kelsea Whiting of Colusa, CA. a \$2,000 scholarship.

Grange Co-op and Rogue Co-op scholarships are merit-based. Recipients must meet a minimum

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