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Santa's Coming to Town



Children lined the streets waiting to catch a glimpse of Santa as he toured Gridley on top of our own Fire Department's Trucks accompanied by his Cal Fire helper elves! Left to right: Luna Harrington, Zoey Green and Jackson Mata. Photo by Seti Long

Gridley Fire Department

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The holidays are here! Your Gridley Fire and Police Departments used their contacts at the North Pole, along with a little Christmas magic, to invite Santa to Gridley for a special tour of our town.

He is graciously taking time out of his busy holiday schedule to ride our very own Gridley Fire Engine through the city to bring extra holiday cheer to our community. Santa would like to see everyone and will be traveling through the city over four separate evenings. Santa is going to make every attempt to drive down every street in the city limits and a few roads just outside.

The areas (see map) and times will be posted on Gridleyherald.com and times will be subject to changes because of weather or emergencies. If needed, Santa will do his best to reschedule and those times will be posted on the above website.

Santa understands that the safety of our community is of the upmost importance to us and while he has been successful at keeping the elves social distanced all year long, he has requested that we take the same precautions during his visit. Santa will bypass areas with any large gatherings or where social distancing is not being practiced. A great way to see Santa safely would be to lay some cozy blankets in your driveway, brew up some

hot cocoa, wave to your neighbors from a safe distance while waiting for his arrival! It will be no secret when Santa will be there, just listen for the magic!

*Please be aware, sirens will herald Santa's approach.

Green Zone: Sunday December 20th, starting at 6:30 pm - Zone Parameters: South of Magnolia Street down to Little Ave and West. Liberty, and everything between Randolph Rd and the Railroad tracks.

Blue Zone: Monday December 21st, starting at 6:30 pm - Zone parameters: South of Spruce Street down to W. Liberty Rd and everything between the railroad tracks over to Bonnell Ave in the East. ★

Public Health to Prioritize COVID Case Investigation

Butte County Public Health

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- The number of COVID-19 cases reported over the weekend for Butte County through the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) system is too large for Butte County Public Health (BCPH) staff to fully verify all cases at this time.

Over the weekend, BCPH pulls COVID case data from CalREDIE and goes through the laborious process of verifying cases and initiating case investigation before adding them to Monday's dashboard update. This is necessary to avoid counting cases that may appear in the report as duplicates, belonging to another county or confirming cases from other sources.

At this time, during the significant increase, there are several hundred cases in the system that need to be verified. BCPH will verify these cases in the coming days and provide an update as soon as possible. BCPH is working to bring on additional staff to meet the needs of increasing cases.

Additionally, due to an increase use of "rapid" antigen tests, BCPH will now be reporting antigen positive cases as probable cases on the dashboard. Antigen tests detect proteins on the surface of the virus, in contrast to a PCR test that detects viral genetic material, and are considered probable if the test result is positive. Only positive PCR tests are considered confirmed cases by the California Department of Public Health and used for COVID-19 metrics and dashboards. Both confirmed and probable cases are reportable.

BCPH conducts case investigation and contact tracing on both probable and confirmed cases, which leads to a higher workload than what the current dashboard (only confirmed cases) reflects.

Due to the recent increase in cases, if an individual tests positive or have had close contact with a positive case, you may not be contacted by BCPH. Contact tracing efforts must be prioritized to break chains of transmission, stop outbreaks and respond to cases among those most at risk for COVID complications. BCPH also coordinates outbreak management for congregate living facilities and schools. Contact tracing priority will be given to:

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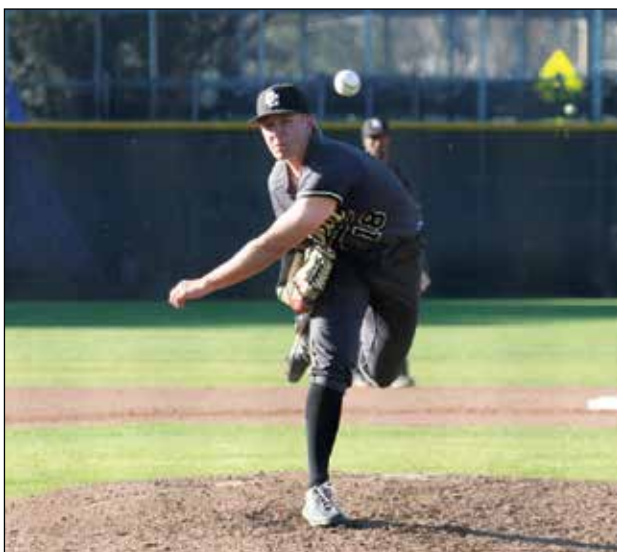
Santerre Signs with USF

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School graduate Lance Santerre has officially committed to the University of San Francisco baseball team.

Santerre's interest in the USF baseball program began his senior year after visiting "The Hilltop" campus, but the left-handed pitcher says he wanted to explore junior colleges in the area that would help navigate him towards USF. "I thought the best decision was to go to a JC and prove myself and show them that I was deserving of that extra money," said Santerre. He was eventually recruited to San Joaquin Delta College out of high school by Coach Mat Keplinger, where he has spent the last year and a half working with Delta's new pitching Coach Joey Skracic to hone his skills and prove himself academically.

The extra year of training and academic achievement paid off and on November 11th, Santerre signed the national letter of intent to



Left-handed pitcher, Lance Santerre, hurtles one across home plate for Delta College. Photo provided by Lance Santerre

play baseball on scholarship for USF. Due to COVID, there was no elaborate signing event, which usually accompanies such commitments but regardless, Santerre is over the moon. "I love the school; I love the coaches!" he says. Santerre is looking forward to joining a few friends that will also be teammates at USF and Coach Keplinger, who was hired on in 2020 as the new USF pitching coach.

As far as his craft, Santerre says that he is currently pitching in the neighborhood 88 to 90 mph and has topped out at 91 mph so far. "I feel like I manage the game pretty well," says Santerre, and on a good day, not many get on base. Delta has used him both as a starter and out of the bullpen. So far, USF is looking to implement a "bubble" keeping all players isolated together in order to conduct a somewhat regular 2021

playing season after the short 2020 year. Only time will tell what the future will look like, but Santerre is hopeful that he will be able to start conditioning soon with his team.

Santerre remains ever grateful for the support he has received throughout his baseball career. "I just really want to thank all the coaches and parents, family and friends from around the area, up in Chico, all over the place, that helped me get to where I am. Coach Dan Crabtree, Lance Franks and Omar Aguilar at the Chico Bullpen, Coach Joey Skracic, Coach Reed Peters too," and of course, his own loving parents.

As for his future, "I feel really good. I mean, it's such a great academic school... I know they're going to set me up really well for life," says Santerre. "I definitely have aspirations of playing as long as I possibly can, whether that be in the MLB or any other types of leagues around. That'd be fun or sure. We'll see what happens!" ★

The New Pi-Line



Chuck Yeager. Courtesy Air Force Test Center History Office - Nasa.org

By Josh F.W. Cook

If San Diego is a Navy town, then Yuba/Sutter is an Air Force town. It's going to be some time until people down the road stop talking about the passing of Gen. Chuck Yeager. I had the opportunity to sit and talk with Gen. Yeager, and it is an opportunity I will cherish for the rest of my life. It is not often that one gets to speak to a living legend, a person who already has been inducted into the Hall of Fame, had movies and books written about them, and whose life story is used to train people as a motivational program.

I met him at Charlie Matthew's house at some event Yuba Supervisor John Nicoletti invited me to. He really was a no-nonsense kind of guy. He certainly didn't come across as a famous person - or come across as arrogant. After about three minutes I became aware that my questions were quite rudimentary, and he was kind enough to indulge me and tell me one or two stories about World War II. I asked if I could get a photograph with him, and he cheerfully agreed. Gen. Yeager lived up the road toward Grass Valley in the foothills. Not long ago, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors named the back road into Beale Air Force

Base after him. The road is the road he would use to go on base and shop at the PX. It was a smart move to honor a world-famous local while he was still alive. We have seen a lot of base commanders pass through Beale AFB over the years, and all of them have been very aware that they have a neighbor who is a VIP, every one of them has waited with great anticipation for a visit with an American legend.

Let's revisit just for a moment some of his more notable accomplishments: In 1944 Yeager became the first in his flight group to shoot down five enemies in a single mission. In that same year, he scored one of the first air war victories against the German Messerschmitt ME 262, a jet airplane. That accomplishment led to my favorite Chuck Yeager quote, "The first time I saw a jet airplane, I shot it down."

In 1947 he became the first person to ever break the sound barrier by flying X1 at Mach 1.07. After a North Korean pilot defected to South Korea, he became the first American to fly a MiG-15. In 1962 he was named Commandant of the United States Air Force Aerospace Research Pilot School. In 1969 he was awarded his Star and promoted to Brig. General. When he was 63 years old, he drove the pace car for the 70th anniversary of the Indianapolis 500. He truly is one of the greatest of the greatest generation. He lived in a time when people were much less concerned about what's on the outside and very much worried about the ability to perform the task at hand.

Many times when asked about his incredible and historic achievements, he

would simply say, "it was the mission I had to perform, so I did it." So many of the things we enjoy - in the prosperous and free state we live in come from the ingenuity, hard work, loyalty, dedication, and toughness of these people who are now dying in their 90s. Reading over the many books that have been written about him and his compatriots like California Senator Pete Knight, gives us insight into a time when bureaucracies were much smaller, and those who could muster the toughness to do incredible things rose to the top. He will be missed. We should do what we can to remember the man, his principles, the organization he helped build -The U.S. Air Force, and the importance of accomplishment and achievement.

The Mandarins at Doerings are being harvested and I am happy to report they are sweet this year. Every season the Mandarins reflect the weather, some years really are better than others. Doerings' ranch is found in the mandarin grove at 4583 Highway 99 between Biggs and Chico, the only Mandarin stand along the way. The closest landmark is Congressman Doug LaMalfa's house where he has decorated a tractor and trailer with Christmas lights. A five pound bag is a great gift, people love to receive them and in the fast paced modern world we live in, giving someone a bag of fruit is a truly an old school tradition. Much better than a candied fruit cake or a gift card.

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

MEMORIAL NOTICE

NeDean Robertson

October 12, 1931 to December 5, 2020

NeDean Robertson of Gridley, Ca. was born October 12, 1931, Ashton, Idaho and passed away on December 5, 2020 in Live Oak, Ca. She was preceded in death by her parents, Verl and Dazel Davis, her husband Bob Robertson and daughter Terri Ann Robertson. She is survived by two sons Michael and Russell (Melody) Robertson of Gridley, sister Sharon Ethington of Rigby, Idaho and numerous other relatives.

NeDean grew up in Gridley and graduated from Gridley High School in 1950. She married her long - time sweetheart Bob



Robertson on January 27, 1957 in Reno, Nevada. They shared almost 57 wonderful years of marriage.

After Bob's death, NeDean remained in their Gridley home until she fell and broke her hip; necessitating her move to River Valley Care, Live Oak, Ca. River Valley became her home away from home for the next 5 years.

NeDean will be remembered by those who knew her as a sweet, kind, and gentle person.

We wish to express our appreciation to Dr. James Brown of Gridley and the River Valley Care staff for their medical expertise on her behalf.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Roberta Loree Walters

August 19, 1936 to December 4, 2020

Roberta Loree Walters passed peacefully on December 04, 2020 in Gridley, California.

Roberta was born on August 19, 1936 to Harold and Lorea Panter of Chico California. She was the oldest child of seven children. She married George Walters on January 04, 1957, together they raised four children.

Roberta's passion was Class A trucks and received her first Class A driving job in 1964. She was a pioneer in the industry for woman and endured system wide disclimation as very few shippers allowed women in their facilities in the 60's. Roberta spent over 60 years on California's highways hauling a wide variety of products. Roberta's hobbies included the Japanese art



of Bonsai. She was a founding member of the Chico Bonsai society. Roberta served as Golden state Bonsai President and travel to Japan to further her art and knowledge of Bonsai.

Roberta was proceeded in death by her husband George Walters, a Son Gerald Walters and a Daughter Janet Walters. Roberta is survived by 6 sisters and 2 brothers, a Daughter and son in law, Joyce and Larry Morris, a Son Max Walters. She also has several Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren.

Gridley Block Funeral home is handling the arrangements and interment at the Biggs, Gridley Cemetery in Gridley, California on December 18, 2020 at 2 pm.

Hammer Down Driver, You're Heaven Bound!

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Delmer Orvin Scott

April 23, 1923 to December 5, 2020



Delmer Orvin Scott, 97, passed away at Oroville Hospital on December 5, 2020. He is one of many lost to COVID-19.

Delmer was born April 23, 1923 in Gridley, CA to Luella James Scott and Lewis Harold Scott. He was raised in Gridley, CA. Delmer loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing with his brothers, friends, and uncles. He loved all of California from the coast to the high mountains. His outdoor skills served him well when he joined the Army in 1943. He trained as a glider pilot, then a paratrooper in the 187 Regiment 11th Airborne, he served as a scout/sniper in Leyte, Philippines, New Guinea and other Islands ending up in Japan as a Staff Sergeant. He earned a Bronze Star in combat. Delmer served proudly, he truly was a part of the "Greatest Generation".

He came back to Butte County and lived here the rest of his life. He had married his beloved wife Bessie Margaret Rose Scott in 1943 before leaving for the war. They were happily married until 1991 when she passed.

Delmer was predeceased by his siblings Lee Roy "Pinky" Scott, Elwyn "Tony" Scott and Sister LaRena Scott. He is survived by his four children; Harold (Pam), David (Jan), Charles (Lisa) and Mary (Steven D.) Scott Strang. He loved all of his fourteen grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He enjoyed hearing about their activities and accomplishments over the years. No one could make him smile more than the little ones.

Delmer loved his family and friends. He would always help out if he could. He was very independent and stubborn in his later years, living on his own until he was 96 years old.

A private service will be held for Delmer where he will be laid to rest beside his dear wife Bessie at Gridley Biggs Cemetery with Military Honors.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.



MEMORIAL NOTICE

Ramona Evans Hamblin

August 13, 1930 to December 6, 2020

Ramona Evans Hamblin has a beautiful heritage. Her Grandfather Peter Evans and his family were amongst the first families to settle in Richvale, California and begin the Rice farming here. Ramona's mother Eliza was married to Peter's second Son William Evans. As per Enterprise Record dated November 13, 1918: "Richvale Rice Man is victim of Influenza. William Evans, well known Richvale rice grower, died yesterday from the effects of Spanish Influenza, contracted about 2 weeks ago.

He was thirty years old, native of Kansas, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Eliza Evans..." This is how it all began, Eliza was left William's entire holding here in Richvale, house, rice and pasture, and no children. Eliza took comfort in William's younger brother, Frank, he was only 5 years her junior, unmarried and strapping. They were wed in 1920. Eliza wanted nothing more than a house full of children, however it took Frank and Eliza 10 years to conceive a child.

On August 13, 1930, at Enloe hospital, Eliza gave birth to what was to be her only child, a girl that she named Ramona. Ramona was the apple of her parents' eye; she was raised between Richvale and Clipper Mills. Her parents, being financially stable and understanding the importance of Ramona having kids her age around, quickly became a popular hangout spot for the kids on the mountain. Ramona met the love of her life at 16 years old, she once reported, she first saw him when her older cousin stopped to give him a hand with his broke down motorcycle on the side of La Porte Road. Albert Hamblin, agreed to conditions of ensuring Ramona would finish high school, in order to make her his wife. Ramona and Albert were married in Reno, NV in 1946. Albert held true to his word and Ramona graduated from Oroville High School in 1948. Albert and Ramona were fortunate to bring 4 boys into this world, Randy,



Terry, Larry and Dale, they had 15 grandchildren, and 33 great grandchildren.

She was well known in the Biggs, Richvale and Gridley Community and loved by all. She worked for many years for the Biggs Unified School District as the lunch lady.

On December 6, 2020, Ramona took her leave, passing away from the effects of the Covid Virus, at the age of 90, she will be remembered as a woman with an amazing heart, who never met a stranger. Whose door was always open and it did not matter how distantly related,

you were family and that is all she cared about. She was happiest when her kitchen table was crowded with hungry family and she would go to the ends of the earth for all of us. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her Paternal Grandparents Peter Cronn Evans, Emma Falk Evans, her Maternal Grandparents Moses Andrew Rhoades and Mary Saphfona LaFever Rhoades, her parents Frank Evans and Mary Eliza Rhoades Evans, and her husband Albert Hamblin.

Ramona is survived by her four sons and daughter in laws, Randy Gene Hamblin and Edna Maxine Page Hamblin, Terry Lee Hamblin and Colleen Montieth Hamblin, Larry Dallas Hamblin and Kelly Jean Mooney Hamblin, Dale Todd Hamblin and Annette Nelson Hamblin, and her 15 grandchildren Stephen Tod Hamblin, Mindy Hamblin Harding, Matt Dallas Hamblin, Kari Hamblin Medina, Chad Travis Hamblin, Connie Jean HamblinQuist, Roy Albert Hamblin, Julie Ann Hamblin Thompson, Luke Andrew Hamblin, Tonya Nicole Hamblin, Tristan Laura Hamblin Bosch, Jay Dallas Hamblin, Todd Albert Hamblin, Kyle Grant Hamblin and Douglas Nelson Hamblin, and 33 great grandchildren.

In Lieu of flowers please make a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Janice S. Gentry

February 6, 1954 to December 4, 2020

A graveside service was held on Monday December 14, 2020, at 10 a.m. at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery for Janice S. Gentry 66 of Oroville. She passed away on Friday December 4, 2020 in Oroville. She was born February 6, 1954 in Branson, MO.

Janice worked as an X-ray tech for Sutter North Radiology in Yuba City for many years and retired in 2011. She enjoyed gardening, spending time with family and friends and also spending time at the coast.

She was preceded in death by her father Dean and two brothers, Jack and Jamie.

She is survived by her loving companion



of 25 years Candie Vieira of Oroville, her mother Dovie Griffin of Gridley, her children Angela Miller of Live Oak, and Jody Gentry of Missouri, 6 grandchildren, Andrew Gentry of Live Oak, Kyle Gentry, Clay Gentry, Chloe Gentry, and Harley Gentry, all of Missouri, one great-granddaughter Kylie Gentry also of Missouri, her sister Linda Cabrera of Gridley, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests contributions to Make-A-Wish Foundation and St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.



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More Cocoa for You!



Dawson Naftel and his mom Danielle direct passing traffic in to take advantage of some free holiday goodness! Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In full holiday spirit, the sister missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and church volunteers served locals a cup of heartwarming hot-cocoa.

The festive and fun drive-thru hot-cocoa stand was popped up Thursday afternoon, December 10th, between the hours of 4 and 5:30 pm at the LDS

Church located on Spruce Street. Cars full of families and of people just getting off work pulled into the parking lot for a quick pick me up and the spirit of the holidays spread as quickly as the warmth from the cocoa in happy tummies.

The inspiration for the event was purely to spread a little love and happiness during the season before the shut-down order went into full effect at mid-night. Sister Ellison said,

“we just want people to be able to get out and have some Christmas cheer. And something safe. People are scared...” Her companion, Sister Rollo said, “Everything seems to be shut down right now, but we know that we could still do what we can to spread light and to help people feel loved!”

Little Jack Leishman had been waiting all day to come to the drive thru, he was so excited said mom Heather Leishman. “We had our calendar marked and our timers set!” Jack thanked the sisters and said that the chocolate was “really good.”

Volunteer and sign waver, Dawson Naftel, was highly animated as he waved drivers down along the busy street, directing them towards the hot cocoa stand. The charming young man said that he thought it was important for people to have hot cocoa for Christmas and when asked why he was out doing what he was, he said, obviously, “so people can get hot cocoa!” ★

Public Health to Prioritize COVID Case Investigation

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Older adults; Healthcare workers; People at increased risk for complications; High risk facilities

Instructions if you have been exposed to COVID:

Residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 should follow the instructions to safely isolate during their infection. Per CDC guidelines, isolation can end 10 days after the onset of symptoms (or after the specimen collection date in people without symptoms), as long as the person has been fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and symptoms are resolving.

Instructions for Persons in Isolation can be found at tinyurl.com/InstructionsforIsolation

Instructions for Isolation

Returning to work/school following a COVID-19 Diagnosis

Instructions if you have been exposed to COVID:

Residents who may have been exposed (close contact) to someone with COVID-19 should follow the instructions to self-quarantine. Close contact means that a person has been within six feet of a person confirmed with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more.

Stay home for 14 days from last day of exposure; Avoid contact with others; Don’t share household items; Wear a mask if you are in contact with others, including household members. ★

2021-22 Scholarship Application is Now Open

By Grange Co-op HS Scholarship Program

MEDFORD, OR (MPG) - If you, or a student you know, is interested in furthering their education, scholarship applications for the 2021-22 school year are OPEN!

Grange Co-op in partnership with local Rogue Co-ops has awarded over \$118,000 in scholarships within the last 8 years. The application window is November 1st to January 31st, annually. Below is information students will need to apply.

As a part of Grange

Co-op’s Grange Gives initiative, eight \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors. The Rogue Co-ops will award one \$2,000 scholarship to a high school senior. Rogue Co-ops is a coalition of Southern Oregon cooperatives including Rogue Credit Union, Medford Food Co-op, Ashland Food Co-op, and Grange Co-op.

To qualify, students must have a GPA of 3.50 or higher and have participated, during the academic school year, in at least one of these activities: FFA, 4-H, Horticulture, DECA,

FBLA, student body leadership, school sports, or non-related activities such as work experience. In addition, students must reside in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Curry, Douglas, Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, Del Norte, Modoc, Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, Glenn or Butte counties.

The scholarship applications are now open and students can apply by visiting www.grangecoop.com/scholarship-program/.

Please reach out to scholarship@grangecoop.com if you have any further questions. ★

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Downtown Decorators



Over 20 4-H members worked together to decorate the downtown park and trees lining B Street. Photo provided by Kensley Kaelin/Biggs 4-H

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - On December 5th, the Biggs 4-H chapter and its members took it upon themselves to spread some holiday cheer and log community service hours doing so.

4-H Group members, in cooperation with Project Biggs, met in downtown Biggs early Saturday to put up holiday decorations in the small park in the heart of town across from the historic Colonia Hotel. Over 20 youth showed up to help string lights, put up trees, hang ornaments and other décor in the park and surrounding streets and walkways. The Christmas tree that serves as the Town Christmas Tree was even officially adorned and lit for the holiday season.



Downtown Decorators Biggs 4-H members participated in a community service event with Project Biggs on December 5th. Photo provided by Kensley Kaelin/Biggs 4-H

The large group of volunteers made quick work of the project, with decorating finished before noon. Their work can be seen shining brightly for the world to see along the downtown corridor, much to the delight of the community. ★

Project “Light Up” Biggs

These Gridley Students Have Got Drive!

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Like many communities in our area, Project Biggs is hosting a Christmas Home Decorating Contest for cozy city of Biggs.

So far 19 homes in the city have registered to be a part of the contest, listing their home addresses in order for Biggs residents to tour the town and decide the “top 3” best decorated homes. Although registration is complete and the voting process has begun, Project Biggs encourages the community to still participate “lighting up” Biggs. Additional decorated homes and the 19 homes participating in the contest are listed on a map designed to guide tourists created by Kendall Mattos of Biggs. It is available at the following link for you to plan your tour: <https://tinyurl.com/yaznv7m9>.

All voting is done online and is currently in process at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/t/T32GQ2K>. The , The top three vote getters will win prizes provided by Project Biggs. Voting ends December 20th. Project Biggs would like to thank all that are participating and wishes all a “Merry Christmas!” ★



Sycamore School ASB helps their fellow man as they donate non-perishables to St. Vincent De Paul's food closet. Photo provided by Michelle Solis

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Over the last few months, students at both Sycamore School and Gridley High School have been knocking it out of the park when it comes to collecting supplies for the fellows in need.

Sycamore school ASB rallied the entire school to help collect socks for a Chico homeless shelter in October. “Sock-tober” was a hit, with over 1,300 pairs donated!

After the tubular turnout for the sock drive, Sycamore switched gears and began collecting non-perishable items for the St. Vincent De Paul’s food closet. Over 1,700 items were donated to the community food bank just before the Thanksgiving holiday. At this time, Sycamore ASB is wrapping up “Toys for Tots” drive and Sycamore CJSF is collecting new or gently used coats and blankets.

Gridley High School FFA Students were

issued a special thanks from the Community Action Agency of Butte County (CAABCI) for their hard work and generous donation of 616 pounds of food for the North State Food Bank Program. Thomas Tenorio, CEO of CAABCI said “Our greatest joy comes in working with other groups and individuals who share in a common desire to build a better community in this place that we call home. Thank you for being a such a wonder community partner!” ★

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\$10.7 Million for Fisheries Habitat Restoration Program Projects

By Matt Wells,
California Dept of Fish & Wildlife

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) announced the selection of 27 projects that will receive funding for the restoration, enhancement and protection of anadromous salmonid habitat in California watersheds.

The grants, which total \$10.7 million, were awarded through CDFW's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP). Established in 1981, FRGP has included funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund since 2000. The federal fund was established by Congress in 2000 to reverse the declines of Pacific salmon and steelhead throughout California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

"The ongoing momentum to restore California's habitat for these historic species hasn't stopped as we face a global pandemic and devastating wildfires," CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham said. "Awarding these projects highlights the resilience, passion and vision for salmon recovery by our state's restoration community, for which we are grateful."

In response to the 2020 Fisheries Habitat Restoration Grant Solicitation, CDFW received 80 proposals requesting more than \$40.6 million in funding. As part of the competitive grant program, proposals underwent a rigorous technical review by CDFW and

NOAA scientists.

The 27 approved projects will further the objectives of state and federal fisheries recovery plans, including removing barriers to fish migration, restoring riparian habitat, monitoring of listed populations, and creating a more resilient and sustainably managed water resources system (e.g., water supply, water quality and habitat) that can better withstand drought conditions. These projects further the goals of California's Water Action Plan and CDFW's State Wildlife Action Plan, as well as addressing limiting factors specified in state and federal recovery plans.

The list of approved projects is available on the FRGP website.

Persons with disabilities needing reasonable accommodation to participate in public meetings or other CDFW activities are invited to contact CDFW's Accessibility Coordinator at (916) 651-1214, the EEO Office at (916) 653-9089, or send an email to EEO@wildlife.ca.gov. Reasonable Accommodation requests for facility and/or meeting accessibility should be received at least 21 days prior to the event. Requests for American Sign Language Interpreters should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event, and requests for Real-Time Captioning at least four weeks prior to the event. These timeframes are to help ensure that the requested accommodation is met. If a request for an accommodation has been submitted but due to circumstances is no longer needed, please contact the Accessibility Coordinator immediately. ★

California is No 1 in Rough Highways



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Much has been said and written about the nation's stark political divisions and a state-by-state map of November's presidential election confirms them.

The 50 states were evenly divided between President Donald Trump and his successful challenger, Joe Biden, but the latter triumphed by winning the more populous states.

This week, another map was published that bore an uncanny resemblance to the ones portraying the presidential outcome. Generated by Money Geek, a website devoted to personal finance issues, it displays the differences among states in the conditions of their highways and in how much they are spending on roadway maintenance.

Overlaying the political and roadway maps reveals that in general, the bluer states – those that favored Biden – also tend to have the roughest roads while motorists in pro-Trump red states generally have smoother pavement beneath their tires.

Coincidence? Perhaps, but the data may also say something about political priorities.

California, not surprisingly, fares the worst in

Money Geek calculations of roadway roughness, based on federal data. Anyone who has driven extensively in other states can attest that highways elsewhere are much more user-friendly and that crossing the state line back into California is literally a jarring experience.

The only place American drivers can find rougher roads is in the deep blue District of Columbia.

California is followed in the rankings by blue states Rhode Island, Hawaii, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey.

Among red states, the worst roads are found in No. 11 Louisiana. At the other end of the scale, very red Oklahoma has the nation's smoothest roads, followed by Idaho, Indiana and Alabama, all of whom went for Trump.

Why California has such crappy roads is one of those nagging questions that defy easy answers.

Californians drive a lot, well over 300 billion miles a year, so one of the factors is that our highways get a lot of wear and tear.

However, lots of driving also consumes lots of fuel, more than a billion gallons a month, and generates lots of gas tax money. A few years ago, former Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature boosted fuel taxes sharply to the second-highest level of any state. At nearly 75 cents a gallon, including federal taxes, they are just behind those in Pennsylvania, which also has relatively bad roads.

Despite the tax increase, however, Money Geek says

California is no better than mediocre in spending on highway maintenance and improvements at \$13.95 per lane mile a year. That's twice what Oklahoma, which has the best highways, spends, so California clearly hasn't been getting much bang for its gas tax bucks.

The big tax increase, which also included a stiff hike in auto registration fees, raises an estimated \$5 billion a year and was billed as a way to catch up on decades of maintenance neglect.

The money is going out the door. Earlier this year, the California Transportation Commission approved \$17.4 billion in state and federal funds for nearly 900 projects that will, the commission's chairman, Paul Van Konynenburg said, "make roads and bridges safer for California drivers (and) will save drivers money by fixing the potholes that can damage vehicles."

The tax increase legislation requires the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to meet certain goals by 2027, including that 98% of the pavement on the state highway system be in good or fair condition and that at least an additional 500 highway bridges get fixed.

Will Californians actually see better roads, or will deterioration outpace even this big boost in spending? We may know by 2027.

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

Get the Most from Defensible Space

Butte County
Fire Safe Council

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Whether removing vegetation in preparation for wildfire, or managing slash after a wildfire, there are only a handful of options available like pile burning, chipping, hauling to the landfill or wood processing center or burning with a bio-char method.

When doing pile burning the result is generally a pile of ash due to the way oxygen has access to all sides of the pile and the result is patchy combustion.

Biochar is another way of burning vegetation which results in a useful charcoal

material. This is a new and popular method which allows oxygen to remain at the top of the pile, and the charcoal material sifts to the bottom where it cannot burn any longer. Biochar can be created to amend healthy soil and increase its water holding capacity as well as lower its compaction/density. "It's pretty neat stuff. The same way that activated charcoal is used to treat medical conditions in humans, Biochar can be used to improve the health of the soil by absorbing harmful chemicals" say Ben Hart, Field Coordinator for the Butte County Fire Safe Council.

The key to the Biochar method is that the piles are

being tended constantly with fresh material so the charcoal can sift to the bottom, as well as completely wetting the pile when done to the point that no more combustion can occur. One person tending a pile can create enough finished material to fill a couple wheelbarrows in a matter of hours.

The Butte County Fire Safe Council has co-hosted workshops on creating Biochar over the previous winter season and may be acquiring several of the kilns that make creating Biochar simpler and more efficient. Contact Jeff Gould at volunteers@buttefiresafe.net. ★

Oroville Resident Arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Butte County Sheriff's Office

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On the morning of December 8, 2020, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies and detectives responded to a report of an assault in the Oroville area. Upon arrival deputies contacted a male victim. The male victim had significant injuries and was immediately transported to a local hospital. The male victim is currently in stable condition.

Detectives conducted a follow-up investigation and determined the male victim was intentionally hit with a vehicle in the 1400 block of Oro Dam Boulevard West, Oroville. Detectives obtained surveillance video of the incident from a local business. After reviewing the surveillance video and evidence in the case, detectives identified the individual who hit the victim as Pedro Zavala, age 29, of Oroville.

During the follow-up investigation, detectives located evidence the male victim and Zavala appeared to be engaged in an altercation. During the altercation, Zavala used his vehicle to intentionally hit the victim. On December 10, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Zavala.

On December 11, detectives located Zavala and the vehicle Zavala used to hit the victim in the Oroville area.

On the afternoon of December 11, Zavala was booked into the Butte County Jail for a felony count of assault with a deadly weapon, and for a felony count of mayhem. Zavala is scheduled to be arraigned at the Butte County Superior Court on Monday, December 14, at 3 PM. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information about this investigation to contact Detective Tristan Harper or Detective Vaj Thao at 530-538-7671. ★

Oroville Armed Robbery is under Investigation

Butte County
Sheriff's Office

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at approximately 6:09 a.m., Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies were dispatched to the 7-Eleven Convenience Store on Monte Vista Avenue in Oroville, after reports of an armed robbery that had just occurred. When deputies arrived, they contacted

an employee at the store who reported an adult male entered the store at approximately 6:00 a.m. After being in the store for a few minutes, the man approached the cash register, put a ski mask on his face and went behind the counter and demanded money. The man appeared to be armed with a screwdriver. He was given an undisclosed amount of cash and left the store on foot. He was last seen

wearing dark-colored pants and a dark-colored sweatshirt with white lettering.

The Oroville Police Department is also investigating another robbery this morning that occurred approximately ten minutes after the robbery at 7-Eleven. The investigation is ongoing into whether the two robberies are related. Anyone with information should contact BCSO at (530) 538-7322. ★

CLG NEWS UPDATES

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Flynn Speaks at Rally: 'We Cannot Accept What We Are Going Through as Right' | 12 Dec 2020 | Lt. General Michael Flynn spoke in front of a large crowd that rallied on Washington on Dec. 12 to protest election fraud, and began with the story of Jericho. "We are in a crucible moment in the history of the United States of America," he said at the "Let the Church Roar" rally at the National Mall. "And remember, the courts do not decide who the next president of the United States will be ... We the people decide." Thousands gathered to join marches and rallies in Washington on Dec. 12, petitioning the government for fair elections and transparent counting. Similar grassroots protests took place every Saturday since the general election in capitals across the 50 states.

Ex-Facebook exec suggests everyone who gets vaccinated to wear certain color mask, reminiscent of Nazi Germany's use of the Star of David | 11 Dec 2020 | Former Facebook executive Chamath Palihapitiya suggested in a tweet on Friday that everyone who gets vaccinated should "all wear a mask of a special design or color" in order to let other people around them know that they have been vaccinated. The idea did not sit well with many on social media, who quickly blasted the idea, comparing it to Nazi Germany's use of the Star of David. "How about we just put a gold star on ones that aren't,?" one user tweeted sarcastically. Other users didn't see the point of having to continue to wear a mask when the vaccine is supposed to provide protection on its own.

Facebook sued by FTC, 48 attorneys general alleging it operates an illegal monopoly --Attorneys general included those for Guam and Washington, D.C., and every state except for Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and South Dakota | 09 Dec 2020 | A group of 48 U.S. attorneys general led by New York filed an antitrust lawsuit against Facebook on Wednesday, alleging the social media giant is violating antitrust law by buying up competitors and depriving consumers of alternatives that would better protect their privacy. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) filed a separate suit alleging similar antitrust violations. At the heart of both lawsuits are claims that Facebook's acquisitions of Instagram in 2012 for \$1 billion and WhatsApp in 2014 for \$19 billion, as well as other smaller technology companies, were carried out in order to quash competition. As part of its lawsuit, the FTC wants to force Facebook to break off both Instagram and WhatsApp.

Chinese Spy Was in 'Relationships' With at Least Two Midwestern Mayors - Report | 08 Dec 2020 | A suspected Chinese spy was linked to at least two anonymous Midwestern mayors, according to a bombshell report from Axios. The political journal said Fang Fang, who also goes by Christine Fang, developed political contacts primarily in California, including Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA). It went on to report: "Fang attended regional conferences for U.S. mayors, which allowed her to grow her network of politicians across the country. She also engaged in sexual or romantic relationships with at least two mayors of Midwestern cities over a period of about three years, according to one U.S. intelligence official and one former elected official. At least two separate sexual interactions with elected officials, including one of these Midwestern mayors, were caught on FBI electronic surveillance of Fang, according to two intelligence officials," Axios said.

WHO against making coronavirus vaccine mandatory – Such moves have backfired and caused greater opposition in the past, the UN health agency warns | 08 Dec 2020 | The World Health Organization said Monday that persuading people on the merits of a Covid-19 vaccine would be far more effective than trying to make the jabs mandatory. The WHO said it would be down to individual countries as to how they want to conduct their vaccination campaigns against the coronavirus pandemic. But the UN health agency insisted making it mandatory to get immunised against the disease would be the wrong road to take, adding there were examples in the past of mandating vaccines use only to see it backfire with greater opposition to them. "I don't think that mandates are the direction to go in here, especially for these vaccines," Kate O'Brien, director of the WHO's immunisation department, told a virtual news conference. "It is a much better position to actually encourage and facilitate the vaccination without those kinds of requirements. I don't think we envision any countries creating a mandate for vaccination." ★



Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The Sweet Pea seedlings are coming up, this makes my heart sing. They don't care that it is cold at night they are getting ready. They will grow slowly as the cold weather persists. Then when the soil starts warming up in late winter they will take off. Their blooms will be ready to

pop open and engulf the air with wonderful spring scents. Usually, the rain provides the water for this natural process but this year our drip system is still on automatic watering schedules. We might regret this if we have a cold snap one night and it freezes.

My husband decided to put a tomato from the garden into the greenhouse this year.

The problem is we do not heat that greenhouse. I decided to try something to at least keep it alive. I'm using an electric seedling mat under the tray and pot that contain the tomato. I also have a small sun spectrum light aimed at it. My greenhouse is made from repurposed smoke color corrugated plastic. This is great

when the sun it too bright but it means that I have to use artificial lights to make the plants happy so they don't become long and stringy. Anyway, there was a tomato on the plant and it is starting to turn red. I am surprised by this. Plants are tenacious.

I'm back to letting the leaves lay on the garden beds all winter. This is good for the many bugs that overwinter in the leaves. Unfortunately, this means that both "good" bugs and "bad bugs" will survive. It is a choice I make to encourage good habitats in the flower beds. When I start griping about bugs in the flower beds next spring you are allowed to laugh. Some butterfly will thank me. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



You have checked all the sales, catalogs, mail flyer, television ads, and all the cyber sales for ideas to give to family and friends. Your desire to give out measures your pocketbook or bank account.

You count the number of people in your holiday circle and decide who gets what. Your creative kick in and you decide to craft some of the gifts. (Hope they like them!) The you pick things only available this time of year and make plans to cook or bake sweet treats for some. (Yes, mincemeat pies are calling out my name.)

I remember my family's home with tins of cookies,

candy, fruit cake, and pies enough to feed an army. Oh, the pounds are worth it for the season.

The older you get the more you realize it truly is the thought and effort behind the gift that makes the difference. Oh, he loves me enough to make that for me. She thought enough of me to spend time creating and designing the gift. I am special to them.

Before Christmas was Christmas, gifts were given. They were presented to the reason we celebrate this holiday. Angels lifted up their voices in glorious sounds of praise and worship. We do that when we sing carols, attend a Christmas concert, or watch our children at a school pageant.

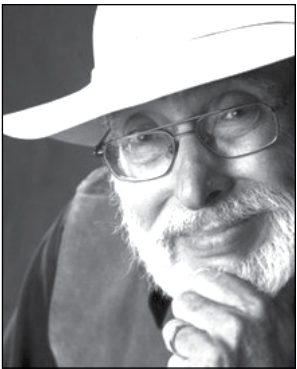
Shepherds visited this small family staying in an animal stall to bring homage to a child born to save

their world. We do that when we attend Advent services, Christmas eve mass, or gather with family and friends.

Men of honor, wealth and knowledge traveled over many miles of land for many months to bring gifts to a king they had learned about through their study and prophesy. Gold for a King, frankincense for a Priest, myrrh for a Savior. We too follow stars of hope to find the promise of eternal life. We give to red kettles, to food banks, to giving trees, and blessing boxes.

Thinking of others at this time of year is really the best gift to share. Give a blanket to the homeless to shield from the cold. Give socks to keep the feet warm and dry. It is not the price tag or cost, it's the thought behind the giving that shows to love and caring for others that is what the season is about. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

When it comes to romantic flops, it's hard to beat ol' Dud. He and Anita have been married for about five years now, but sometimes we question why she puts up with him. He has all the courtship skills of a flea collar.

"Dud Campbell," Anita said the other night, "what are you getting me for Christmas?"

"Now Honey, it wouldn't be a surprise if I told you, would it?"

"That means you haven't bought it yet, doesn't it?"

"Well, I won't say I have and I won't say I haven't, but, uh, don't get in that cupboard out in the garage now..."

"I won't, Dud," she

"I'm dead meat, guys"

said, purring.

Ten minutes later, Dud was flipping his coffee cup upright and sliding into his place in the line of scrimmage at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop.

"I'm dead meat, guys," he said.

We inquired as to why this emotional putrefaction should be setting in, and he said, "I don't have anything for Anita for Christmas and I have no idea what to get her."

"Let's look at this scientifically for a moment," said Steve. "What kinda stuff does she like?"

"Uh ... well ..."

"You don't know, do you?" said Doc.

"Not a clue."

"Does she read? You can pick up a couple of books."

"I don't really know. I never really paid attention."

"Does she knit?"

"Knit what?"

"Never mind."

"I got it," said Herb

Collins. "You can get her a gift certificate to a store and let her pick out her own gift."

"She said if I ever did anything so insensitive, she'd brain me with a skillet."

So Dud headed home, only to find the garage door open and Anita standing there holding his brand-new Homelite XL chainsaw. He only had time enough to mumble "Our father..." when Anita set it down gently and flung herself in his arms.

"Oh Honey, how did you know I wanted a Homelite XL with automatic oiler and a 16-inch bar? I couldn't help myself. I looked in the cupboard and found it. It's just what I've always wanted."

"Well, Darlin'," Dud said in his most debonaire voice, "I do try to be sensitive to your needs."

Brought to you by the Homelite XL chainsaw, which fended off the Alaska cold for ten years for this family. Found at Home Depot and Wal-Mart. ★

Shutdown Furthers Economic and Education Disparities Among Californians

By Nghia Nguyen,
Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Without data Governor Gavin Newsom ordered another shutdown picking winners and losers, and thereby, creating winners and losers. Unfortunately, it appears that the losers will be children in public schools and the working class. Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) issued the following statement:

"Shutting the down the state again will only hurt the citizens of California. Nowhere in the nation has it been proven that this is an effective method of combatting the coronavirus. The first closure drove the state into a recession. Storefronts are boarded up. Many mom-and-pop shops are on the brink of permanent closure.

"The first shutdown put millions into unemployment. Hundreds of thousands of Californians are still waiting for their benefits, while Gavin Newsom's EDD sends cash cards to death row inmates.

"Elected officials cannot abide by their

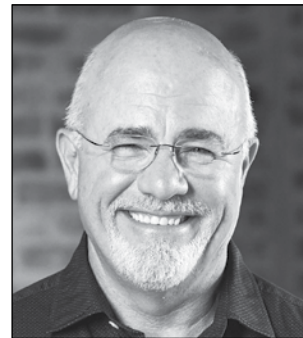
rules, and now, they are imposing stricter rules on everyday Californians? Not only are these officials breaking their own guidelines, they are flaunting their wealth and privilege while millions of Californians are on unemployment, waiting for unemployment or lining up at food banks.

"Shutdowns disproportionately impact the working class and the working poor. High income earners are doing well, many are flourishing from the comforts of their homes.

"Children of the rich are attending schools and participating in their activities – learning and thriving. Children in public schools, however, are Zooming like zombies – failing and declining in mental health. Sadly, many are facing unchecked abuse or neglect.

"Shutdowns are furthering the economic and education disparities among Californians. Californians deserve better."

To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. Follow him @CASenatorJim. ★



Hope Can't Be Taken From You

Dear Dave,

I lost my job a few days ago. We had an idea cuts were coming, but I thought it wouldn't happen until well into the new year. My wife works, so that's a good thing, and we're both in our thirties. Do you have any advice for how we should handle things during the Christmas season and until I'm working again?

– Brandon

Dear Brandon,

I'm really sorry to hear this. Losing your job around the holidays can feel like a nightmare.

But before you despair, remember this is also the season of hope. And hope can't be taken from you. It can only be surrendered. Keep your head held high, and focus on what's still in your control.

First, cut back on your

Dave Ramsey Says

spending. When your income changes for the worse, eliminating all unnecessary spending is key. This is not the time to put Christmas on a credit card, or dip into retirement to cover holiday expenses. The last thing you should do right now is steal from your future to buy more stuff. Find some kind of seasonal work. Even if you're packing boxes or stocking shelves, you're contributing to your household and easing the stress. This side income will be a real blessing as you continue your career search.

Be open with your family, and what this change means. If there are kids in the picture, you and your wife should be in agreement on how you handle things where they're concerned. Explain to them in an honest, loving way what has happened, and that Christmas will look a little different this year. A couple of inexpensive gifts may not be out of the question, but as harsh as it sounds, presents are not a priority right now. It may be uncomfortable or disappointing for everyone, but it can also

offer a bonding opportunity and a valuable life lesson.

Keep a positive outlook, and stick to your normal routine as much as possible in the days ahead. Wake up early every morning, and make a list of things you will accomplish that day. Update your résumé, start networking, and begin submitting applications like that's your new job. Work hard, stay hopeful, and focus on the goals ahead of you.

Refuse to give up, Brandon, and you will succeed. May God bless you and your family!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 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. ★

Extension to Permit Tabulation of Ballots

Butte County Clerk-Recorder/ Registrar of Voters

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Clerk-Recorder certified the results of the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election on November 30, 2020. On December 8, the office discovered a sealed official ballot drop box that contained voted vote by mail ballots that were deposited prior to the November 3, 2020 deadline at 8:00 p.m. The drop box in question was located outside of the Bell Memorial Union at Chico State. These ballots were not included in the certified results published on November 30, 2020.

On December 10, the Butte County Clerk-Recorder, Candace J. Grubbs, successfully petitioned the Butte County Superior Court for an extension to the deadline for certification to allow these ballots to be included in a re-certification of the official canvass.

Signature verification has been

completed on the ballots discovered in the box. 501 signatures have been verified. 28 signatures have been challenged. Notices have been sent to these 28 voters. They will be provided with an opportunity to cure their vote by mail envelopes.

The supplemental canvass for these ballots will begin on December 14, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hall of Records in Oroville, CA and will continue until complete. The Clerk-Recorder has conducted an analysis of the ballots contained in this group. The analysis reveals that the only contest in the election that can possibly be affected is City of Chico MEASURE E: Charter Amendment. All other contests were decided by margins larger than the outstanding number of ballots to be counted.

The Butte County Clerk-Recorder's office remains dedicated to counting every single valid vote cast in the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election. An official re-certification will occur following the supplemental canvass. ★

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While not something we often think about, an average 4,300 people are seriously burned from their clothing catching fire every year. A popular misconception is that synthetic fabrics like polyester burn easier than natural fabrics like cotton. This is not true. Cotton and Rylan ignite faster than polyester. However, synthetic fabrics like polyester can melt and stick to your skin. Since wearing wool or special fire resistant clothing all day every day is unrealistic, CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department would like to offer these helpful tips to prevent burn injuries:

• Be cautious around open flames like bond fires or camp fires

• Keep a close eye on children, and don't let children run or play around open fires

• Don't be heavily intoxicated around open fires

• Don't wear hanging clothing while cooking or grilling

• Wear the proper safety equipment when welding, grinding or using a gas torch

In the event your clothing does catch on fire, DON'T run, the rushing air will only make the fire worse. Remember this: STOP, DROP, and ROLL! This is important both to teach your kids and to remember yourself since about half of all burning clothing injuries are adults.

• **STOP**, don't run

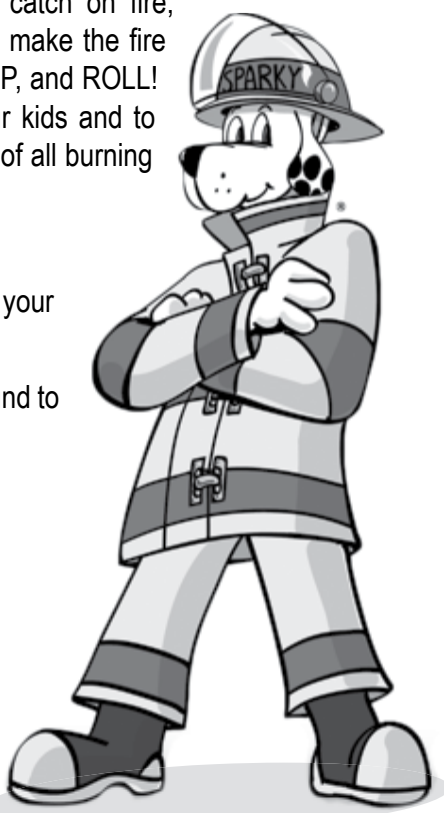
• **DROP** to the ground and cover your face with your hands

• **ROLL** back and forth on the ground to smother out the flames

Thank You, and Happy Holidays!!

Sparky the Dog

Gridley Fire Station 74



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CLUES

ACROSS

1. "Lord of the Flies" shell

6. *New Year's Eve choice: Brut or Demi-

9. Get-out-of-jail money

13. Convex molding

14. * "I Want for Christmas..."

15. Sign of life

16. Redo, to a carpenter

17. Flying saucer acronym

18. Often-missed humor

19. *Hanukkah toy

21. * _____ Santa, gift-giving tradition

23. Ides mo.

24. Part of a hammer

25. Cook's leaf

28. "Hey!"

30. Brain's _____ system

35. Reversed one

37. " _____ Your Enthusiasm"

39. Capital of Egypt

40. Went by horse

41. "I do" spot

43. * _____ Sandler's "Eight Crazy Nights"

44. Scary movie consequence

46. Dexterity

47. Boundary line

48. Modern self-portrait

50. Superman's last name

52. Actor's domain

53. Wild plum

55. Mama sheep

57. * "I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my _____"

60. *African-American celebration

64. Town news announcer

65. Charged particle

67. Elephant poacher's ware

68. Give new guns

69. *The night before Christmas

70. Present

71. *Like a Christmas sweater, often

72. Uncooked

73. Adherents of Sikhism

DOWN

1. Umbilical connection

2. *Grandma got run _____ by a reindeer..."

3. *Santa's "cheeks were like roses, his _____ like a cherry"

4. Request to Geico

5. Carriage on top of elephant

6. Pulitzer winner Bellow

7. "Santa helper

8. Bring to an end

9. Jefferson's Vice President

10. Medicinal succulent

11. Negative contraction

12. Bovine hangout

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24. *Have a piece of Christmas Goose, e.g.

25. *Five golden rings, four calling _____

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27. Cry of the Alps

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For Solutions See Page 7

Dear Dietitian

Vitamin K



Commentary

by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers:

Dear Readers: An old vitamin is getting rave reviews lately. Most of you have heard of vitamin K, but did you know it is found in the diet in two forms? Vitamin K₁, the most common form, was discovered by Danish scientist Henrik Dam in 1929. It was known as the Koagulations vitamin for its distinct role in blood coagulation. The vitamin was spelled with a K because its discovery was first published in a German medical journal.

Vitamin K₂ is another form of the nutrient. Your body can convert K₁ to K₂, but the process is inefficient. K₂ is found in fermented foods like sauerkraut and natto, egg yolks, butter, Muenster cheese, and pork sausage.

K₂ is rising in the ranks for its potential role in bone strengthening and heart health. Osteoporosis is a common disorder, especially in women over the age of 65. Osteoporosis occurs when there is a lack of calcium in the diet. In this case, the body will remove calcium from the bones to perform other tasks in the body. As a result, the bones become porous, weak, and more susceptible to fractures. It is believed that K₂ activates osteocalcin, a protein that binds to calcium, so that it can be added to bones and strengthen them.

Recent studies have linked excess calcium supplementation to plaque buildup in the arteries, contributing to atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, and heart disease. Interestingly, the same link is not found with calcium-containing foods or milk.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) studied the impact of calcium supplementation on heart disease. They found that men, but not women, who took 1000 mg of calcium in pill form, with or without adding vitamin D, had a 20% higher risk of dying from a heart attack or stroke than those who did not take calcium supplements. This study was observational, which does not show cause and effect. Other studies have had similar findings in both men and women who supplement calcium (1).

The topic of calcium supplements and heart disease is controversial, as studies are mixed. An analysis of 31 separate studies on the effect of calcium supplements on heart disease found no link between the two. Other randomized, controlled trials (the gold standard of research) have also found no cause for concern (2).

K₂ may keep arteries healthy by activating a protein that inhibits the buildup of calcium in the arterial walls. Thus, K₂ may play a vital role in calcium-associated heart disease.

There are people who should not take vitamin K supplements. If you take Coumadin® (warfarin), DO NOT supplement Vitamin K, as it will interfere with blood clotting and increase the risk of a heart attack or stroke. Talk to your doctor if you have more questions about Vitamin K.

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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Leanne McCrate, RDN, CNSC, is an award-winning dietitian based in St. Louis, Missouri. Her mission is to educate consumers on sound, scientifically-based nutrition. Do you have a nutrition question? Email her today at deardietitian411@gmail.com. Dear Dietitian does not endorse any products, health programs, or diet plans. ★

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KAREN ROENE WING DUNCAN

CASE No. 20PR00391

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Karen Roene Wing Duncan, deceased

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Brett W Duncan, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Brett W Duncan, 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 January 19, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept Civil at Superior Court of California, County of Butte 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-

ing 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 the Petitioner is:

Brett W Duncan
2109 Fort Jones Road
Yreka, CA 96097
530-340-1262
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME- STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2017-0001193

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS

9 Hollis Lane Gridley, CA 95948

John Kurt Neiswanger, 9 Hollis Lane Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: September 5, 2017

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is Conducted by: Individual

Publish: December 11, 18, 25, 2020 and January 1, 2021 (The Gridley Herald)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY EDUCATION CODE SECTION S 17620 AND GOVERNMENT CODES 65995

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that immediately following a public hearing on the matter, a proposed resolution(s) will be considered by the Governing Board of Biggs Unified School District at its regular meeting on January 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., which if adopted by the Board will implement development fees established by the District against residential construction and reconstruction at \$4.08 per square foot and against new commercial or industrial construction at \$0.66 a square foot. Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995 authorize the proposed fees. Data pertaining to the cost of school facilities is available for inspection during regular business hours at the District's administrative offices. The fee, if approved by the Governing Board, will become effective on March 6, 2021 which is 60 days after the proposed adoption of the resolution levying such fee by the Governing Board.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000990

The following persons are doing business as: HOUSE OF REDEEMING LOVE, YOUTH WITH A MISSION HOUSE OF REDEEMING LOVE, HOUSE OF REDEEMING LOVE YWAM, HRL

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Date Filed in Butte County: November 16, 2020

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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Publish: November 27, December 4, 11, and 18, 2020 (The Gridley Herald)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #20CV01862

1. Petitioner Rosalie Roberta Leaird filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name Rosalie Roberta Leaird	Proposed name Rosalie Roberta Harland
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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 January 13, 2021 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Publish: December 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2020 (The Gridley Herald)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000678

The following persons are doing business as: J AND J ELECTRIC

777 Ohio Street Gridley, CA 95948

Jason Owens Crandall, 777 Ohio Street Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: July 6, 2020

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 4/12/2010

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001187

The following persons are doing business as: NORCAL READING SOLUTIONS

845 Justeson Avenue Gridley, CA 95948

Julie Lynn Crandall, 845 Justeson Avenue Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: December 1, 2020

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001162

The following persons are doing business as: STRIVE DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS

1920 Bird Street Oroville, CA 95965

Jennifer Stampanoni, 2020 6th Street Oroville, CA 95965

Date Filed in Butte County: November 24, 2020

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 OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2017-0000562

The following persons have abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: STRIVE DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS

1920 Bird Street Oroville, CA 95965

Jennifer Stampanoni, 2020 6th Street Oroville, CA 95965 and Randall Edwards, 425

Nelson Avenue #1 Oroville, CA 95965

Date Filed in Butte County: April 20, 2017

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. 2020-0000990

The following persons are doing business as: PARTY TOWN CHICO

1937 E 20th Street, Suite B6, Chico, CA 95928

Priscilla Corbitt, 630 Oasis Drive, Chico, CA 95973

Date Filed in Butte County: November 9, 2020

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001178

The following persons are doing business as: THE MANE PARLOR

330 W. 3rd Street Chico, CA 95928

Lauren Backer, 577 El Reno Drive Chico, CA 95973

Date Filed in Butte County: November 30, 2020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001163

The following persons are doing business as: RIDGE FINANCIAL PLANNING

6779 Skyway Suite A Paradise, CA 95969

Heidi Elick, 4618 Round Valley Ranch Road Paradise, CA 95969

Date Filed in Butte County: November 24, 2020

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 #20CV02248

1. Petitioner Damian Camacho Macias and Silvia Mendoza Ledezma filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name Damian Camacho Mendoza Jr	Proposed name Damian Camacho Jr
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0001217

The following persons are doing business as: YUM E FOODS

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Nancy A Freund, 14A Mulberry Lane Oroville, CA 95965

Date Filed in Butte County: December 8, 2020

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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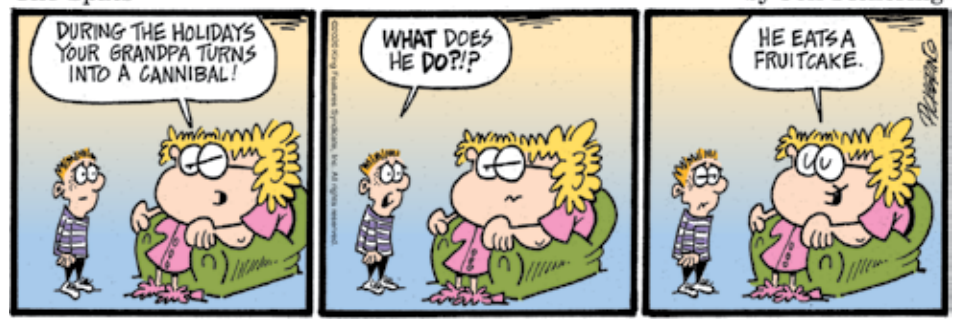
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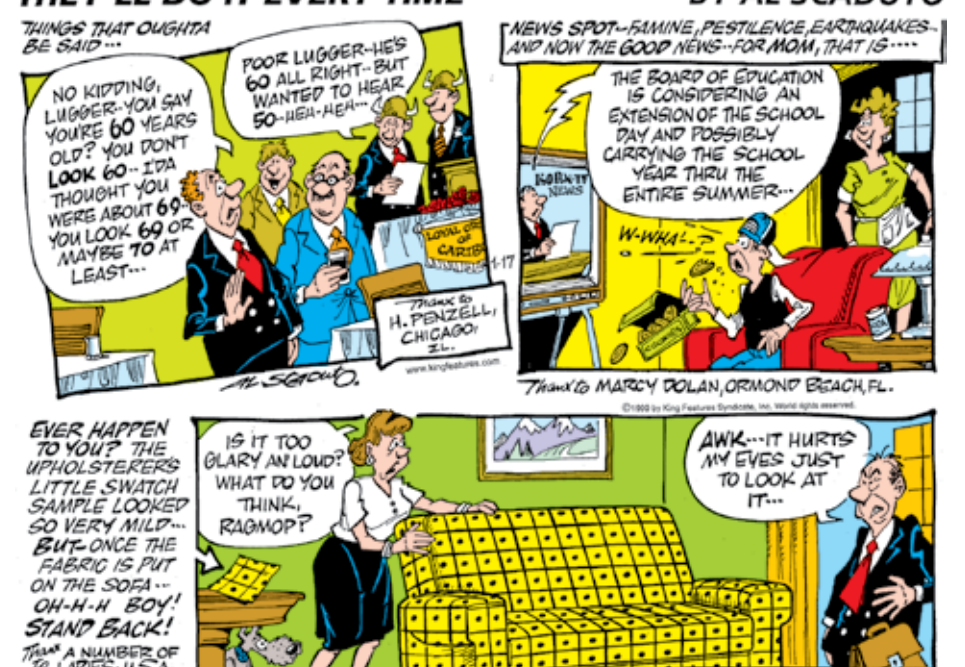
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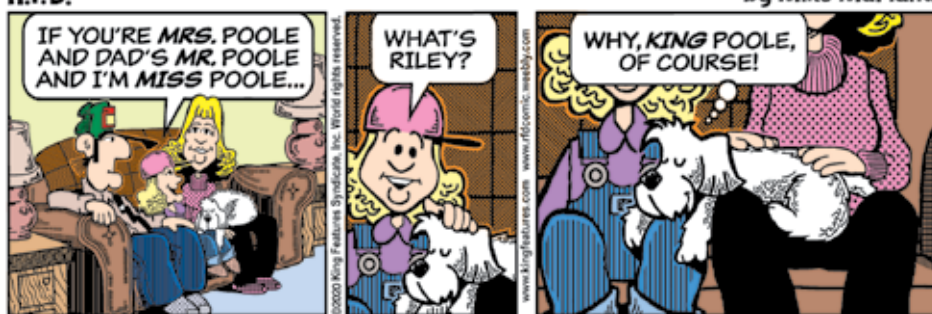
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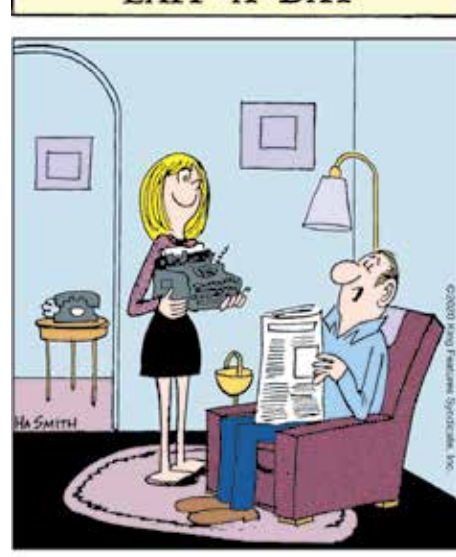
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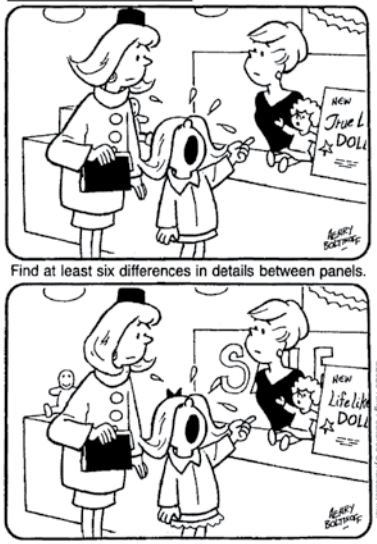
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Magalia Microgrid to Power Key Services During Public Safety Power Shutoffs

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MAGALIA, CA (MPG) - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has begun construction on a microgrid designed to provide electricity to certain customers and shared community resources using temporary generation during future Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events.

The temporary microgrid generation site in Magalia was identified and selected through an extensive process involving the analysis of prior and expected future PSPS events, along with overall feasibility and other utility work in the region that could reduce PSPS impacts. The plan for a Magalia temporary microgrid energization zone includes approximately 40 PG&E customers served by underground power lines to be safely energized during a PSPS event.

“The Magalia microgrid is one of several sites being developed across PG&E’s service area in 2020-2021 as a part of the company’s comprehensive actions to reduce wildfire risks across our system and minimize the impact of public safety outages on our customers and communities,” said Debbie Powell, vice president, Asset & Risk Management, Community Wildfire Safety Program, PG&E. “Our specific objective with the development of temporary microgrids is to provide electricity to resources such as medical facilities and pharmacies, police and fire stations, gas stations, banks, markets and other shared community services when weather conditions make it unsafe to operate the grid.”

PG&E currently has six temporary microgrid generation sites ready to use during PSPS events throughout its service area. Including Magalia, five additional



PG&E is building a temporary microgrid site that will allow PG&E to power to several key community services in Magalia during PSPS events as they are served by underground power lines and can be safely energized. Courtesy PG&E

sites are currently in development. See below for the full list of locations.

The under-construction temporary microgrid generation site in Magalia is located at 14049 Lakeridge Circle. Once completed, when conditions allow, PG&E will be able to rapidly connect mobile generators to the site, allowing the fire station, sheriff’s substation, post office, water district facility, a gas station, markets, church, drug store and restaurants among other community services to remain energized during future PSPS events impacting the area. The Magalia temporary microgrid energization zone includes PG&E customers in the Skyway and Lakeridge Circle loop and north on Skyway up to approximately Drexel Drive.

Weather conditions and other operational considerations prevent PG&E from guaranteeing electricity to all customers

potentially served by this temporary microgrid during all PSPS conditions or scenarios.

PG&E anticipates completing construction on this microgrid generation site in December 2020, depending on weather conditions. Once the site is operational, PG&E will be able to island customers within the temporary microgrid energization zone during PSPS events. Islanding refers to the ability of a microgrid to disconnect from the larger power grid: when the power is turned off during a broader grid outage; the area supported by the microgrid may remain energized and operate autonomously.

While performing this critical safety work during the COVID-19 pandemic, crews will maintain proper social distancing recommendations and wear protective equipment when necessary to help safeguard the health and safety of themselves and the

general public.

PG&E customers in the vicinity of the construction site will receive an automated, courtesy phone call from PG&E notifying them of the work taking place.

Customers who are within the temporary microgrid energization zone will receive a separate communication from PG&E, notifying them of their inclusion in the microgrid and informing them of how it will operate during a PSPS event.

In addition to deploying temporary microgrids, which are primarily designed to keep shared community services energized, PG&E is working on a number of improvements to make PSPS events less impactful for customers, including:

Sectionalizing and Reconfiguration: Installing more than 600 additional sectionalizing devices this year capable of re-directing power and limiting the size of outages. PG&E also

analyzed its grid configuration to ensure as few customers as possible are impacted by future PSPS events.

Substation Microgrids: PG&E’s substation microgrid solution is intended to reduce the impact of transmission-level PSPS events, which is when PG&E must turn off power to higher-voltage transmission lines for safety. Transmission-level shutoffs generally impact a larger number of customers—some in areas that are not directly experiencing the severe weather conditions. Sixty existing substations are now prepared to use mobile generators when needed to help keep power on for safe-to-energize customers nearby. PG&E identified these substations as having a higher likelihood of experiencing future PSPS events based on historical weather data and past PSPS events.


Community Resource Centers: Providing customers impacted by PSPS events with a climate-controlled environment and a space to charge electronic devices and receive refreshments.

For more about PG&E’s wildfire safety efforts by visiting pge.com/wildfiresafety.

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