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## THIS IS DEFINITELY THE YEAR!



Wilson School teachers take to the playground with paint and paint rollers. Pictured left to right: Teachers Mrs. M, Ms. Fanning, after school program director, Pamela Hewitt, Vice Principal, Mike Huyck, Mrs. Carr and Principal Rodriguez. Photo by Seti Long

#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Wilson School Teachers and Admin got to it last week as they attacked the campus Principal Rodriguez chalked the hard with brightly colored paint.

After the installation of the new portable classrooms, additional games painted years before on the

to see for their students and with the clean the asphalt. And then we're voluntary help of Mrs. Maddison Carr and under the direction of Principal of spring break with a group and Rodriguez, designed the new layout. have them help us get it done. It all work up to VP Huyck, literally, saying, "We gave him a stick and a string of chalk" and "he went out there, installation of and the re-fresh of measured everything," fitting all the the opportunity to tackle the project the existing blacktops, the original new games and designs into the allot- themselves. ted space.

going to come out that Saturday went south when they said shelter in place..." With classrooms and playgrounds cleared of students, thanks to Covid19, the staff at Wilson took

The project includes multiple new

# Survey **Shows Strains** on Rural California

By Dave Kranz, California Farm Bureau Federation

#### SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- Lost markets and lost off-farm income related to the COVID-19 pandemic have proven doubly difficult for many California farmers and ranchers, according to a survey by the California Farm Bureau Federation. More than half of the farmers responding to the voluntary survey said they had lost customers or sales due to COVID-19, and nearly half said they or someone in their immediate family had lost off-farm income.

"Just as in the rest of society, the effects of the pandemic have reverberated throughout rural California," CFBF President Jamie Johansson said. "There's no aspect of farming, ranching or agricultural business that has been spared."

CFBF and the Farm Employers Labor Service, a Farm Bureau affiliate, asked farmers and ranchers to respond to an online survey form between April 7 and April 21. More than 500 responded. Nearly 57% of respondents said they had lost customers or sales during the pandemic, with most citing stay-at-home orders that had closed customers' businesses. Forty-two percent of responding farmers said they or a family member had lost off-farm income, mainly because of jobs unavailable due to stay-athome orders or to care for children due to school and child-care closures. "Most farm and ranch households count on offfarm income to supplement what they earn from agriculture," Johansson said, "and have seen those jobs reduced at the same time as prices farmers and ranchers earn for many crops and commodities have fallen." About three-quarters of the responding farmers said they had been able to maintain operations so far, and had been able to avoid furloughing or laying off employees. Of those who reported reducing operations or staff, most cited cuts to customer orders or revenue. Only 20% reported employees unable to work, mostly because the employees were considered in a high-risk group for the novel coronavirus. About one-third reported being unable to undertake routine planting, cultivation or crop-care activities due to lack of personal protective equipment such as respiratory protection.



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asphalt had been wiped away. Vice Principal Mike Huyck was able to unearth some of the old stencils, like hopscotch, that the school had in storage and investigate some other games that would be a fun addition to the school's campus. He polled the teach-

Tuesday and all involved were con-square courts, 6 hopscotch games, fident that the project would be color-coded line-up dots for the completed by the end of the week. buses, a giant map of the United Originally, "It was going to be a community thing," says Vice Principal for the mod/severe special ed stu-Huyck. "We were going to have dents and younger students. The ing staff about what they would like the Fire Department come out and

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The paint hit the asphalt last games, 5 tether ball courts, 8 four-States, and a tri-cycle riding path Continued on page 3

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#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Police Department's newest Chief, Rodney Harr, is settling into the role, albeit slowly.

-Chief Harr began his career in Law Enforcement with the Gridley Police Department when he was hired in 1999 by then Chief John Donahoe. Working his way up from patrol officer to detective, then to narcotics detective, serving as Sergeant for 10 years and then Lieutenant, he brings what he calls "wellrounded" experience to the table.

-Despite that, Chief Harr says that the move to Chief has definitely taken some getting used to. "It's a little surreal being chosen..." he says. "Gentlemen that I saw as father figures are, instead of calling me Rodney, they are calling me Chief. It's ODD for me!" Those who know him know that the following is true of the softspoken Chief. "I'm kind of humble," he says, "I don't like the spotlight that much. This role of Chief has a lot of spotlight. It's going to be



Getting settled-Gridley PD's new Chief Harr is slowly getting used to the bigger office and better desk! Photo by Seti Long

a transition for me."

-Regardless, the new Chief has been congratulated by many, even by those that he has arrested. He chalks that up his efforts to create relationships and personal dialogue with the people he works with, including the criminals. "I try always to treat people with respect," he says, and

that "most people are good people that have made bad choices." He sees his position as a way to be able "effect change" and not just serve justice and protect.

-His new role of Chief will take him out of the field where he is able to interact with many in need Police has lost many of its of change, but that won't mean that his influencing

days are over. Chief Harr says that he is looking forward to the opportunity for growth that the role of Chief will bring and that he sees it as his time to "transition from student to teacher."

-Recently, the Gridley senior officers to retirement *Continued on page 3* 

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# **The New Pi-Line**



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

With so many people locked up there have been a lot more D.I.Y (the polite way to say Do It Yourself) incidents occurring and this is good for the local Ace Hardware and Macs Lottery Ticket Pavillion. The most prodigious and beloved hardware stores in all of Gridley -Biggs - Live Oak have been observed on multiple days with lots of cars piled up in the parking lot and people coming in and out the door feigning to stay 6 feet apart from each other. It seems that when people have been ordered by the Governor to stay at home, they find there's a lot of things in their place that need to be fixed, like leaking toilets, windows that need some caulking, that one step at always creeks in the night. Anything that keeps the economy moving forward is going to be helpful, and improving your home is always a good investment. Kory Hamman, Real estate expert and vintage vehicle aficionado, once told me that every dollar you spend refurbishing a bathroom you'll get back three dollars when Kory sells the house for you.

It comes to our attention that the Black Bear Diner

re-opening after the zombie apocalypse end of days Armageddon latterday pandemic fades into a memory. The site where the Black Bear Diner is was a restaurant called Jerry's. The Black Bear Diner started here in Northern California and as it expanded the Bear bought out the entire Jerry's chain, and Gridley has had a Black Bear Diner for a relatively long time. I certainly hope a good replacement restaurant comes to occupy the space. I was going to be sad and mopey about this change, but I've decided to embrace change, and I'm OK with the Bear moving on, hoping that something hip, new, cool and different takes its place. That said, if the Ice Burgie ever closes, the world will simply end.

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Great front-page article last week on Chris McIntire, the erstwhile school principal who after putting in more than three decades has decided to guit and move on. I've written about Coach Mac and his dedication to basketball and making the invitational basketball tournament in Gridley a success during his time in a position of leadership. Since the lockdown has occurred, there has been no professional sports, and ESPN has been broadcasting Korean baseball because it's the only live sport going on at the professional level. I thought we would do better to share Coach Mac basketball stories for true life sports entertainment. For today I'll share one from 1986 as coach Mac was my coach my sophomore year. The details of this story may not align with

has closed and will not be other historical records of the time, but I will do my best to share the salient points of this great moment in sports history. The junior varsity Gridley Bulldogs, of which I was a member, were hosting Colusa at the legendary Farmer's Hall. It was late in the fourth quarter. Colusa was not in our league, was not our archrival, and was trailing by more than 42 points. At this critical juncture, Coach McIntire decided to risk it all (not an easy decision as he was the newest coach in the Gridley school district) and he called my number and put me in the game. Within 30 seconds I received the ball on the far left side of the court made a shot from about 18 feet out and sunk it, all net, and a Colusa defender grievously fouled me. As I went to the free-throw line to exercise my penalty shot, I looked at the bench, right at Coach Mac. His eyes met mine; I waited for some instruction, the secret play, the audible or some other coaching wisdom. Coach looked puzzled, he put down his Dave Severns clipboard and shouted "Josh, why are you staring at me, take the ball and make a basket." At that, the referee handed me the ball, I shot, I made it, and on that day reached my personal best for points scored in a game. After that season some of us were concerned that Coach Mac would join the professional motivational speaker series circuit and leave Gridley, but thankfully he stayed.

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



# **Tuesday Blaze Shadows Gridley with Black Smoke**



Residents in the neighborhood speculate that the fire could be attributed to a vagrant. Photo by Seti Long

#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The smell of burning rubber could be smelled from miles away as a towering black cloud of smoke spewed into the air above Gridley last Tuesday evening.

At approximately 5:51 pm, a raging fire broke out on the north-west corner of Planet Auto Wholesales lot, located on the corner of Hwy 99 and West Liberty Road. Neighboring residents at the FEMA park could see the blaze jumping high into the tree-line just yards away from their homes. For many of them, the thick black smoke and high flames brought back horrible memories and bouts of PTSD.

and multiple units from Gridley PD. Upon arrival, Firefighter Spencer Hall from Gridley's Station 74 says that they encountered "a large amount of tires and old cars and trucks," on fire. Due to the fire's proximity to the railroad tracks, Union Pacific was alerted and asked to stop traffic until safe to resume. The blaze remained contained to the lot and damage was sustained predominantly by the trees and other junk/vehicles stored near the ignition site. Firefighter units were present on scene until 11:00 pm.

The official cause of the fire is currently under investigation. Residents in the neighborhood speculate that the fire could be attributed to a vagrant that has been seen in the area over the past 3 Multiple fire engines and agencies months. According to homeowners in the area, this man has allegedly been taken into custody for starting multiple small fires near Township Rd and Hwy 99 on at least 2 separate occasions. Regardless, there were no injuries

**Gridley Country Ford** 99 E. and Spruce Street • Gridley (530)846-4724 Toll Free: 1-800-660-4724 responded quickly to the blaze, including both Truck and Engine 74 from Gridley, Water-tender 74 and Engine 73 from Biggs, Engine 274 out of Richvale, Engine 72 from Palermo, Engine 2180, Battalion 2117 IC, CA Highway Patrol caused by the blaze.

# **Earlier GUSD Breakfast & Lunch Pickup Times**

#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Beginning May 18th, Gridley Unified School District's Dietary Department will be changing the time of their breakfast and lunch pick-ups.

The free meal pick-up service for students available Mon-Fri from 11:00 am -12:30 pm outside the Sycamore Cafeteria

on Vermont Street will be happening earlier next week. Pick-up times will now be from to 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Dietary Director Scott McMillian says that this measure is being taken to keep both his staff and the bagged meals out of the heat. The change will remain effective until at least June - potentially longer if the service is extended throughout the summer.  $\star$ 

# THANK YOU We've completed the expansion to the Manuel Vierra Park in Gridley!

A sincere thank you to our sponsors of this important project to help us to combat one of the lesser-known impacts of the Camp Fire.

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# **Playground Paint Days at Wilson**



Mrs. M and Ms. Fanning painting in purple dots! Photo by Seti Long

Continued from page 1 asphalt will now allow for more students to engage in healthy and fun activities than before.

Principal Jesse Rodriguez hopes that the new additions will help with some behavior issues that happen out on the grassy play area during recess – the time that the majority of the incidents the busses will help curb occur. "It gives them more students' rowdiness and students to see the finished opportunity to actually diminish any discipline product.

rules. That, we believe, would make a difference. Not only in the way things look, in the climate and all, but actually them playing something rather than them tackling each other!" he says with a chuckle. Principal Rodriguez is also hopeful that the colorcoded dot line-ups for

play organized games with issues there - another hot spot.

The brightly colored new games not only beautify the campus but will give students something to look forward to when they return from shelter in place. "We hope that the children will love the new paint on the playground," says Mrs. M, and Wilson staff can't wait for their

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or outside positions, replaced by fresh faces on the force. Chief Harr looks at it as a breath of new life for the department and is excited about the mentoring opportunity it brings. "The new officers coming in - They're trying to establish themselves. They are go-getters. It raises the bar for the guys who have been around for a few years, so everybody's got to get into the peak performance levels and make themselves shine."

The new Chief says that he is turning his focus to the operational side of the department and the success of his agency. He feels that one of the biggest parts of the job as Chief is supporting his department, saying "That's important because if your officers aren't happy, then your department's not doing well and not healthy. That's the whole point here, to have a healthy department."

From what it sounds like, Gridley has chosen the right man for the job.



away peacefully on May 7, 2020. She was born in Gridley to Myrtle and Ben Fairlee. Jean was a graduate of Gridley High School and attended Heald's Business College in Sacramento. She managed Fairlee Ranch with her sister



Davis and his wife Bonnie and five grandchildren: Kelsie George, Caitlynn Crandall, Jordin Davis, and Landon and Jude Prairie.

Graveside services were held at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery

# **Re-OPEN** for Business

#### By Seti Long

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte County has officially been approved to reopen by Governor Gavin Newsom.

In a press conference Friday, May 8th, Dr. Andy Miller, Butte County Public Health Officer, said that the prospect of an approved reopening for Butte County hinged on the county's ability to attest that specific measures are in place and the submission of a detailed plan to reopen to the state. Some of the measures Butte County would need says Dr. Miller, "include the ability to protect workers, having sufficient testing capacity, having sufficient contact tracing capacity, having sufficient hospital capacity," while "having a plan in place for monitoring our community's health and be able to see what the virus is doing." Specifically, the number of active and new cases.

Butte County submitted their plan for reopening and attestation on May 9th, confident that they would receive the conditions for further reopening of its local economy on Tuesday, May 12th. As hoped, Butte County was listed on the Department of Public Health's website as approved for early opening, making it one of the first in California.

What does that mean exactly? Butte County has been approved to move ahead in the reopening process and businesses approved reopening process, please visit outlined in latter sections of the Phase www.buttecounty.net/buttereopens.

2 plan can open ahead of schedule. Not everything is allowed to open quite yet, but Butte County officials intend to waste no time and allow for approved establishments to open immediately. These would include dine-in restaurants, destination and in-store shopping venues, childcare facilities, outdoor venues such as museums and parks and more. The Chico Mall announced plans to reopen to the public Wednesday, May 13th and other local businesses will inevitably follow suit.

Pleased by the decision, Assemblyman James Gallagher said, "It is great to see the Governor allow our counties to move forward as we have requested." Senator Jim Nielsen, and Butte County Supervisor Bill Connelly, First District also congratulated Butte County on its approval to reopen.

As a condition of reopening, businesses must follow mitigation measures and adhere to safety precautions outlined in the plan. Butte County Public Health Officer Dr. Miller urged businesses and residents to continue following CDC and state guidelines, saying that continued vigilance is imperative to the reopening of the county. Dr. Miller stressed that citizens still need to practice social distancing, wear facial covering and practice good hygiene.

For more information about the

## **Survey Shows Strains** on Rural California

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"Farmers and ranchers are doing all they advocate for policies that can to maintain essential activities and provide assuring the health and plentiful, safe food," Johansson said, "but ers, their employees, there's no question the pandemic has put a strain

local, state and federal com/impactsurvey. levels, Farm Bureau will ease that strain while safety of farmers, ranchfamilies and customers."

To review the survey on rural California. At results, visit www.cfbf.

The California Farm Bureau Federation works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 34,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of nearly 5.6 million Farm Bureau members. \*



Jean was actively involved in community service including Gridley Lioness Club and West-Gridley 4-H. Promoting and protecting local agricultural interests was also her passion as a member of Butte County Farm Bureau and Butte County Cattlewomen.

Jean was preceded in death by her mother Myrtle Justeson Lind, father Ben Fairlee and stepfather Larry Lind. She is survived by her husband Jerry Davis, sister Nancy Sample, children

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Thursday, May 14, 2020. The Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at Bank of the West to provide scholarships to local students pursuing higher education in agriculture-related fields who also have demonstrated strong community service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the scholarship fund at Bank of

the West, Gridley Branch. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel

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## **Thoughts to Ponder** Social Security Matters **Husband Confused About** by Kathy Neal

Well God, what's up? You told us you had plans for us. Plans to prosper and grow us. Plans to make our lives better.

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Some of us are not prospering. We are without a job because the politicians and health directors have shut down our t. Okay we can get gas and groceries but, with what? No work, no pay!

Some of our family members are deemed essential such as, hospital workers, clinical staff, and care givers. However, when they get home they are put in another room to safeguard the rest of the family from exposure to virus they may have on them.

We have to wear funny masks, if we go out at all, and too bad if they fog up our glasses and we can't see. Gloves are recommended to use the gas pumps or even to touch items on the grocery shelf, or anything at all.

Our animals look at us strangely as if we are some kind of strange monster or something. Wow, some people have made and designed beautiful masks to give away friends, neighbors, or frontline workers.

Our country and world are on lock down for a while, but the results have been staggering. LA has cleared up the smog and you can see clouds and stars. Canals in Italy have cleared up so much they can see the fish and dolphins swimming in the now clear water. Wow! The earth is cleaning itself by putting man's activities on hold. That should be an eye opener for many of us.

God gave to man the responsibility to take care of His creations. We are to keep the water clear so fish can survive. To keep the air clean so trees and flora can live and make oxygen and other breathable nutrients we need.

Man was given dominion over the beasts and birds of the earth, so how is our report card so far?

We've polluted the waters, destroyed habitats, destroyed rainforests in many countries, and created enough air pollution to even stop travel at times

When God gave man the ability to control the surrounding land and its occupants, He never had in mind that His creation would be damaged and destroyed. We are caretakers not landowners. We owe God the best of our talents to keep His creation in the condition He gave it to us

Maybe the last few months have us an idea of our flaws and how to correct them. THINK ABOUT IT!!! \*

# Spouse Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am 65 and still working and plan to work for some time to come. My birthdate is February 1955. My wife is 64 and not working. Her birthdate is January 1956. Half of my benefit is more than half of hers. I am confused on the spousal benefit rules. If she were to take her Social Security early before she reaches her full retirement age, what are the rules that affect her Signed: **Confused Husband** 

#### **Dear Confused:**

First I must clarify that spousal benefits do not work as you have suggested, that "half of my benefit is more than half of hers." Spousal benefits are always based upon the amount the individuals are due at their full retirement age, regardless of the age at which they claim. If half of your benefit at your full retirement age (FRA) is more than your wife's full benefit at her full retirement age, then the difference between those two numbers is a "spousal boost" which is added to your wife's own about 2.5 times in the year payment amount when her you reach your FRA and spouse benefit starts. If she goes away when you reach has reached her FRA when your full retirement age. you claim and her spouse benefit starts, your wife ment age is 66 years and will get the entire spou- 4 months and any bene-



your Social Security, so if she claims benefits before you claim she will initially get only what she is entitled to on her own work record. Then when you claim, the "spousal boost" will be added to her benefit. If you claim at your FRA, your wife will not yet have reached her full retirement age, so her spousal boost amount will be reduced and added to her own reduced benefit amount, making her total benefit as your spouse less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount.

Your full retirement age is 66 years and 2 months, and you won't be entitled to full benefits until you reach that age. For your awareness, you can wait beyond your FRA and earn delayed retirement credits, up to age 70 when your benefit would be about 31% more than it would be at your FRA, but your wife cannot get her spousal boost until you claim. And also for your awareness, if you claim benefits before you reach your FRA and continue to work, you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings limit (\$18,240 for 2020) which, if exceeded, will cause SS to take back some of vour benefits. The earnings limit goes up by

Your wife's full retirethe spousal boost will be record prior to reaching

own work record (assuming she has at least 40 SS credits), but that benefit would be reduced to about 85% of what she would get at her FRA. And claiming at age 64 would also affect the amount of her spousal benefit when that starts. The only way your wife can get 100% of the amount she is due as your spouse is to wait until her FRA to claim any benefit. If she claims her own benefit at age 64 or any time before her FRA, not only will her own benefit be reduced, but her eventual benefit as your spouse will be less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount, even if you wait to claim until your wife reaches her FRA. That's because her spousal boost, when it occurs, will be added to the reduced SS retirement amount she is getting because she claimed before her full retirement age.

You are certainly not alone to be confused about spousal benefits as this is one of the most confusing areas of Social Security's rules. But I hope the above provides what you and your wife need to make an informed claiming decision

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#### Tithe On Stimulus Check?

#### Dear Dave,

Should my wife and I tithe on our stimulus checks? She thinks we should, but I'm not sure. In my mind, we already gave our money to Caesar - so to speak – and now he's just giving it back. What do you think?

#### -Luke

#### Dear Luke,

Well, it's your money you're getting back. The government doesn't really a year, and we're debtcreate anything, it only free except for our house. authored seven best-selling takes money from us. And We're following your books, including The Total in this case, it gave you plan, and just started sav- Money Makeover. The Dave back some of what it took. ing for retirement, but we Ramsey Show is heard by I don't really see that as a only have \$15,000 left on more than 14 million listentithing circumstance.

## **Dave Ramsey Says**

for retirement?

Dear Nate,

I'm generally pretty hard-

core about sticking with the

proper order while doing

the Baby Steps. But in your

case, with such a small

amount left to pay on your

home, I think I'd go ahead

Most of the people I talk

to still have six figures left

on their mortgages. There's

a big difference between

that and the situation you

two are in right now. Think

about it, you guys could

be completely debt-free

by Christmas, and you've

already started to make a

move on retirement plan-

Dave Ramsey is CEO of

Ramsey Solutions. He has

ning. I say go for it!

-Dave

and knock that out.

-Nate

tithe or not tithe because of a set of rules, but if you're having a theological or philosophical discussion about the tithe and how it works, I think your reasoning is sound.

It's certainly not a salvation issue, but generosity is a good rhythm to have in your life. And honestly, these stimulus checks are kind of like tax refunds. You gave it to the government, and now they're giving it back.

So, in my mind it's okay either way. I've just always had an attitude of when in doubt, it's better to give.

-Dave

#### Go Ahead, Knock It Out

Dear Dave,

# We make about \$70,000

The other side of the coin is that you really can't go wrong being generous. The tithe is your baseline for generosity. You shouldn't

our mortgage. We can have that paid off in six or seven months, so would it be okay to go ahead and pay off our home as soon as possible com and on Twitter at @ before continuing to save DaveRamsey.

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reduced. Your wife cannot that age will be reduced. social-security-advisory) until you start collecting her own benefit from her amacfoundation.org.

# A Sad Day for Our Summer

#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - An update from Gridley Parks and Recreation Director, Trina Leishman, announces a cancelation that will sadden the youth of Gridley and their families

Leishman states, "Due to COVID-19 precautions, following California State and Butte County Health guidelines for re-opening, Gridley Recreation Youth Summer programs do not fit under Stage 2 and currently there is not a plan in place for safe re-opening by Butte County for such programs. Unfortunately, that means we have to cancel ALL Gridley Recreation Youth Summer Programs for the Summer of 2020."

The Recreation Youth Summer Program is home to such fun activities as craft classes, science camps and more. Leishman says in her online post, "My heart is broken for our community's youth having so much taken from them during this time. Our first priority is to the health and safety of our community members and we will continue to follow current updates regarding youth programs." She promises that "Summer 2021 will be the best line up of the Summer programs yet!"

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# **Gridley Thumbs and Roots**



#### By Barbara Ott

There is a two feet tall birdbath in the yard. It has a pedestal then a flared bowl bottom, then the bowl for water. One morning there were two snails in this birdbath. There was very little water ... one large snail was in the bowl of pebbles that waters the bees.

but maybe it was eating algae who knows. The second small snail was sliming its way out of the bowl. I though of watching to see it descend, but I had other things to do. Did I kill them ... no. Sometimes I kill them and sometimes I watch them. I regularly give them a The next early morning I chance. Sometimes not was out watering the fruit much of one. Fickle gartrees and realized that snails are explorers. There crossing the lawn blade of grass after blade of grass was a snail, fully extended and making fairly good time. Again, I watched and did not kill. I'm sure to kill them at some point. The next observation of the "how did it do that" school of snail wonder happened three feet Management).

It appeared to be drinking in the air. On a red-hot poker, Kniphofia there was a baby snail tucked under one of the flowers in the cluster. How many miles is three feet to a tiny snail? That sighting happened on a grouchy day so, I plucked it out and threw it over into the bark. dener that I am I did spread full strength poison in the front yard. The slimy-guys were after my giant Hosta. They were avoiding all of the crushed eggshells that were spread around to deter them so I applied the hammer. More poison will be applied as will eggshells. I do work with IPM (Integrated Pest

# Dear Dietitian

# **Apple Cider Vinegar**



#### Commentary by Leanne McCrate

#### Dear Dietitian,

Can you settle a bet between my sister and me? She says apple cider vinegar has many health benefits and that it even can help with weight loss. I say that's bologna. What do you say?

#### Thank you, Jenny

Dear Jenny,

If you check out apple cider vinegar (ACV) on the internet, you will find uses for it from weight loss to blood sugar management to cancer treatment. How is one to know what to believe?

Apple cider vinegar, or just cider vinegar, is made from apples and water that have fermented over time, producing alcohol. Then a bacterium known as Acetobacter converts the alcohol to acetic acid, and the concoction becomes vinegar. Some claim that ACV is rich in micronutrients and antioxidants. The truth is it contains mostly water, about 4% acetic acid, and small amounts of potassium and carbohvdrate.

Cider vinegar has a long and rich history. It is said that Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, prescribed it along with honey to alleviate a cough. It was also used as a disinfectant to clean wounds. The acetic acid would eliminate bacteria. which would help prevent infections.

Vinegar is still used today as an inexpensive cleaning agent. Of course, it is also used in salad dressings and other recipes.

As far as ACV health studies, there are few and they are small. A randomized, controlled trial of 39 participants studied its effect on weight loss. All the volunteers were put on a calorie-restricted diet for twelve weeks. One group was given 30 mL/day of ACV, while the other group was given placebo. The ACV group lost more weight and had reduced levels of triglycerides and total cholesterol compared to the control group (1). This study is greatly limited by its small size. It is too small to draw any real scientific conclusion. If the study contained 100 people in the control group and 100 in the ACV group, it might attract attention.

In another small study of 29 people, ACV was found to improve post-meal blood sugar levels in those who were insulin resistant or had type 2 diabetes. It was proposed that vinegar prevented the breakdown and absorption of some starches, thereby decreasing blood sugar (2). The same limitation of small study size applies here.

A misconception exists that the acid in vinegar can treat or prevent cancer. Although a study found that tumor cells died when treated with cider vinegar, these tests were done in a laboratory and have no indication of its use in the human body. The same goes for the theory that cancer grows more quickly in an acidic environment. These tests were performed on cancer cells in a lab. The human body has a built-in mechanism that constantly regulates pH balance, and it is not affected by what we eat or drink.

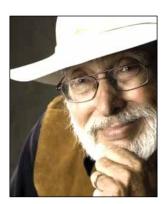
As with just about anything, ACV has potential harmful effects. Full-strength ACV can cause erosion of tooth enamel, which may lead to decay. It can also cause mouth sores and trigger gastric reflux. Proponents recommend diluting ACV with water before drinking it.

In summary, apple cider vinegar has versatile uses as a cleaning agent and food ingredient. However, there is no significant clinical evidence to support any health claims of ACV, and its use is not recommended in medical guidelines of any major public health organization (3). That should settle the bet.

Until next time, be healthy! Dear Dietitian

Leanne McCrate, RDN, LD, CNSC, is an award-winning dietitian based in 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.

# **Slim Randles'** HOME COUNTRY



"This is the year," said Dud, flipping his cup to the upright and fillable position. Mavis filled it up and brought him a saucer full of fake cream. "Been thinking about it, and this is definitely the year."

"Okay, I'll bite," said Steve, twitching his walruslike moustache, "This is the year for what, Dud?" "For everything!"

He stood and walked a complete circuit behind the chairs at the round table,

# the Year!

you feel it? It's gonna happen. This is the year of dreams coming to a total fulmination of wonder and delight. This is the year, for example, that I'll finally figure out how to reconcile the duchess and the truck driver in my book Murder in the Soggy Bottoms."

"You know," said Doc, "that still sounds to me like someone has a lot of diapers to change."

"And Doc ... this is the year. Yes, this is the very year you figure out what The Lunker likes to nibble on, and you catch and land him. It's inevitable.'

thinks," said Doc.

"And Bert, there's still

life, and I know this is the year you solve it."

"Mystery?" said Bert.

"Yeah. Didn't someone do a drive-by theft of your lawn sprinkler a couple of years ago?"

"Almost three now."

"See?"

"But why is this the year," asked Doc. "Why THIS year?"

"Well, actually," Dud said, "I bought Anita a pack of those taro cards and she's been having fun with them."

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# **Earthquake Preparedness**

Each year 12,000 -14,000 earthquakes are reported; that's an average of 35 earthquakes a day. When earthquakes strike a populated region, they can cause extensive property damage. Buildings and bridges can collapse, and gas, water, electric and phone service can be disrupted. Earthquakes can also cause serious injuries and fatalities. Scientists cannot predict precisely when or where one will occur. It's important to know what to do before, during, and after an earthquake:

#### **BEFORE** ...

Identify safe spots at home and work:

- Under sturdy tables or desks
- In structurally sound or strongly supported doorways.
- In a small room or hallway
- · Never take cover near windows or heavy furniture that can tip over, such as bookcases and entertainment units. Avoid poorly supported doorways, such as those with metal frames.

#### **HAVE A PLAN**

- · Family members can become separated during an earthquake. Be prepared by creating a plan for how to reach one another. Establish an out-of-area contact (such as a relative or family friend) who can coordinate family members' locations and information should you become separated. Make sure children learn the phone numbers and addresses, and know the emergency plans.
- Prepare a family disaster supply kit. Families with children should have each child create their own personal pack.

#### DURING ...

- · Stay Calm. The precautions you should take are determined by where you are when the earthquake begins.
- If inside, take cover and if you must move for safety, take only a few steps and stay there until the shaking stops.
- If outside, stay at least 10 feet away from any building from which window glass and other debris could fall. Move away from trees, streetlights, and power lines. Crouch down and cover your head.
- If in a vehicle, park in a location away from trees, wires, buildings, bridges and overpasses. Stay where you are, with your safety belt fastened, until the earthquake is over. Never stop under or on a bridge.
- · If in a coastal area, move to high ground.
- If in a mountainous area, watch for and avoid falling rocks, broken roadbeds, landslides and falling debris.

#### AFTER ..

Earthquakes are dangerous, but the disasters they can trigger such as fires, floods, landslides, tsunamis and avalanches can be more devastating.

Expect aftershocks, smaller earthquakes that can occur after a major quake. Monitor radio news reports for updates and the latest emergency information. The risk of injury increases for those who go outside too soon If you lose electricity, use a flashlight. Never use candles because of the possibility of a gas leak and the danger of fire. When authorities say the event has ended, check your home for structural damage, gas leaks, and fire. Report any problems to the appropriate authorities.

Record any damage that has resulted from the quake.

Source: FEMA, National Earthquake Information Center

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog Gridley Fire Station 74

## BCSO Announces Arrest of Berry Creek Residents Related to Domestic Violence and Marijuana Investigations

Butte County Sheriff's Office

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On April 21, the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) began investigating a domestic violence incident that occurred in Berry Creek. During the investigation deputies and detectives determined a female victim sustained serious injuries during the domestic violence incident. The victim was transported to a local hospital where she received in the 100 block of Bromilow

treatment for her injuries. After Lane. On May 6, detectives from conducting an investigation, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Junior Harvey of Berry Creek, 39. Detectives determined Harvey was cultivating a large amount of marijuana at a residence located in the 100 block of Bromilow Lane, Berry Creek.

During the investigation, detectives located large marijuana grows on three additional parcels located the Felony Investigations Unit and Special Enforcement Unit served search warrants at the four aforementioned locations. During the service of the search warrants numerous evidence items were located to include hundreds of marijuana plants, firearms to include an illegal assault weapon, processed marijuana, evidence of marijuana sales, and approximately \$47,000.

Detectives were unable to

locate Junior. Junior has a warrant for his arrest for one felony count of domestic violence, one felony count of battery with great bodily injury, and one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon. During the investigation Toma Malchov of Berry Creek, 45, Marta Stoyanova of Berry Creek, 35, Sompha Sipaseuth of Sacramento, age 38 and Anton Andonov of Berry Creek, age 50 were contacted. Malchov was arrested for possession of an illegal assault weapon, illegal cultivation of marijuana, and possession of marijuana for sale. Stoyanova was arrested for illegal cultivation of marijuana and for possession of marijuana for sale. Andonov and Sipaseuth were both arrested for illegal cultivation of marijuana.

The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information to contact Detective Brian Mollath at 530-538-7671.

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#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMIN-ISTER ESTATE OF ROSALIE RUTH MAHONEY

CASE No. 20PR00127 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Rosalie Ruth Mahoney, deceased

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Barbara Ann Wyman, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Barbara Ann Wyman, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows June 16, 2020 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD at Superior Court of California, County of Butte 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for

Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for petitioner is: Tom Gifford, Esq Law Office of Tom Gifford 113 W. North Street Alturas, CA 96054 530-233-3100 Publish: May 8, 15, and 22, 2020 MAHONEY 170622 5-22-20

TRUSTEE SALE NOTICES

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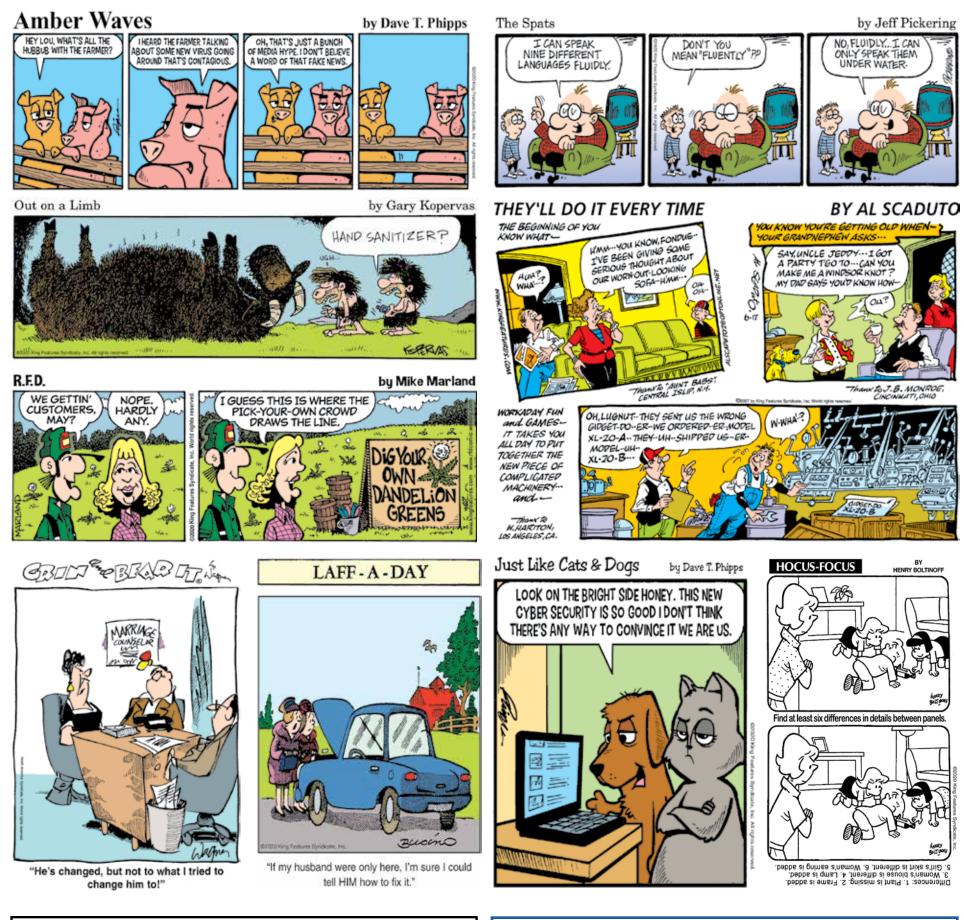
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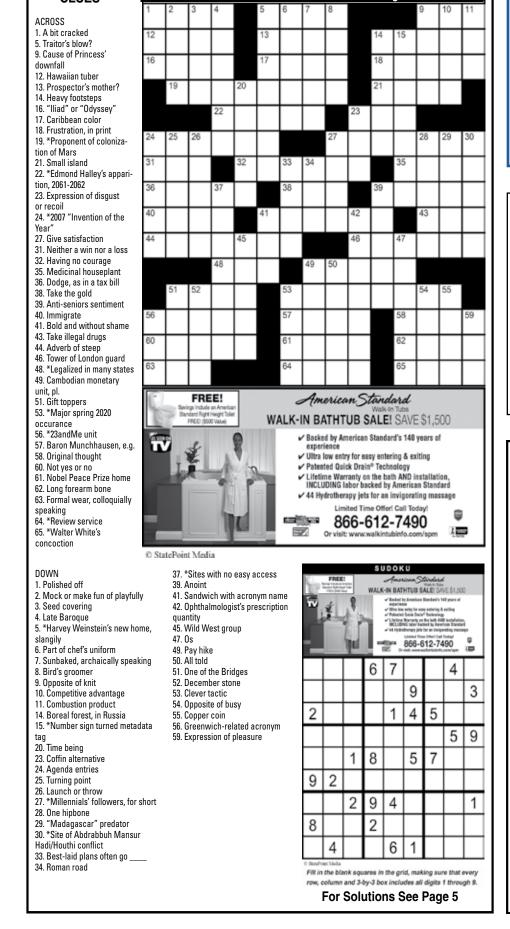


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# Support our Local 4–H and FFA Members!

#### By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - This coming weekend, May 16th, BidCal Auctions will be hosting the Chico Jr Livestock Auction, featuring local Gridley, Biggs, Manzanita and Richvale 4-H and FFA members.

Due to the cancelation of the Silver Dollar Fair, many of these 4-H and FFA members are left to find an alternative way to show and sell their animals. Bid-Cal will be hosting an online auction specifically for their 4-H and FFA projects, with bidding opening Saturday, May 16th and running until Thursday, May 21st. Auctions will include steers, hogs, lambs, goats, rabbits and welding projects. Visit www.bidcal. com to preview some of the sellers, get early-bird auction info, bid or donate!  $\star$ 



Gridley's Ali Khan gets ready to auction off her sheep at the BidCal online auction. Photo provided by Maureen Hornyak

## Expert Independent Review is Needed to Comb through PPE Contracts, Says Senate Budget Vice Chair

#### By Nghia Nguyen

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review and the Assembly Governmental Organization Committees will host panel discussions on the state's failed contract with one company - Blue Flame. News reports have since exposed more troubling failures in administration contracting efforts. Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) who, along with a group of lawmakers, has requested a thorough audit through the Joint Legislative Audit Committee of the sole source contracting practices in these multi-million dollar legal commitments, issued the following statement:

"This hearing is a step in the right direction."

"But taxpayers deserve a thorough forensic audit of how the state signed contracts committing hundreds of millions of dollars to bring federally certified masks but failed."

"Lack of an independent, nonpartisan

audit by competent experts is not acceptable. Without a full investigation into the procurement process that transpired, there will be public mistrust."

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Elected to the State Senate in January 2013, Senator Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba. To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. Follow him @CASenatorJim.

# Treasury, IRS Unveil Online Application to Help With Economic Impact Payments

#### By David A. Tucker II, Internal Revenue Service

**WASHINGTON, DC (MPG)** - Working with the Treasury Department, the Internal Revenue Service unveiled the new Get My Payment with features to let taxpayers check on their Economic Impact Payment date and update direct deposit information.

With an initial round of more than 80 million Economic Impact Payments starting to hit bank accounts, this new tool will help address key common questions. *Get My Payment* will show the projected date when a deposit has been scheduled, similar to the "Where's My Refund tool" many taxpayers are already familiar with.

Get My Payment also allows people a chance to provide their bank information. People who did not use direct deposit on their last tax return will be able to input information to receive the payment by direct deposit into their bank account, expediting receipt.

'Get My Payment will offer people with a quick and easy way to find the status of their payment and, where possible, provide their bank account information if we don't already have it," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Our IRS employees have been working non-stop on the Economic Impact Payments to help taxpayers in need. In addition to successfully generating payments to more than 80 million people, IRS teams throughout the country proudly worked long days and weekends to quickly deliver Get My Payment ahead of schedule.' Get My Payment is updated once daily, usually overnight. The IRS urges taxpayers to only use Get My Payment once a day given the large number of people receiving Economic Impact Payments.

type, account and routing numbers

Get My Payment cannot update bank account information after an Economic Impact Payment has been scheduled for delivery. To help protect against potential fraud, the tool also does not allow people to change bank account information already on file with the IRS.

A Spanish version of *Get My Payment* is expected in a few weeks.

Don't normally file a tax return? Additional IRS tool helps non-filers

In addition to Get My Payment, Treasury and IRS have a second a new web tool allowing quick registration for Economic Impact Payments for those who don't normally file a tax return.

The *Non-filers*: Enter Payment Info tool, developed in partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, provides a free and easy option designed for people who don't have a return filing obligation, including those with too little income to file. The new web tool is available only on IRS.gov, and users should look for *Non-filers*: Enter Payment Info Here to take them directly to the tool.

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How to use Get My Payment

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For taxpayers to track the status of their payment, this feature will show taxpayers the payment amount, scheduled delivery date by direct deposit or paper check and if a payment hasn't been scheduled. They will need to enter basic information including:

Social Security number; Date of birth, and; Mailing address used on their tax return.

Taxpayers needing to add their bank account information to speed receipt of their payment will also need to provide the following additional information:

Their Adjusted Gross Income from their most recent tax return submitted, either 2019 or 2018; The refund or amount owed from their latest filed tax return; Bank account designed for people who did not file a tax return for 2018 or 2019 and who don't receive Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits and Railroad Retirement benefits. Additional information is available at https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/ non-filers-enter-payment-info-here.

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Eligible taxpayers who filed tax returns for 2019 or 2018 will receive the payments automatically. Automatic payments will also go in the near future to those receiving Social Security retirement, or disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits and Railroad Retirement benefits.

General information about the Economic Impact Payments is available on a special section of IRS.gov: https://www.irs.gov/ coronavirus/economic-impact-paymentinformation-center.

Watch out for scams related to Economic Impact Payments

The IRS urges taxpayers to be on the lookout for scams related to the Economic Impact Payments. To use the new app or get information, taxpayers should visit IRS.gov. People should watch out for scams using email, phone calls or texts related to the payments. Be careful and cautious: The IRS will not send unsolicited electronic communications asking people to open attachments, visit a website or share personal or financial information. Remember, go directly and solely to IRS.gov for official information.

More information

The IRS will post frequently asked questions on IRS.gov/coronavirus and will provide updates as soon as they are available.

# **Gridley- Biggs Police Report**

#### April 27<sup>th</sup> - MAY 4<sup>th</sup>

**4-27-20:** At 11:47 am on the 400 Block of Spruce St., Gridley, CA, John George Lara, 49, was cited for a local misdemeanor bench warrant and an outside agency misdemeanor warrant.

**4-27-20:** At 5: 32 pm on Haskell and Cherry Streets, Gridley, CA, Cesar Alejandro Navarro, 36, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and for possession of an open container (23223 (b) VC).

**5-1-20:** At 11:14 am on the 200 block of Ford Ave, Gridley, CA, Ivan Melesio, 23 was arrested for rape by force/fear (261 (a)(2) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**5-4-20:** On Reed Drive and B St., Biggs, CA, Darleen Beechum, 54, was cited for knowingly allowing an unlicensed driver to use her vehicle (14604 (a) CVC).

**5-4-20:** At 9:14 on Reed Dr and B St., Biggs, CA, Elizabeth Rae Allen, 26, was cited for driving with a suspended license (14601.1 (a) VC).

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# **CHEERS** JOORS

#### By Damian Holbrook

#### **Cheers to Amy Poehler** and Nick Offerman

for crafting a fun way to pass the time inside. NBC's Making It hosts are encouraging folks to post their DIY projects to Instagram with the hashtag #MakingItAtHome for a chance to benefit local food banks in need.

#### Cheers to Disney +

for (Jedi) mastering Star Wars Day. "May the Fourth" was strong with what fans have been missing - Baby Yoda! -thanks to the May 4 debut of Disney Gallery: The Mandalorian, an

eight-part behind-thescenes look at the galactic hit's first season.

#### Jeers to CBS

for a God-awful decision. Pray tell, why would you cancel an uplifting escape like God Friended *Me*, starring the charming Brandon Micheal Hall as a man guided by a seemingly omnipotent online adviser, after only two seasons? With everything going on in the world, a show like this is needed more than ever.

#### Jeers to a Tiger King – Sized Overload

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At first, the Joe Exotic of it all was fascinating, but now that the phenomenon is more about memes and an unnecessary "bonus episode"

an unnecessary "bonus episode" aftershow with Joel McHale, the Netflix docuseries has become a joke. And animal abuse is no laughing matter.

Question: Fargo was



#### Is There More Life For the history of Ricky Ricky Gervais' After Life ?

Question: After Life is the best series on television, but this second season ended like a series finale. Please tell me there will be more of After Life. - Carolyn

Matt Roush: I wish I could, because my fondness for this poignant that the end of the current dramedy is nearly asenthusiastic as yours, but ful enough note that I feel as of now, Netflix hasn't renewed the series. And

Gervais comedies (which generally last only two seasons) might suggest this could be it – although in a recent *Q&A* on Twitter, he expressed a desire to continue with a third season, so let's hope that happens. Even should After Life not have a longer shelf life, I agree with your reaction season ended on a hopegood where we left these characters.

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Matt Roush: That "something" would be the pandemic, which shut down production on the fourth season before the final episodes could be filmed. With no guarantee of when the series could be completed, thus leaving viewers hanging, FX decided to postpone Fargo until business could resume. I'm expecting the long wait to be worth it, though it's obviously a disappointment not to have it back as a spring treat.

To submit questions to TV Critic Matt Roush, go to: tvinsider.com

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