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## Public or Private, July 4th Fireworks will be Different



Cash-strapped non-profits are hoping for brisk business with so few professional displays being staged this season. Photo by David Dickstein

By David Dickstein

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - This is the first in a two-part series covering how the Sacramento Valley will celebrate Independence Day with traditional fireworks in an untraditional year. Watch for our annual fireworks buyers guide in the next issue.

Between California's months-long shelter-in-place order and other "don'ts" issued by governments of all levels during the coronavirus pandemic, citizens might feel that they're living in the home of the brave, but not so much the land of the free.

That sentiment could make this coming Independence Day the most important one since the first.

"I don't disagree with that," said John Kelly, vice president of TNT Fireworks, the nation's largest reseller of perhaps the most recognizable symbol of the Fourth of July after Old Glory. "People are feeling constrained in response to the coronavirus crisis. Social distancing has

gone on since winter, and for those who have suffered through the loss of loved ones and jobs, this ordeal has been an especially painful journey."

One way humans cope through crisis is by sharing happy and entertaining physical experiences, even in the era of social distancing. It's no surprise, then, that Kelly, part of a consumer industry hoping to salvage a season, proclaimed that "celebrating America's birthday with fireworks is about as happy and entertaining as it gets."

Bought for therapeutic or patriotic purposes, consumer fireworks sold by non-profit organizations out of temporary stands in Sacramento County and other areas where legal will be how many Americans get their bang-boom on for the nation's 244th birthday. The reason is scant few of the 16,000 public fireworks displays typically staged in country on the Fourth of July are expected to go forward, according to the American Pyrotechnics Association.

"There have been widespread

cancellations of Independence Day parades, concerts and fireworks displays nationwide," said APA Executive Director Julie Heckman. "Due to social distancing mandates related to COVID-19, the skies will be dark above the vast majority of cities, towns and municipalities."

Giving a rare green light to skies of red, white and blue are the cities of Yuba City and Elk Grove, and the Folsom Chamber of Commerce. The Bi-County Fireworks Show will wow residents of Yuba City and Marysville on the Fourth. The Folsom display, taking place on July 3 above Folsom Ranch, makes up for the cancellation of a fireworks-sparked pro rodeo held every Fourth of July weekend. Further south, Elk Grove has approved an aerial show for July 4. Instead of setting off fireworks over Elk Grove Regional Park and the 22,000 or so gathered there, the staging area will be at an undisclosed location so that residents can watch from their homes.

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## The New Incomplete State Budget has a \$9 Billion Tax Increase

By Jacqui Nguyen

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield) issued the following statement after legislative Democrats passed a fake budget bill, Senate Bill 74, just to meet state and constitutional deadlines.

"The state is facing a government-induced recession with more than 4.8 million unemployed Californians and a budget deficit of \$54 billion." Despite this economic crisis, the Democrats' backroom budget deal has prioritized pet projects and includes a \$9 billion tax increase on our job creators.

"Today's incomplete and poorly prioritized budget is the result of last-minute discussions that lacked public transparency. Californians deserve better," said Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove.

As presented, SB 74 is a budget riddled with bad accounting practices and does not prioritize the needs of California families and job creators. The Governor and Legislative Democrats' Budget include:

\$22 million to enforce the anti-worker law (AB 5, 2019) forcing more people out of work, even though there are more than 4.8 million residents on unemployment now; \$5 million to buy a new state park even though the Governor has prevented people from going outside; \$2.9 billion to continue the high-speed rail project, despite more cost increases, project delays, and a \$54 billion state budget deficit; \$9 billion in new taxes on businesses, even though thousands of businesses are barely staying afloat or being forced to close due to the stay-at-home order; Lastly, the Governor and legislative Democrats are relying on billions of dollars from the federal government-yet the Governor allocated \$6.5 million to sue the federal government.

Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove represents California's 16th Senate District which encompasses large portions of Kern, Tulare and San Bernardino counties and including the cities of Bakersfield, Barstow, California City, Exeter, Frazier Mountain, Joshua Tree, Mojave, Needles, Ridgecrest, Rosamond, Taft, Tehachapi, Twentynine Palms, Tulare, Visalia, Yucca Valley and portions of the Kern River Valley.

Source: California Senate Republicans ★

## Gold Sox to Play Ball in 2020

Club Will Operate Under Strict Covid-19 Protocols

Gold Sox Special Release

**MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Yuba-Sutter Gold Sox are set to take the field for their 18th season of baseball this summer. The City of Marysville, Yuba County, the Bi-County Health Department and the Gold Sox worked together to form a plan that will allow the Gold Sox to safely operate this summer providing much needed entertainment and an economic boost to the local community.

The Gold Sox will kick off their season on June 18th and play a 28 game, all home schedule. Games, which for the 1st week will not be open to the public, will be played Thursday through Sunday. The club will then open games to the public, with limited numbers being allowed entrance to the park beginning June 25th.



Gold Sox will finally take the field for 2020. Come out to the ballpark and cheer them on! Photo by Paul Scholl (MPG 2019 archive image)

The Gold Sox will host the Sierra Central-Montna Farms Summer Series, a unique 7-week baseball competition among collegiate summer

baseball clubs.

Commenting on the season Gold Sox GM Tommy Lininger: "We want to thank the City of Marysville, Yuba County

and Bi-County Health for working so hard to make sure our community could have the Gold Sox this summer. We worked

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# The New Pi-Line



**The new Pi-Line  
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W.D. Burleson  
By Josh F.W. Cook**

Live Oak, Live Oak, Live Oak, you are having road construction again or road destruction to put in a pipe, I don't know which, but when your road construction pauses I propose we move Gridley Red Suspenders Day Celebration to your town and celebrate whatever they are doing - being done. Yes, I remain nostalgic for Red suspenders Day.

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I had occasion to speak with Paul Eckert, the Gridley City Manager this week when we discovered we were both alumni of the most prestigious and elite of the Cal State University Campuses, Cal State Hayward. In the conversation, I discovered Paul had been a Marine and attended

college on his military education benefits. At that moment, so much made sense to me about Paul, his style, personality, and career choices. Being a City Manager means you accept the premise that someone will criticize every decision you make, even if it proper, and one must have a thick skin. Marine Corp training provides that. California Governor Pete Wilson was a Marine, and I remember when he was running for reelection, he would function on about 4 hours of sleep a night - a skill attributed to some odd sleep deprivation warfare training he had in Marine Corp. It worked, he beat Kathleen Brown by simply working more hours in a day than anyone other candidate.

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Wal\*mart announced that store No. 359 in Fayetteville has been converted to a self-checkout only location. No cashiers at all. Wal\*mart says it is an attempt to make the checkout process more efficient, with less person-to-person interaction. Many innovative things were waiting in the wings before the Global Zombie Apocalypse End of days Armageddon pandemic Latter-Day

quarantine. Online education got a boost. Video conference services got a more significant boost. Working from home has been legitimized, and corporate travel will probably never reach the same levels as before March 2020.

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It was brought to my attention by several loyal readers that Diamond Stewart is no longer available to assist local parties seeking assistance with their orchards or family garden plots. It seems he is doing a great deal of church work (family history and such) nowadays and is very engaged out of the area. Dimon Smith is around town, and it is reported by many that he's highly skilled at all types of excavation, groundwork, and various types of earth moving.

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We should know soon how we will conduct schools and school sports in the coming year. Should be exciting.

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*W.D. Burleson published the Gridley Herald for 50 years. Josh F.W. Cook graduated from Gridley High School in 1988* ★

# Public or Private, July 4th Fireworks will be Different

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Yuba City, Folsom and Elk Grove are lighting up, but from Rancho Cordova and Sacramento to South Lake Tahoe and Davis, aerial displays have been grounded to the disappointment of pyro fans and the detriment of pyro producers.

"The business is on life support. We are down 90 percent in sales and shows," said James Souza, CEO of industry bellwether Pyro Spectaculars, which does have the Elk Grove gig. "Everyone wants a show but is not going to commit due to the state's public gathering policy."

At press time, hope was being held out for a show to go on in a smattering of other locations awaiting health data on the staged reopening approach. Even with favorable figures, putting on a professional firework display still might not be possible given the short fuse. "The business is on life support. We are down 90 percent in sales and shows," said James Souza, CEO of industry bellwether Pyro Spectaculars, which does have the Elk Grove gig. "Everyone wants a show but is not going to commit due to the state's public gathering policy."

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"All the more reason for the general public to stock up on consumer fireworks and plan a backyard or neighborhood celebration - of course, abiding by social distancing guidelines," said the APA's Heckman.

Many of the nearly 33 jurisdictions in Sacramento, Placer, Yolo and Yuba counties warm to consumer fireworks had left existing laws as-is at press time, while others may enact a one-year moratorium on sales that has no impact on use. Best to check with your local fire department before lighting. A list of "open" communities can be found at <http://ca-fireworks.presskit247.com>.

For most of the state including Sacramento County, June 28 starts a potentially big week for non-profits that could be more cash-strapped than usual.

Whereas residents of other states can also let the sparks fly on New Year's, if not year-round, celebrating the anniversary of our country's fervent declaration of independence from Great Britain in 1776 is the occasion for which California consumers can legally light

fireworks, and only the state-approved "safe and sane" variety.

Depending on ordinances in effect at the time, law-abiding revelers and sellers may need to wear masks and separate households by at least six feet during the show. Except for rules around personal protection equipment and distancing, buying fireworks may not be all that different from non-pandemic years.

"Key guidelines that will need to be met are already built in," said Kelly of TNT, which has its Northern California regional offices in Sacramento. "We're already selling out of stands where the volunteer salespeople and customers are separated by wood panels and chicken wire. Buyers don't touch product until purchase."

Phantom Fireworks, the state's second-largest fireworks reseller, is confident that patriotism, community support, a hunger for outdoor family amusement and the most favorable day of the week for a Fourth of July will outweigh any inconveniences associated with compliance.

"A weekend Independence Day is always great for fundraising, but with the fourth falling on a Saturday, that's even better," said Linda Hass-Kreman, Phantom's West Coast operations manager based in Sacramento. "A Saturday July Fourth means many among the workforce have that Friday off as a corporate holiday and the next day off as well being a Sunday. I think society is so ready to have fun outside the home, enjoying something separately, but together, that we're going to have one of the most special and successful fireworks seasons ever."

It's not as if the country doesn't have experience dealing with pandemics at this time of year. Smallpox, measles and other diseases had wary colonists shutting themselves in their houses at the time future president John Adams correctly predicted that the first Independence Day would be celebrated with "bonfires and illuminations."

Two and a half centuries later, American history will repeat itself when patriotic citizens ooh and aah to star-spangled fireworks under pandemic conditions.

"Fireworks are the most widely anticipated tradition of celebrating our nation's independence," Heckman said. "Americans are ready to celebrate and looking for something to do after being cooped up for so long, and many of us still are in parts of the country." ★



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**MEMORIAL NOTICE**

**Dorothy Ann (Perry) Steeves**

**September 30, 1940 to May 28, 2020**

Dorothy Ann (Perry) Steeves left us peacefully on May 28, 2020. Dorothy was born September 30, 1940 in Biggs, California to Gabriel and Mary Perry.

Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Dorothy had touched throughout her life.

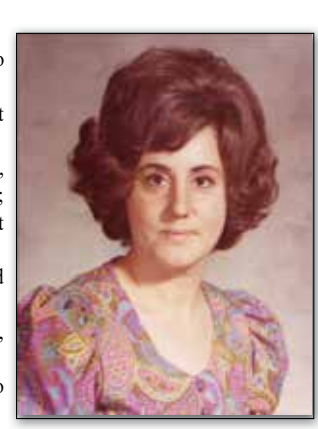
She is survived by her sister, Arlene (Richard) Grein; and brothers, Eugene (Marcy) Perry and John Perry; her daughter Dianne Fleischer; Grandchildren: Ryan, Tori, Keara, Stephen and Jevon; several great grand-children and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Gabe and Mary Perry; and her son, Jeff.

A private service and interment of her ashes was held on Monday, June 8th at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Dorothy to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.



**MEMORIAL NOTICE**

**Floyd Eugene Warren**

**September 12, 1934 to June 12, 2020**

Floyd Eugene Warren returned to his heavenly home on Friday, June 12, 2020, at the age of 85. He died of complications from his battle with kidney disease. On Sunday, June 21 a viewing will be held at the Ullrey Mortuary Chapel, 817 Almond St., Yuba City from 2 - 5 pm. On Monday, June 22, 2020 a "Missionary Farewell" or Celebration and Brunch will be held at the Warren Ranch, 224 McCaton Dr., Bangor, CA from 10 am to 1 pm. Graveside services will also be held Monday, June 22, at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery, 2023 CA-99, Gridley, CA at 2 pm.

Floyd Eugene was born on September 12, 1934, in Spring Canyon, Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis Warren and Vera May Behling Warren, his younger brother, Allan H. Warren and grandson, John Ryan Kochli.

Floyd was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and has served in many capacities for over sixty years. Always a missionary, he served two years in the Gulf States Mission from 1955 to 1957. He was a Mission President for three years in the Florida Fort Lauderdale Mission from 1999-2002, a Stake President in Quincy, CA, bishop, ward mission leader, and always a teacher.

Floyd served as a company clerk in the US Army Reserves at Ft. Ord, California.

Floyd loved sports, playing football in high school and at Brigham Young University. After his service in the army he resumed his educational pursuits at Brigham Young University in 1958 where he also renewed his friendship with Lola Ann



Nicol of New Orleans, Louisiana. They were married in the Los Angeles Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on August 30, 1958.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in Zoology from Brigham Young University in 1961, Floyd began teaching at Eva D. Edwards Jr. HS in southern California. He also received a Master's degree in administration from Cal State University in Los Angeles. Summers were spent at the University of California at Berkeley radiation lab, Kansas State University, and Wayne State University in Chicago.

While at Cal Berkeley, Floyd applied for an administrative position with Plumas Unified School District in Quincy, CA. This is where the Warren family was raised and educated and Floyd became the high school principal and superintendent of schools. Following his retirement, Floyd started Plumas Science Research and Warren Asbestos Abatement Inc.

Floyd and Lola were blessed with 8 children, 42 grandchildren, and 35 great-grandchildren with 4 on the way. He was a proud and supportive father to Allan Eugene (Raelyn); Jon Nicol (Laurie); Leah Ann Nichols (Kevin); Martin Floyd (Michelle A.); Terri Lynne Brady; Michelle May Eller (Aaron); William Penn (Fibi); and Kathryn Grace Pietz (Ian). Floyd (Gene) loved to be around his family and friends. His greatest treasure and source of joy in life was his posterity. His sense of humor was delightful and there are numerous stories that will be told for generations to come.



# 20 Years of Hope

**Children's Hope Foster Family Agency Press Release**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Children's Hope Foster Family Agency is celebrating its 20 year anniversary in June 2020. Children's Hope is a nonprofit corporation operating under the guidelines of the State of California. What began as a group home for troubled boys, underwent a change in leadership in 2000 to become the prominent foster family agency it is today.

Children's Hope was founded by Ben and Heather Payne. Ben had a private practice and then became the interim administrator for the aforementioned group home for troubled boys in Biggs. Both Ben and Heather knew people from Sutter County Child Protective Services. One day, Jennifer Ramirez a county worker said to Heather, "You know, we need more foster agencies in the area and you and Ben would be great at it." Fortunately, the group home already had an FFA license. To facilitate the transition to a foster family agency and build their staffing team, Richard Tippetts wall called upon for assistance.

Ben and Richard went to the existing Board of Directors and proposed to move forward by allowing them to take over the foster care license. The group home was dissolved and Ben Payne was hired as the Administrator, Richard Tippetts was assigned as the first Board of Directors, and Heather Payne was the first employee. Thus the foundation for Children's



Children's Hope Foster Family Agency celebrates its 20 Years of Anniversary. Photo: CHFFA

Hope was laid.

As the first Board President, one of Richards's primary goals was to recruit, train, and approve resource families.

Building the foundation Children's Hope about family, Ben and Heather each appointed one sibling to serve on the Board of Directors, per Children's Hope bylaws. Heather chose her brother Kevin Tippetts, and Ben chose his sister Evelyn Naylor.

During the summer of 2000, Children's Hope opened its first office on Sycamore Street. The first families to become certified foster parents with Children's Hope were Bill and Peggy Reed from Live Oak and Greg and Linnea Johnson from Gridley.

Within a couple years, the agency outgrew their Sycamore location, and re-located to their current offices on Virginia St. At that time, Children's Hope had 29 employees, 13 of whom were social workers who had

either earned or were working towards their Master's degree. Nine administrative staff provided supervision, managed paperwork, maintained family and child charts, certified homes, and scheduled transports. Additionally, 7 transporters took the children to their various visits.

With Ben's vision and leadership in conjunction with Heather's social activities, Children's Hope continues to thrive. In 2004, Children's Hope opened a satellite office in Yuba City. This facilitated the growth of services offered in the Yuba/Sutter area, allows more families to become registered as resource (foster) parents, and social workers on staff are located directly in the area to provide improved support to foster children and resource families.

In 2008, Children's Hope introduced the Transitional Housing Program (THP). Once developed and implemented by Richard Sebo, the THP program has

continued to flourish under the directorship of Nancy Ramos. Children's Hope Transitional Housing Placement program is for young adults ages 18 to 24 who have aged out of the foster care system. It provides its non-minor dependents with a safe and affordable living environment, access to community resources, and facilitates the development of life skills that will translate to successful transition to fully independent adulthood. To date the THP program continues to provide guidance and stability to young adults throughout the region.

Currently operating with 2 satellite offices in Yuba City and Roseville, Children's Hope has been recognized for their dedication, hard work, and the positive changes they bring into the lives of foster children. Children's Hope has grown to having about 89 employees including social workers,

trans- and office staff. Children's Hope currently has 8 board members.


Evelyn Naylor, RN, BSN, CPN, and an original and current member of the Children's Hope Board of Directors shared the following message: "I am grateful to be asked to be part of Children's Hope. Grateful for Ben and Heather who risked greatly in taking on the responsibility of a foster care agency with below average reputation and turning it into a premier organization of stellar integrity, recognized for its benefits to children, families and employees. Through the lean times and governmental changes, Ben has

maintained his commitment to generously provide for his families, the children and his capable and loyal staff. Nurtured Heart Approach is a continuation of that commitment and vision: that positive nurturing grounded in genuine regard for others can overcome barriers and lead to health of individuals and organizations."

The enduring mission statement of Children's Hope is to "provide our clients with a professional level of care, compassion, understanding, and services which meet or exceed the currently accepted standards for highest quality foster care, and which enable them to attain and live a normal, centered lifestyle in today's society." Many of the services enabling Children's Hope to exceed accepted standards include ancillary services and activities including but not limited to: Christmas Giving Trees, the annual summer Color Run, Disneyland trip, clothing closet, birthday toy closet, Leaps & Bounds program to support education and extra-curricular activities, Stuff the Bus, Wake the World water sports opportunities, specialized training in Trauma Informed Care and the Nurtured Heart Approach, etc.

As an agency, Children's Hope truly believes, "you can count the seeds in a single apple, but you can't count the apples in a single seed."

Children's Hope would like to express sincere gratitude to you, as members of this community, for your ongoing support to improve the lives of our area's foster children. ★



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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000430

The following persons are doing business as: A-LINE

1635 Lazy Trail Drive Chico, CA 95926

Maria Campos, 1016 Dewsnp Avenue Gridley, CA 95926 and Julia Kistle, 1635 Lazy

Trail Drive Chico, CA 95926

Date Filed in Butte County: May 4, 2020

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000548

The following persons are doing business as: BLUE WHALE SOUL

393 Little Avenue Gridley, CA 95948

Elizabeth Louise Nunes, 393 Little Avenue Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: June 3, 2020

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000493

The following persons are doing business as: OFFICE MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
6451 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969

Steven D Smith, 6160 Coral Avenue Paradise, CA 95969

Date Filed in Butte County: May 18, 2020

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This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000532

The following persons are doing business as: WOODSIDE TERRACE APTS

15 Ricky Court Chico, CA 95928

Kenneth J Anderson Trustee and Rosanne Anderson Trustee, 148 Lakewood Drive

Marina, CA 93933

Date Filed in Butte County: May 29, 2020

The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 7/1/2015

This Business is Conducted by: Trust

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000556

The following persons are doing business as: The Yeti Company

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Branden Meyer, 1431 Vermont Street Gridley, CA 95948

Date Filed in Butte County: June 5, 2020

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This Business is Conducted by: Individual

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000564

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Burning Enterprises LLC, 611 Country Drive Chico, CA 95928

Date Filed in Butte County: June 9, 2020

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This Business is Conducted by: Corporation

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2020-0000566

The following persons are doing business as: ELEPHANT IN THE CLASSROOM

3056 Hudson Avenue Chico, CA 95973

Heather and James Willis, 3056 Hudson Avenue Chico, CA 95973

Date Filed in Butte County: June 9, 2020

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

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# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



In the hit movie “Lion King” by Disney, Pumbaa, the warthog, gives the young lion this piece of advice: “keep your behind in the past.” “No!” remarks Timon, “Keep your past behind you.” How many of us keep our behinds rooted in past failures or successes and fail to keep our eyes on the future? Yes, we do need to keep our past behind us and travel toward the light of eternal salvation.

However, as humans (and warthogs), we keep looking back and saying, “What if...?”, “Remember when...?”, or “Does anyone know...?”. God remembers only our lives as we ask, if we ask to be forgiven of past transgressions, He cleans the slate. But, for some reason, we still keep these hurts and failures current. We Christians must remember that forgiving is forgetting, and we must forgive ourselves as God forgives. Then we must continue to live as best we can strive

toward the perfection of Christ.

No! We’ll never be “perfect”. Perfection means NO failures, NO blemishes, NO faults, NO slips, and NO SIN. There is only one sign of perfection and that was the Son of Man and God, Jesus Christ. The examples He gave and the life He led while on earth gives us a mirror to look through to see toward perfection.

Youth cry out, “Hey man, you don’t understand. Nobody knows what I’m going through”. Senior citizens worry, “Does anyone care? No one ever worries about how I feel”. The millennials print out on their phones, “Help me, I demand your help.” Maybe we need to adopt the “problem free philosophy” that Pumbaa and Timon tried to teach Simba: “Kakuma Matata” that means no worries. The only way to do that is to trust in the Lord, have faith in His Son, and let the Holy Spirit spread His peace upon us.

Just like Simba, we have to face the past and let it

go. It may hurt, but it’s in the past. We must learn from it and take our place in life’s plan. We cannot change it, we cannot make it invisible, and we should not worry about it. God forgives us, but it is up to us to let it go.

Jesus Christ gave us answers to letting go by living His life as God hopes we all will – by walking in faith, step by step, day by day. Youth can be assured that someone does understand because have walked the same path. We Christians need to reach out and teach and live, so we, too, may be examples to those young in life and young in faith. Seniors may be relieved to know that their lives are important and that someone does keep them in His tender love every day. Millennials can get the help they need by being strong in the belief that God does hold us all in the palms of His hands, we can walk forward, away from the past. “And Jesus answering saith unto them, “Have faith in God”. (Matt. 11:22) ★

# Butte County Superior Court Will Have Limited Access

## Butte County Superior Court

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Effective June 15, 2020, pursuant to the Order of the Presiding Judge Amending and Extending Prior Orders Affecting Court Operations and

Access to the Courthouse, which was signed by Presiding Judge Clare Keithley on June 12, 2020 (see attached), access to the Butte County Superior Courthouses will remain limited. Prior to coming to a Butte Courthouse location, please visit the

Butte County Superior Court’s website at [www.buttecourt.ca.gov](http://www.buttecourt.ca.gov) to view the most recent Implementation Order, which outlines the limited access in greater detail. Again, we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. ★

# Residential Burn Permits Suspended in Butte County

## CAL FIRE/ Butte County Fire Department

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - With February being the driest month since the 1850’s in California, warming temperatures and winds are quickly drying out the annual grass crop. The increasing fire danger posed by dead grass and hotter, drier conditions in the region is prompting CAL FIRE to suspend all burn permits for outdoor residential burning within the State Responsibility Area and the unincorporated areas of Butte County. This suspension took effect Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:00 am and bans all residential outdoor burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves.

“The last few years saw devastating wildfires, reminders that the public cannot let their guard down. Together, we must continue to adapt and evolve to be able to withstand the intensity of these fires, keeping in mind that the key way to mitigate the damage they cause is through prevention and preparation,” said Chief Thom Porter, CAL FIRE director. “The potential is great for the dry, hot weather that fueled the massive fires over the last few years to return again this year, so it is up to the public to be ready.”

“Being ready means finishing up the defensible space around your house,” said

Butte Unit Interim Chief John Messina, “even without the benefits of burning, as the temperature heats up and humidity falls, there is plenty you can do to give yourself and your belongings the best chance to survive a wildfire.”

Since January 1, 2020, CAL FIRE and firefighters across the state have responded to more than 2,300 wildfires. Outdoor burning of landscape debris is no longer allowed. CAL FIRE is asking residents to take extra time to ensure they are prepared for wildfires by maintaining a minimum of 100 feet of Defensible Space around every building on their property and being prepared to evacuate if the time comes.

Here are some tips to prepare homes and property:

Clear all dead or dying vegetation 100 feet from around all structures; Landscape with fire-resistant plants and non-flammable ground cover; Find alternate ways to dispose of landscape debris like chipping or hauling it to a biomass energy or green waste facility.

The department may issue restricted temporary burning permits if there is an essential reason due to public health and safety. Agriculture, land management, fire training, and other industrial-type burning may proceed if a CAL FIRE official inspects the burn site and issues a special permit. ★

# Gold Sox to Play Ball in 2020

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through a plan that allows us to open the season initially without the public, but then transition into allowing the public to attend in limited numbers with extensive Covid-19 protocols.”

Liningier went on to say: “We have completely changed our operation to make this summer happen. From playing all home games in the Sierra Central-Montna Farms Summer Series, to re-working our roster with primarily local players, to limiting attendance, to our five page Covid

Protocols, we have done everything with the goal of having a season that is safe for the fans, employees and players. We understand and appreciate that this will be a different season from years past, but we will be able to provide much needed entertainment after this long lock down.”

As the club just obtained permission to move forward, details regarding ticketing, detailed Covid-19 protocols, the Gold Sox roster and more will be released soon. Go to GoldSox.com for the most updated information. ★

# Dear Dietitian

## Vitamin D



**Commentary by Leanne McCrate**

*Dear Readers:*

As scientists work tirelessly to find a treatment and a vaccine for the coronavirus, a common supplement has come to light as a possible aid in the COVID-19 pandemic. It may be in your medicine cabinet, and your kitchen almost certainly contains a food that is fortified with it. It’s vitamin D, also known as the “sunshine” vitamin.

Observational studies have discovered that countries with high death rates from COVID also have high rates of vitamin D deficiency. Keep in mind that observational studies do not show cause and effect. The same observation was made with cardiovascular disease (CVD) and vitamin D deficiency. However, supplementation of the vitamin did not significantly reduce the risk of CVD (1).

The primary function of vitamin D is to lay calcium to the bones, thereby strengthening them. It also has a role in the immune system. It monitors the release of inflammatory molecules; thus, it manages the body’s response to an infection. In this manner, vitamin D could lessen the severity of a COVID infection.

Another possible role of vitamin D is in the prevention of respiratory infections. Martineau et al. concluded in a meta-analysis that vitamin D supplementation was safe and effective against

respiratory infections. They described that patients who were severely deficient in vitamin D had the most benefit (2).

Our bodies manufacture vitamin D through sunlight exposure, but the amount produced varies. People with dark skin do not absorb as much sunlight as those with light skin; therefore, the

production of vitamin D is often insufficient. Furthermore, some areas of the world do not receive enough sunlight to produce adequate amounts of the vitamin in the residents. Consequently, these countries tend to have higher rates of vitamin D deficiency.

It is advisable to obtain all nutrients from your diet, but this isn’t always practical. In the US, milk and dairy products are fortified with vitamin D, and of course, there are natural food sources. Fatty fish, such as salmon and rainbow trout, egg yolks, and cod liver oil are healthy sources of vitamin D.

The Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA) for vitamin D is 600 IU (international units) for people who are seventy years or younger, and 800 IU daily for those over the age of seventy. It’s easy to think if a certain amount is healthy, then more must be better. However, it is possible to get too much vitamin D since it is stored in body fat. The main consequence of overdoing it is the buildup of calcium in the blood, which causes nausea, vomiting, and frequent urination. Vitamin D toxicity may also lead to kidney stones.

Is there a role for vitamin D in the treatment of COVID? Simply put, it is too soon to tell. More studies need to be performed to determine if there is a valid link. If you are concerned about your vitamin D status, talk to your doctor. A simple blood test can determine if you need a supplement.

*Until next time, be healthy!  
Dear Dietitian*

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**Romans 10:9** “That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”  
**Romans 5:1** “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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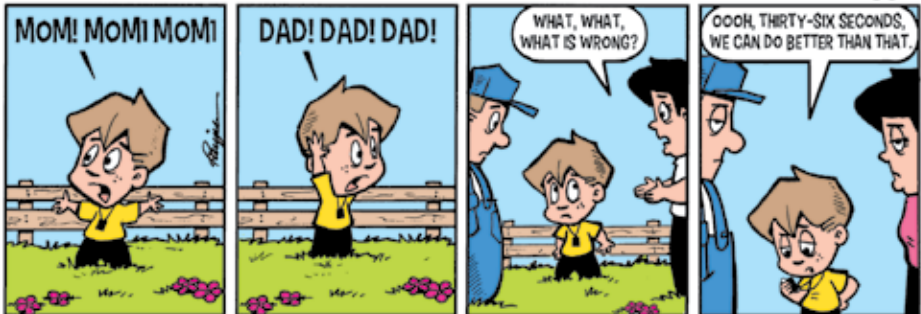
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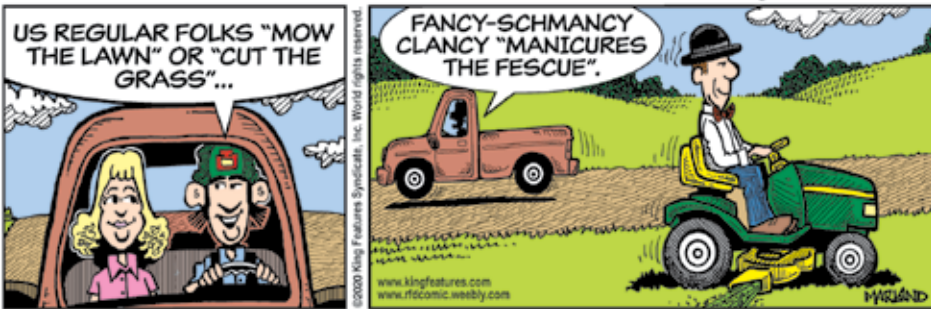
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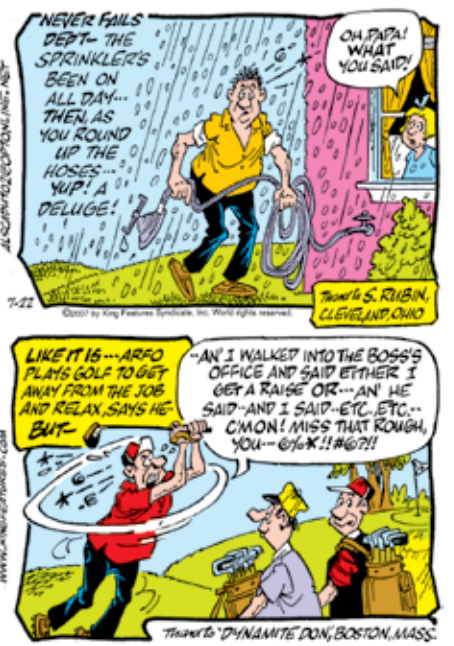
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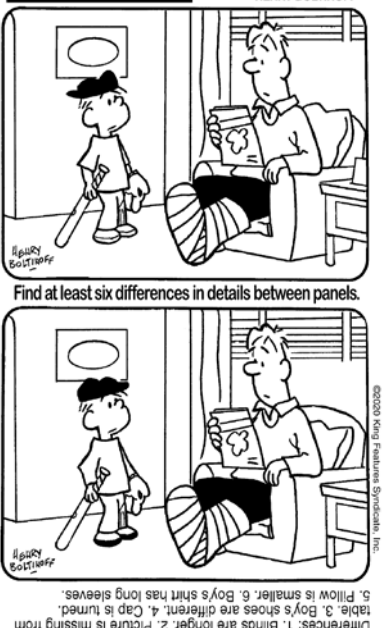
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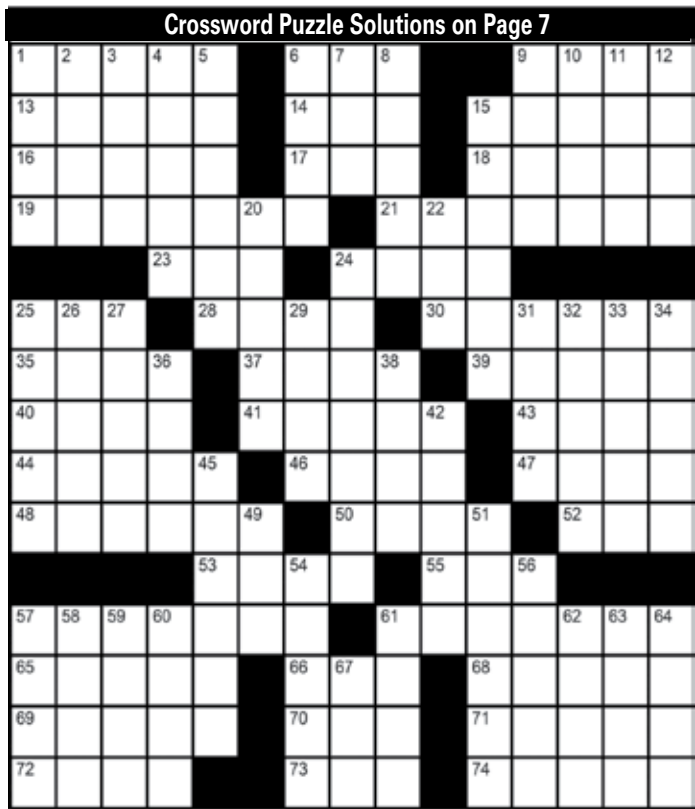
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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Over the last months there has been plenty of time to watch garden wildlife. Whether plant or animal, the observation of the world of nature is stimulating and never-ending. Once the artificial rain started in the back the toadstools celebrated and started sprouting throughout the lawn. These toadstools are tiny and look like fairy images

of toadstools. So delicate, opaque with light shining through the tiny caps that are tucked into the grass. These toadstools sprinkle themselves throughout the lawn. Their lives are short. I think that the sprinkler helps but they would have shown up with the cooler weather that has been coming and going changing the levels of humidity. These tiny surprises always make my imagination soar. Every flower fairy book I've ever seen comes to mind when I see these tiny visual representatives of a vast underground fungus. What other magical works are happening under the ground? Are the grubs dancing, are the worms wiggling, do the Mycorrhizal networks plot the take over of the earth? All fun and

fanciful imaginations that sustain one during times of contemplation. Black bumble bees (these might be carpenter bees) are regular visitors along with the honey bees to the garden flowers. The honey bees gather their pollen on their legs and look like they have pantaloons. The black bumble bees have fuzzy backs that look like capes of gold while they gather pollen. There are a few wild bees that hover here and there. The tiny ones that look like miniature bees are very busy but their pollen collection is not noticeable to my eye. There are some flies that act like pollinators as well as some beetles. "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than one seeks." John Muir ★

# Joint Investigation Allowed BCSO Deputies to Prevent Murder While Serving Arrest Warrant for Arson



Ryan Blinston, of Oroville (36)

## Butte County Sheriff's Office Press Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - On June 11, 2020, the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) was contacted by the Oroville Police Department (OPD) in regards to Ryan Blinston, of Oroville (36), who was wanted on a felony warrant for the arson of a vehicle and considered a person of interest in the June 10, 2020 disappearance of Vicky Cline, of Oroville (57). OPD requested assistance from BCSO with locating Blinston and arresting him on the felony warrant. During the joint investigation that followed, OPD detectives, BCSO detectives, Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force detectives, BCSO Special Enforcement Unit detectives, and Designated Area Deputies worked together and developed information that led them to believe Blinston was staying with an acquaintance on a large, heavily forested parcel located in the 1700 block of Milsap Bar Road in Berry Creek. The aforementioned detectives worked together and obtained a search warrant for the remote 80 acre parcel, which authorized law enforcement officers to go onto the property and search for Blinston.

Due to the remote and secluded nature of the property and Blinston's history of resisting arrest and flight from law enforcement, detectives concluded that a covert approach was necessary to prevent Blinston from being prematurely alerted to law enforcement's presence and escaping into the heavily wooded area surrounding the property. Detectives were concerned that if Blinston evaded arrest, he would pose a danger to others he may encounter. To mitigate

that risk the BCSO Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) was tasked with serving the search and arrest warrant at the Milsap Bar property. During the early morning hours of June 14, 2020 deputies with the BCSO SWAT team, utilizing night vision equipment, covertly entered the property under the cover of darkness so they would be in position to execute the search warrant and arrest Blinston at first light. After traveling approximately 1/4 mile onto the property, deputies heard the faint sounds of someone yelling for help along with banging noises, which became louder as deputies continued farther onto the parcel. The deputies were eventually able to make their way to a small RV parked on the property. While approaching the RV the deputies, utilizing their night vision equipment, were able to see a man, later identified as Blinston, standing in the dark and holding a hatchet in his hand. Blinston was not able to see the approaching deputies and walked back towards the RV. Once in a closer position, the deputies activated their flashlights and identified themselves as members of the Sheriff's Office. Blinston immediately fled into the wooded area, still carrying the hatchet, with deputies pursuing close behind. Deputies not in pursuit of Blinston, located a man in the RV who was bleeding profusely from a deep laceration on his neck. The man, who is not being identified at this time, was the person crying out for help. The man told deputies he was attacked in his sleep by Blinston, who used

a knife to slash his neck and stab him in the arm. Despite being seriously wounded, the man was able to fight Blinston off and push him out of the RV. The man locked the door in an effort to keep Blinston at bay. Blinston began attempting to force his way into the RV, which caused the banging noises heard by the deputies as they made their way onto the property. Deputies immediately began treating the man's injuries in an effort to save his

life. Due to the time it would have taken for an ambulance to reach the location, coupled with the seriousness of the man's injuries, deputies opted to transport him off the property in a BCSO vehicle to a landing zone where Enloe's FlightCare helicopter was waiting. The man was flown to a local hospital where he underwent emergency surgery. The man has been admitted to a local hospital. The area of 1700 Milsap Bar Road has no cell phone reception and due to the parcel's remote location, it is unlikely anyone would have heard the man's cries for help. But for the joint effort of all involved agencies, coupled with the BCSO SWAT team arriving in the location when they did, it is unlikely the man would have survived his injuries. After a group of deputies began performing first aid on the injured man, a second group of deputies pursued Blinston, and found him attempting to hide in heavy brush, still holding the hatchet in his hand. Blinston refused numerous commands to drop the hatchet, so deputies deployed a taser and OC (pepper spray) on Blinston. After a short struggle, Blinston was taken into custody, medically cleared and booked into the Butte County Jail on the warrant for arson and is being held without bail. On June 14, 2020, BCSO detectives, OPD detectives, Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force detectives, and the California Department of Justice searched the Milsap Bar property and collected numerous items of evidence. The investigation into the attack of the man in the RV is ongoing. BCSO deputies will be booking Blinston for one count of attempted murder on June 15, 2020. Questions regarding the disappearance of Vicky Cline and the associated investigation, should be referred to the Oroville Police Department. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information regarding the attempted murder investigation to contact Sergeant Patrick McNelis or Detective Vaj Thao at 530-538-7671. ★

# Six Vehicle Deadly Crash on Hwy 99 at Neal Road

By Seti Long

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - A deadly crash involving six vehicles claimed two lives last Wednesday, June 10th . At approximately 12:45 pm a 2019 freightliner semi-trailer, driven by 22-year-old Jobanjit Singh, collided with north-bound traffic stopped at the Neal Rd light on Hwy 99, causing a chain reaction that pushed the vehicles into the intersection. The semi-trailer caught fire and ignited a small brush fire that was extinguished by CAL FIRE units. Out of 8 drivers and passengers involved, 5 were transported to Enloe Medical with injuries, 1 had to be extracted from their vehicle by CAL FIRE first responders and 55-year-old Lupe Ortiz and 55-year-old David Sims, succumbed to their injuries. The wreck closed both north and

southbound lanes for hours as emergency crews, including seven fire engines and three water tankers, cleaned up and investigated the cause of the accident. Alcohol and drugs did not appear to be a factor in this collision. ★



The semi-trailer caught fire and ignited a small brush fire that was extinguished by CAL FIRE units. Photo CAL FIRE

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BBQ's and gas grills cause an average of 8,800 residential fires every year. Additionally, around 16,900 people end up in the Emergency Room from BBQ related injuries. CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department would like to offer these helpful tips for some safe outdoor cooking and grilling.

- Never use a BBQ or grill indoors, including a garage or shed.
- Ensure a gas grill is OFF before leaving the grill unattended.
- Use caution when lighting charcoal. Use a long lighter to light
- Pull BBQs and grills away from walls or flammable materials when in use.
- Keep a fire extinguisher close by.
- Don't store items that can burn on or near your BBQ or grill.
- Keep inside of hood clean.
- Keep children away from hot BBQs and grills to prevent burn injuries.
- Also, remember to cook meats to a safe temperature.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

**Sparky the Dog**  
**Gridley Fire Station 74**

## Crossword Puzzle on Page 6

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# Biggs' 8th Grade Cream of the Crop

***By Seti Long***

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - With 8th Grade Graduation set for Thursday, June 11th, BUSD faculty and families wanted to honor the top 8 graduating students: Valedictorian Addie Scott, Ally Williams, Chase McClean, Jazmin Ibarra, Kaitlyn West, Nicole Conway, Rylan Jones and Zainab Tahir.

Speeches by these top performers will be featured during virtual graduation ceremonies on the morning of June 11th.

Biggs Elementary School Teacher, Mrs. Moore had something special to say about each one of these graduates:

Kaitlyn West – Kaitlyn was a great addition to our class this year. She is a great student who is very concerned about her education. She was a transplant from Chico this year, She will go far in life with her dedication to education.

Jazmin Ibarra – There is so much to say about Jazmin, where do I start? I had the pleasure of having Jazmin in my class for the last 2 years, she is a super student who will try and succeed in everything that she does. She is a 2 year member of CJSF and a scholarship winner for the Marian Huhn Award. Jazmin is an excellent athlete also, involved in basketball, volleyball and softball. She is a student who cares about other students and will succeed in anything that she sets her mind to.

Chase McLean – Chase was a wonderful addition to our classroom this past year. I first thought he was the quiet and shy type, but



**Pictured left to right: Kaitlyn West, Zainab Tahir, Nicole Conway, Jazmin Ibarra, Ally Williams & Addie Scott.** Photo courtesy of Kris Scott

soon found out that he had a great sense of humor too. Chase is one of those students who takes on any challenge that he is given. He is also a great basketball player who will be a great asset to Biggs High School.

Zainab Tahir – Talk about the quiet and shy young lady, she is super dedicated to her goals and education. Never once did I see or hear her complain about any assignment that I gave to her. She was a great addition to my class

and I will miss her greatly.

Addie Scot – Wow! What a fantastic young lady. Always eager to help anyone in need. She was our ASB President and a CJSF member for 2 years also. Addie is also involved in many activities outside of school also. She shows animals at the local fairs and was Miss Teen for the Butte County Fair. Addie earned straight A's for the last 3 years and is this year's Valedictorian for this year's graduating class of Biggs Elementary School.

Addie has set some lofty goals for herself and I know that she will succeed in everyone of them.

8th Grade teacher Mrs. Roberts continued the praise for the following students:

Rylan Jones – Rylan is a conscientious student and someone who brings joy to any group he joins! On most weekends you can find him at the racetrack, riding or racing his dirt bike. He enjoys sports and is looking forward to playing football and baseball

for Biggs High School. His playful personality and willingness to persevere through challenging assignments made him into a superb student and classmate. He is a genuine joy to have in the classroom.

Ally Williams—Ally is a bright, intelligent young lady! She is a beautiful writer and thinker. Ally is a favorite classmate who brings out the best in those around her. She was a proud member of the Biggs Elementary volleyball and basketball teams. Ally also



**Chase McClean.** Photo Courtesy of Angela McClean



**Rylan Jones.** Photo courtesy of Boxie Jones

takes pride in her academics and keeping her grades top notch. Every teacher deserves a student like Ally in their classroom!

Nicole Conway—Nicole is a brilliant team player and leader, on the softball field, on the volleyball court, and in the classroom. She works hard and looks for ways to improve in everything she does. This young lady has a bright future ahead of her. We can't wait to see how she'll add her positive mark to our world! ★

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