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Gridley FFA's COVID-19 Plant Sale Tests "Positive"!!



Look at those colors! Gridley High Ag teacher and FFA Advisor, Matt Reed and Greenhouse tender Sierra Swinney, show off some of the gorgeous plants for sale at last Saturday's, Gridley FFA COVID Plant Sale. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The pandemic didn't stop Gridley FFA from holding their wildly popular plant sale this last weekend, which was dubbed the "COVID Sale."

Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor Matt Reed says that Gridley High Ag students began planting the seedlings and making cuttings in preparation for the plant sale in early/mid-February before the virus shut down classrooms. High School Junior Sierra Swinney, Ag T.A. and greenhouse employee, has been tending the plants in the greenhouse for the last few months. With hundreds of them ready to find new homes, the department decided to proceed with the plant sale as planned.

Measures were taken for shoppers' safety. In-person shoppers browsed veggies, herbs and flowers displayed in open-air atop haybales placed 6-feet apart to promote social distancing. Reed said that customers were really mindful, "paying attention and keeping their equal distance." Many took advantage of the order/pay online option, with scheduled pick up times at the greenhouse. This was the first time online ordering has been offered and Reed says that "It was a huge success. I am literally so shocked at how much, how many plants, we sold!"

Over 15 varieties of plants and vegetables sold out at the Saturday plant sale. Swinney said, "We had a lot of plants and they sold out quickly!" The plan was that any

leftovers from the sale would be made into hanging baskets for the FFA Red Suspenders Day sale. Although RSD has been cancelled, Gridley FFA plans to prepare plants for sale that weekend and for Mother's Day, including hanging baskets, color bowls and succulents.

In a Facebook post, the Gridley FFA thanked the public for the overwhelming support of their work saying, "We are beyond amazed with the amount of positivity we received for our COVID Plant Sale!" Reed says, "We're going to keep working and keep going to make sure everything gets sold." Updates will be posted on the Gridley FFA Facebook Page and people are urged to take advantage of online ordering as the pandemic continues. ★

Adventist Health Launches Virtual Assistant and Symptom Checker

**Special Release
by Abbey Clark,
PAN Communications**

YUBA/SUTTER COUNTIES, CA (MPG) - Adventist Health today announced its launch of the COVID-19 Virtual Assistant and Symptom Checker on the Adventist Health website, an easy and accessible way to check symptoms and obtain information about COVID-19 via online chat.

"During this unprecedented time of uncertainty and constant change, Adventist Health understands the essential need and our responsibility to provide up-to-date information and support to the communities we serve," said Ramesh Nathan, Medical Director of infection prevention and antimicrobial stewardship with Adventist Health. "We know patients find these resources to be helpful, and this online tool can provide an even quicker response to those seeking information."

Adventist Health worked with GYANT, a digital health company that specializes in AI virtual assistants for health systems, to develop the COVID-19 Virtual Assistant and Symptom Checker.

"We developed our COVID-19 Screener and Emergency Response Assistant to help hospitals and health systems manage the influx of patient inquiries during time of uncertainty," said Stefan Behrens, CEO, GYANT. "We're thrilled to help Adventist Health keep their patients better informed and help prevent further spread of the virus. Adventist Health patients can now receive the most up-to-date information they need virtually, without needing to leave their homes."

The COVID-19 Virtual Assistant and Symptom Checker, developed using guidelines and protocols from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), provides reliable, timely information to patients and community members. This free, easy-to-use tool is accessible 24/7, offers a symptom checker as well as provides options for a virtual visit and information on sheltering-in-place.

For additional information and resources about coronavirus, please visit adventisthealth.org/coronavirus-preparedness/. ★

Gridley Lions Home-Made Masks Give-Away

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Last week the CDC suggested that people throughout the United States of America use protective masks when they go into public places. As health professionals point out these masks do not protect against full exposure to the Covid 19 virus. The masks do keep the tiny droplets everyone breathes out from entering the common air space. The wearing of masks along with social distancing has been cited as successful ways to help slow down the transmission of the virus.

Looking forward to the probable community need for protective masks, the Gridley Lions Club is sponsoring a mask making project. Participating Lions are dusting off their

old sewing skills for this project of love toward their community. These home-made masks are 100% pre-washed cotton in two layers. They can be washed and dried. The masks are made from donated cotton fabric in a variety of prints. Most of the prints are novelty prints so they are bright and fun. Some will bring a smile into one's life. These prints are being distributed on a first come first serve basis, without giving personal choice for the print. These home-made-masks will be made and distributed throughout Gridley for free as long as there is fabric to make them.

If you are interested in having one of these masks for yourself and your loved ones please call: 530-680-5146 and leave a message with your name and contact number. Someone will



Lisa Donati received four masks for herself and her kids. Photo: Gridley Lions Club

call you back to take your order. If you are not interested but know others who would be, please let them know about this free mask

distribution. Should this become so popular that the busy sewing folks become overwhelmed, be patient you might have to wait. ★

The New Pi-Line



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

City of Gridley City Council has added this to their meeting City Council Meeting Minutes - “Our purpose is to continuously enhance our community’s vitality and overall quality of life. We are committed to providing high quality, cost-effective municipal services and forming productive partnerships with our residents and regional organizations. We collectively develop, share, and are guided by a clear vision, values, and meaningful objectives.” I must say that is quite a bit of prose and a clear challenge to Live Oak and Biggs to come up with a more comprehensive, inspiring, and thought-provoking statement for their Meeting notices. By the way they

April 6 Council meeting was cancelled. Live Oak has this on their meeting Agendas - “The Council may take up any agenda item at any time, regardless of the order listed. Action may be taken on any item on this Agenda. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Boulevard, Live Oak, during normal business hours. Such documents are also available on the City of Live Oak’s website at www.liveoakcity.org, subject to staff’s availability to post the documents before the meeting.” The State Constitution allows for a Poet Laureate; the California Poet Laureate is a Governor’s appointee whose mission is to advocate the art of poetry in classrooms and boardrooms across the State, to inspire an emerging generation of literary artists, and to educate all Californians about the many poets and authors who have influenced our great State through creative literary expression. Right now, the Governor has no Poet Laureate (perhaps he has

had other things going on). So there you have it, Live Oak as soon as the Poet Laureate is nominated and put in place, invite that person to spruce up your minutes and agendas.

Springtime is upon us, and Easter usually marks the beginning of what feels like spring. I say “feels” like, because the seasons to me don’t happen based on what the calendar says, the seasons come and go based on the amount of warmth during the day from sunshine. The flowers are coming out in the sun is shining more. Easter’s attachment to the resurrection of Christ reminds us of renewal and starting again. This may be the most significant Easter ever as many, many people are feeling a desire for things to change. Experience of the last two months is going to become a part of history, a situation that we will always share when we tell people about our lives and the times we lived through.

W.D. Burleson published the Gridley Herald for 50 years. Josh F.W. Cook is a public administrator and educator. ★

Local Student to Serve as Agriculture Future of America Ambassador

By Megan Karlin, Agriculture Future of America

KANSAS CITY, MO (MPG) - From Biggs, California, Claire Sheppard is motivated and determined to make a positive impact on the world. As a sophomore at Oklahoma State University studying crop and soil sciences, she is off to a good start.

From work experiences to leadership and volunteer opportunities, Sheppard pursues experiences that set her apart from her peers and prepare her to pursue a career in agriculture and food. Most recently, she was selected as an Agriculture Future of America Ambassador.

AFA is a leader and professional development organization for collegiate leaders and young professionals. Providing leader development, intern support and scholarships, AFA seeks to be a catalyst in the preparation of a new generation of agriculture leaders. Sheppard and her fellow team members will interact with agribusiness leaders, campus faculty and fellow students as they represent AFA during their year of service.

“AFA leader development programs provide students with the opportunity to learn from peers and industry professionals. I have learned so much about how the different sectors of the agriculture industry correlate and rely on each other. I have had great discussions on how my generation can overcome many of the issues agriculture currently faces,” she said.

Sheppard and the other 24 Ambassadors were selected through a competitive application process to increase awareness of AFA programs on their campuses and in their regions. Sheppard says she is looking forward to her experiences.



Claire Sheppard, Agriculture Future of America Ambassador.
Photo provided by Claire Sheppard

“I am excited to serve Oklahoma State University and Agriculture Future of America to share the message of leadership in agriculture with other students and to strengthen my own leadership skills so I may succeed in my collegiate and professional careers,” Sheppard said. Ambassadors will also interact with industry professionals at various events and meetings on behalf of AFA. The health of AFA’s relationship with a college campus relies heavily on the work of our Ambassadors. Sheppard says she is looking forward to sharing the AFA experience with other students.

Sheppard said, “Because of my involvement with AFA, I have been able to successfully expand my agricultural network with other students from across this country. Some of my strongest relationships have come from networking at AFA events, and I have enjoyed learning so much from other young agriculturalists.”

Sheppard’s entrance into the AFA leader development programs began

in 2019 when she was selected for the AFA Crop Science Institute. Since then, she has also attended AFA Leaders Conference and the AFA Food Institute. In addition to her involvement with AFA, she has also been active in other organizations including Alpha Omicron Pi- International Panhellenic Sorority, Agronomy Club and College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Ambassador.

AFA builds bridges for young leaders to foster engagement and innovation in food and agriculture. With program participation increasing 28% in the last five years, AFA has provided 21,000 leader development experiences to college leaders and young professionals from more than 200 colleges and universities throughout 43 states since its inception in 1996. AFA has awarded more than \$10 million in academic and leader development scholarships. For more information about AFA, visit www.agfuture.org or contact Megan Karlin at megan.karlin@agfuture.org. ★

IRS Issues Warning About Coronavirus-Related Scams

By David A. Tucker II, Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON D.C. (MPG) - The Internal Revenue Service urged taxpayers to be on the lookout for a surge of calls and email phishing attempts about the Coronavirus, or COVID-19. These contacts can lead to tax-related fraud and identity theft.

“We urge people to take extra care during this period. The IRS isn’t going to call you asking to verify or provide your financial information so you can get an economic impact payment or your refund faster,” said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. “That also applies to surprise emails that appear to be coming from the IRS. Remember, don’t open them or click on attachments or links. Go to IRS.gov for the most up-to-date information.”

Taxpayers should watch not only for emails but text messages, websites and social media attempts that request money or personal information.

“History has shown that criminals take every opportunity to perpetrate a fraud on unsuspecting victims, especially when a group of people is vulnerable or in a state of need,” said IRS Criminal Investigation Chief Don Fort. “While you are waiting to hear about your economic impact payment, criminals are working hard to trick you into getting their hands on it. The IRS Criminal Investigation Division is working hard to find these scammers and shut them down, but in the meantime, we ask people to remain vigilant.”

Don’t Fall Prey to Coronavirus Tricks; Retirees Among Potential Targets

The IRS and its Criminal Investigation Division have seen a wave of new and evolving phishing schemes against taxpayers. In most cases, the IRS will deposit economic impact payments into the direct deposit account taxpayers previously provided on tax returns. Those taxpayers who have previously filed but not provided direct deposit information to the IRS will be able to provide their banking information online to a newly designed secure portal on IRS.gov in mid-April. If the IRS does not have a taxpayer’s direct deposit information, a check will be mailed to the address on file. Taxpayers should not provide their direct deposit or other banking information for others to input on their behalf into the

secure portal.

The IRS also reminds retirees who don’t normally have a requirement to file a tax return that no action on their part is needed to receive their \$1,200 economic impact payment. Seniors should be especially careful during this period. The IRS reminds retirees – including recipients of Forms SSA-1099 and RRB-1099 – that no one from the agency will be reaching out to them by phone, email, mail or in person asking for any kind of information to complete their economic impact payment, also sometimes referred to as rebates or stimulus payments. The IRS is sending these \$1,200 payments automatically to retirees – no additional action or information is needed on their part to receive this.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that scammers may: Emphasize the words “Stimulus Check” or “Stimulus Payment.” The official term is economic impact payment; Ask the taxpayer to sign over their economic impact payment check to them; Ask by phone, email, text or social media for verification of personal and/or banking information saying that the information is needed to receive or speed up their economic impact payment; Suggest that they can get a tax refund or economic impact payment faster by working on the taxpayer’s behalf. This scam could be conducted by social media or even in person; Mail the taxpayer a bogus check, perhaps in an odd amount, then tell the taxpayer to call a number or verify information online in order to cash it.

Reporting Coronavirus - Related or Other Phishing Attempts

Those who receive unsolicited emails, text messages or social media attempts to gather information that appear to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), should forward it to phishing@irs.gov.

Taxpayers are encouraged not to engage potential scammers online or on the phone. Learn more about reporting suspected scams by going to the Report Phishing and Online Scams page on IRS.gov.

Official IRS information about the COVID-19 pandemic and economic impact payments can be found on the Coronavirus Tax Relief page on IRS.gov. The page is updated quickly when new information is available. ★

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Dustin Ray Womack

Dustin Ray Womack, 31, of Gridley, CA sadly passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2020, due to a car accident. He was known for his loving heart, loud laughs and his bubbly personality. Dustin was a strong man, very willed in every way he went, his strong intelligent mind always made him clear a new path in life. He enjoyed watching football; his favorite team was the 49ers. He also really loved animals, especially his dog Benny, and being an uncle to his 2 nieces and 5 nephews with one on the way.

Dustin was born in Oroville; he was the son of Wendy Lee Sierra (Riddles) and Billy Ray Womack of Gridley. Dustin graduated Esperanza High, and earned his AA in GE. Dustin worked in the construction industry, specializing in fencing. He was preceded in death by his grandmother

Patricia Riddles, his grandfather William Riddles, his Uncle William (Billy) Riddles, and his Aunt Evon McCutcheon, as well as his beloved dog Benny who was also in the accident on Sunday.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his stepfather Alfredo Sierra, his 5 sisters; Andrena Byers, Odessa Charboneau, both of Gridley, Adrienne Owen, Kimberly Johnson, both Biggs, and Marissa Womack of Idaho, 2 brother-in-laws; Clint Owen of Biggs, and Ray Pineda of Gridley, and his 2 cousins Danyell McCutcheon and Colton Guevara.

A visitation was held on Wednesday April 15, 2020 at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel for a limited number of people. Private funeral services were held at Gridley Biggs Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

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Butte County Sheriff's Office Announces Arrests Related to Paving Scam

Butte County Sheriff's Office

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Over the past several days the Butte County Sheriff's Office has received multiple reports from residents about a driveway repaving scam. After reviewing reports and contacting victims, detectives determined a paving crew was presenting themselves as employees of A-1 Asphalt Company. The crew would approach mainly senior citizens at their homes. The crew told victims they had hot asphalt left over from a previous job and could repave their driveways for free or at a discounted price. In multiple incidents, the crew gave the victims one price, started the work and then demanded additional money from the victims far exceeding the original price quote. All of the work performed was sub-par and will need to be redone. Detectives determined the crew responsible for the scam had performed paving work in Chico, Magalia, and Oroville.

On the morning of April 2, deputies and detectives determined the crew responsible for the scam was possibly staying in a motel room in Oroville. Detectives authored a search warrant for the motel room affiliated with the crew and conducted surveillance of the motel. Around 2:00 PM detectives witnessed three

individuals enter the suspect's motel room. The individuals appeared to be removing items from the motel room. Detectives detained the individuals and served a search warrant at the motel room. During the service of the search warrant detectives located over \$100,000 in cash, two trailers with paving equipment in the motel parking lot, and evidence to support the three individuals were involved in the aforementioned paving scam.

Detectives identified one of the individuals as Patrick Connors of the United Kingdom, age 18. The two other individuals accompanying Connors were 17 year-old juveniles, also from the United Kingdom. Detectives determined Connors and the two juveniles had traveled to the Butte County area for the purpose of participating in the aforementioned paving scam. Connors and the two juveniles were attempting to remove the \$100,000 from their motel room when they were contacted by law enforcement. The \$100,000 is believed to be proceeds from the aforementioned paving scam.

Detectives arrested Connors for conspiracy to commit grand theft and elder abuse, for contracting without a license, and for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. One of the juveniles was arrested for grand theft,

elder abuse, conspiracy, and contracting without a license. The other juvenile was arrested for conspiracy to commit grand theft and elder abuse, and for contracting without a license. Detectives determined the crew was performing the aforementioned paving scam at multiple locations in California to include in the Sacramento region. Detectives also located evidence the crew had been in the Redding area.

Based on past experience, detectives know these types of scams are typically committed by transient or unlicensed companies that offer driveway repaving services. The subjects will contact residents, while specifically targeting seniors, and offer to repave their driveway for free or at a discounted rate through a verbal estimate. After completing a sub-par job, payment is demanded that typically far exceeds the original verbal estimate. BCSO encourages all residents to check the validity of contractors on the Contractors' State Licensing Board website at www.cslb.ca.gov, prior to having any work performed by a contractor.

This investigation is ongoing and additional arrests are anticipated. The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information to contact Sergeant Pat McNelis, Detective Jake Smith, or Detective Joe Hooks at 530-538-7671. ★

California State Parks Closes Additional Beaches and Parks

California State Parks Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With Governor Gavin Newsom's stay-at home order and the critical need to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, California State Parks announced additional temporary full closures of parks. Effective at sunset on April 3, in San Diego County, Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve and the following state beaches are closed until further notice: Cardiff, Carlsbad, San Elijo, Silver Strand, South Carlsbad and Torrey Pines. In Los Angeles County, the popular Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve State Natural Reserve (SNR) is also closed. A list of the closures can be found online at parks.ca.gov/FlattenTheCurve. The list is dynamic and is updated as needed.

To date, State Parks has temporarily closed some parks fully, meaning all vehicular access, trails and restrooms within these parks are closed. It also has closed vehicular access at all parks, including for off-highway vehicles and recreational boats; closed all campgrounds, museums and visitor centers; and cancelled all events. Some parks with vehicular closures remain open for locals provided they practice safe, physical distancing of 6 feet or more and are visiting parks near their primary residences.

Visitor guidelines

Many state parks continue to experience visitation surges that make it impossible for the public to implement safe, physical distancing. The State of California understands the public's need to

connect with the outdoors, but activities requiring travel by vehicle to destination parks or beaches are not appropriate at this time.

The public is reminded to adhere to the following guidance:

Stay home if you are sick; Stay close to home when you get outdoors. This is not the time for a road trip to a destination park or beach; Venture out only with people in your immediate household; Walk around the neighborhood and enjoy neighborhood parks; Always maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or more when recreating in the outdoors. If you cannot maintain physical distancing, leave the park; Do not congregate in parks.

State Parks will continue to monitor visitation and physical distancing at all state park units and if the safety measures implemented thus far are not sufficient to protect public health, additional measures may be taken to fully close more state parks. All Californians have the responsibility to "Flatten the COVID-19 Curve at Parks."

Virtual visits and distance learning

Instead of taking road trips to state parks during the stay at home order, State Parks invites the public to explore the nation's largest State Park System virtually. Many state parks are offering live feeds across their social media platforms, and state parks can also be explored online via Google Street View Treks. For those wishing to view the poppy blooms and other wildflowers in bloom right now at Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve SNR, they can view them via a Poppy Cam, which livestreams the

current bloom conditions. The park is also showcasing the blooms via 360-degree views and upcoming live feeds on the park's Facebook platform.

Additionally, the award-winning Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students (PORTS) Distance Learning Program is offering free home learning programs for families. Programs are now available between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. PDT, Monday through Friday. Each hour focuses on a specific range of grade levels where interpreters will read books and tell stories about their parks, tour iconic museums including Hearst Castle and explore majestic redwood forests and marine protected areas.

Families can register for the home learning programs by visiting the new PORTS website www.ports-ca.us. Currently, space is limited to 500 families per program, but thanks to an established partnership with Zoom Video Communications, PORTS will be increasing the spaces available for these webinars in the coming weeks to meet the growing demand.

In addition to the free home learning program, the new PORTS website also offers 360-degree virtual tours of various state parks, online teaching tools and links to popular State Parks YouTube channels and previous broadcasts. The website is updated frequently with new material and will continue to evolve as State Parks creates online content for families and teachers.

Visit www.parks.ca.gov/newsroom for the most up-to-date information on how the department is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. ★

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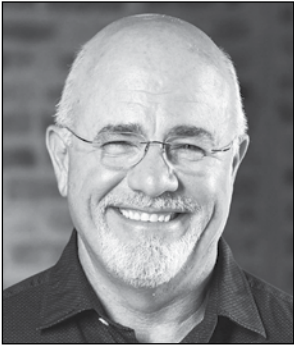
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Responsibilities Come First

Dear Dave,

My husband runs a small business that has never done very well. We have three kids, and I make \$55,000 annually in my job. Part of what I make has been going into the business for over a year to help keep it afloat, and we don't have a lot of money in savings. What do you think we should do?

—Stephanie

Dear Stephanie,

If you're putting other money into a business account, that's a pretty good sign you're not making money in the business. You and your husband need to sit down *together*, and do a household budget *and* a profit and loss statement on the business. You've got to get on the same page financially.

Put all his business expenses on the profit and loss statement in detail, and write out what it would take for him to break even each month. But honestly,

Dave Ramsey Says

with everything that's been going on with your finances, if he's not at least breaking even at this point, then it's time for him to do something else for a living full-time.

I'm an entrepreneur and business owner. Trust me, I totally understand the allure and excitement that goes with running your own business. But your own household and its immediate financial responsibilities come first. The only money that should go into the business account is income the business creates.

—Dave

No Free Passes

Dear Dave,

I own a small business, and recently a relative asked for a job with the company. I hate to say this, but I've got reservations about hiring her. She's basically a good kid, but not the most reliable person in the world. Do you have any advice on how to handle a situation like this?

—Bill

Dear Bill,

As an entrepreneur, you have the right and responsibility to do what's best for your company. That means you shouldn't hire anyone who isn't a good

fit — even a relative.

If a relative is qualified, and the kind of person who understands they'll have to bring it every single day, performing at a level equal to or above your other team members, that can be a special and rewarding thing. But if that relative is the kind of person who expects special treatment or is a problem child, that kind of situation can be a nightmare for you, your company, and the whole family.

Would you hire this person because they'd make a good team member? Would you hire this person if they weren't part of the family? If the answer to either of these questions is no, don't hire them. It's as simple as that.

The bottom line is you have to do what's best for your business, your immediate family, and your team.

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey. ★

Social Security Matters

Why Are our Medicare Premiums Different?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor



in premiums you refer to results from the hold harmless provision, which also permits all or part of a Social Security cost of living adjustment (COLA) to be applied to your Medicare premium increase, instead of going to you. Here's what can happen:

If the Medicare premium goes up in any year, some (or all) of your annual Social Security COLA increase can be used to pay for your monthly Medicare premium increase. But, if the COLA increase to your SS benefit isn't big enough to cover the entire Medicare premium increase, your net SS benefit stays the same and your Medicare premium amount becomes whatever level your COLA increase brings it to (up to the base premium for that year). That means that your Medicare premium could be lower than the standard Medicare Part B premium for the year.

Since the dollar value of a COLA increase varies according to the size of your Social Security benefit, those with a higher benefit may receive a COLA increase which more than covers the Medicare premium increase and the remainder is given as additional SS benefit. But those with a lower SS benefit will get a smaller COLA, which may not be enough to cover the increase in the Medicare premium. In that event, the Social Security benefit stays the same and the COLA is used to bring the Medicare premium up to, or closer to, the base premium amount. If the COLA doesn't cover the entire Medicare premium increase, the premium stays at a lower-than-base number. And this

recurs every year, which results in many people, especially those with a smaller SS benefit amount, paying a different (smaller than base) Medicare premium amount.

Here's an example: If your husband's SS benefit is \$1200/month, he got a \$19.20 COLA increase for 2020 (1.6%). The Medicare premium for 2020 went up by \$9.10, which was taken from his COLA increase. The remaining \$10.10 of his COLA increase was added to his SS benefit amount.

If your benefit is \$388 your COLA increase was \$6.20 (1.6%). That \$6.20 COLA wasn't enough to cover the \$9.10 Medicare premium increase, but it was applied to your previous Medicare premium amount to bring you to a Medicare premium of \$139.60. Your net SS payment stayed the same because your current SS benefit cannot be used to pay for the rest of the premium increase. But \$5 of any COLA increase you get next year will go toward bringing you up to the base Medicare premium amount. While this may not fit your idea of "rhyme or reason" it is, nevertheless, based upon a well-intentioned "hold harmless" rule which protects your Social Security benefit from decreasing.

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Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



Well 2020 started out as historic. A new day, a new year, and a new decade. Then in March along came a "doozie". A new moon, a Friday the 13th, and a worldwide crisis, the Corona 19 virus. What NEXT?

Some of us elderly were asked to be confined to our home, then everyone was asked. Ok not so bad! Many have lost their jobs or businesses as things are ordered closed until further notice. That's tough! Children are out of school and parents are learning how they act and how tough it is for teachers in school. Wow, eye opening!

I saw a Facebook post the other day that said, "Maybe God got tired of us and our antics and sent us to our rooms." Ha! Yep! Maybe, He did just

like He sent the exiles of Egypt into the wilderness or forty years. Out of that wandering came God's commandments, the creation of the Tabernacle, and the institution of Passover (communion).

Here at this Easter time our lives have been turned upside down. We've had to rearrange our normal activities to fit into the situations we now face. Churches are asked to close and go to live online services to safeguard members and the people of the community. But a strange thing has occurred — more people are watching than were attending. They are learning about Jesus, and the meaning of Lent and Easter. Now that is a miracle!!

Praise God, new avenues have opened to show us that God is still in control. Faith! Hope! Love! Passion! They all describe a loving, living, Father and Savior for a fallen world.

Look how people are going out of their way to

help others who need food delivered, ride to doctor's appointments, or even help finding toilet paper. Anything to help. People actually singing and playing music across city roof tops, others yelling, and clapping to honor the medical staffs risking their lives to help us all. Families are playing games, creating art, and eating together again. Even pets are getting more attention, even if they don't always want it. Maybe God is sending a message how we are one people that can help each other.

Maybe God did need to send us to our rooms for a time out. That's what parents do to misbehaving children — and we are God's children.

Happy Easter season! God loves you and so do we. Join us this Sunday in spirit as we will not be in our church building in following Jesus' example and pray for those in need of comfort. God will give us the strength to get through this. ★

How to Renew Your CCW During the Pandemic

By Seti Long

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - During this COVID-19 pandemic, many citizens have found that regular protocols have changed, especially when it comes to local, county and state permits. Sutter County Sheriff, Brandon Barnes, has addressed some of the public's concerns when it comes to concealed carry permits.

According to Sheriff Barnes, Governor Newsom's "shelter at home" order does not contain any provisions regarding concealed carry permits for CCW holders. At this time, CCW holders should not expect any restrictions to their permits but will still be required to complete the necessary renewal course

if their permits are set to expire in the next weeks or months.

In a press release, Sheriff Barnes says that, "We have reached out to the CCW instructors in our area and many continue to hold classes while complying with social distancing requirements." Renewals can also be completed through the www.suttersheriff.org website. Registrations and associated fees will be handled online through Permitium and all "in office" visits will be by appointment only as of March 26, 2020. "We continue to strive to provide the best service possible during this public health crisis," says Sheriff Barnes.

Source: Sutter County Sheriff's Office ★

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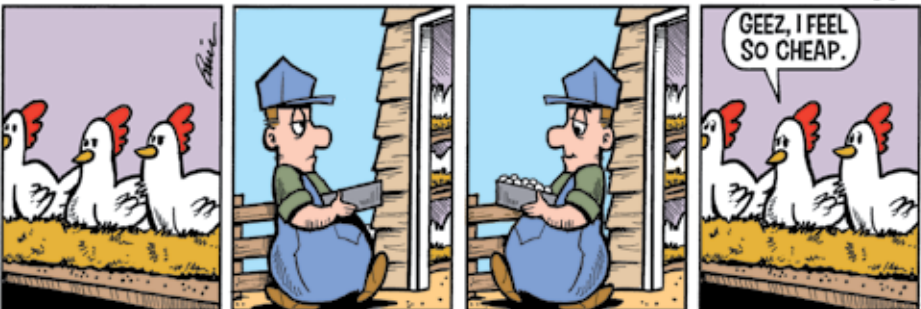
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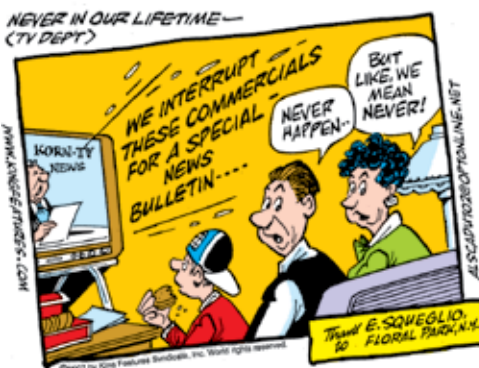
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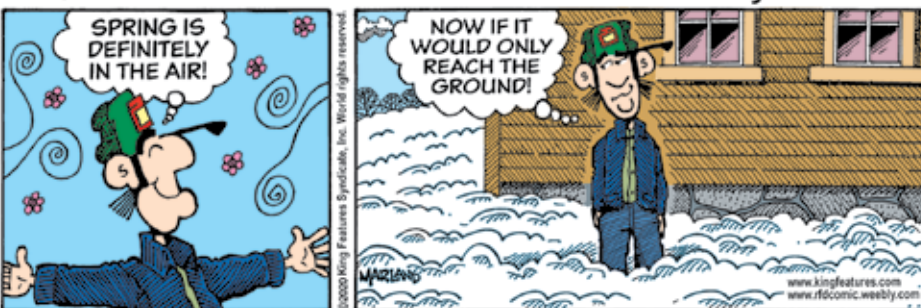
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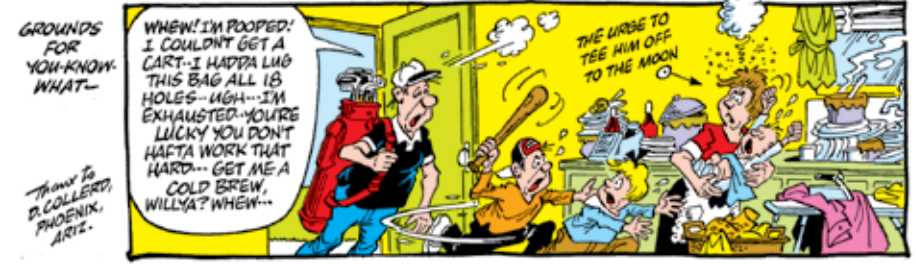
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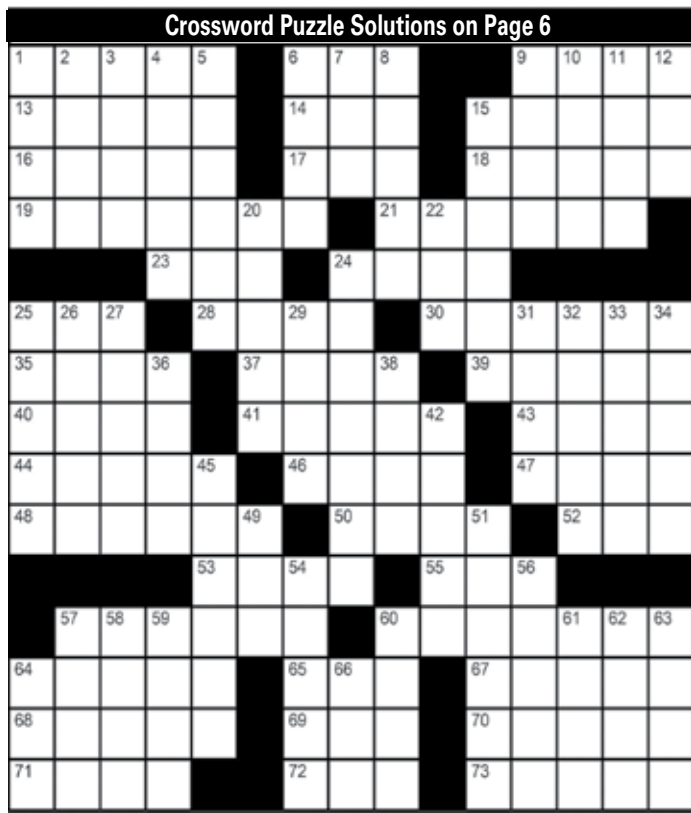


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 - Beneath, to a poet
 - Bird-to-be
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 - *George or Marcel
 - Langley agency
 - Can of worms
 - Pine juice
 - Up to the task
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 - Gives a helping hand
 - Veranda in Honolulu
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 - Waterwheel
 - Ladder crosspiece
 - *Valued for its down
 - Steelers' Chuck
 - Genealogical plant?
 - Treat for Dumbo
 - Hooftbeat sound
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 - Jim Carrey's 1994 disguise
 - Garden cultivator
 - *Roger or Peter
 - *Rocket or Rascal
 - *Random" audience member
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 - Famous Australopithecus
 - *____ the wild rumpus begin!"
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 - Doesn't mix well with water
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 - *Dolly
 - Eagle's nest
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 - *Simba or Elsa
 - Queen of Hearts' pastry
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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

With so much unknown on the horizon I find solace in the garden. There is a steadiness to the movement of the air, the growth of the plants and the sliming of the snails. Going outside in the shining sun or the dripping rain allows one to exhale and soak up beauty and serenity. Seeing the daily changes is a good

meditation and observation of both the small and large themes of one's life. Looking for ways to overcome fear, ways that lead into learning, ways that develop growth during a time of isolation and concern for oneself and for others is encouraged when that mandarin tree is loaded with future fruit in the form of tiny white buds. It is expanded when the dwarf peach tree flames forth with red leaves, when the tiny wheat crop from the bird feeder is ready to harvest. The birds are busy, their

flight alone is uplifting both figuratively and literally. The mockingbird working at finding a place to build its nest reminds one that there is a future and it is right now.

I keep wondering what other things I'd talk about at this season of the year. Blooming, fruiting, snails, aphids, fresh food from the garden they are all right there to be observed and to steady one's mind and heart.

Finding new ways to perform community service in a time of social distancing is much like gardening, there are ways to go ahead steadily and adapt. Joining the mask production line, if you know how to sew is rewarding. Easter has passed but the Easter Egg Hunt for a wide variety of creative Easter eggs, in windows for the children to find as they went around town was gratifying. Find your solace where you are planted. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Why they Call it May Day?

came past, one by one and shook Jeff's hand. Then they shook Windy's hand ... because there it was, outstretched and ready for a shake.

"Bless you," Windy said. "And a happy May Day!" "Thank you, Windy," said Mavis.

"And ... you know why they call it May Day ...?"

But Mavis was already gone and Windy was already through three more handshakes. These folks were in a hurry.

"Yo Doc ... you know why they call it May Day?"

But Doc and Mrs. Doc were already halfway to their car.

"I don't know about you, Rev," he whispered, "but these folks are sure in a hurry. Fills me with a

consternation at their respiratory souls."

Reverend Jeff just nodded and kept shaking hands. Then they were gone, and it was just Jeff and Windy at the top of the steps.

"They sure move on out, don't they? Beats me how you can corral 'em long enough to sermonize 'em."

"That's easy, Windy," Jeff said. "I shut the door."

"Have to try that ... one of these days."

"So tell me," said the smiling minister, "why do they call it May Day?"

"Ah shoot! They got me so flustered I plumb forgot."

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Dear Dietitian

Age-Related Macular Degeneration



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

My mother, who is 73 years-old, was just diagnosed with macular degeneration. I have read that nutrition is a part of the treatment for this condition. Can you explain?

Susan

Dear Susan,

Thanks to a lot of research, there are much better ways of treating age-related macular degeneration (AMD) today than there were twenty years ago. Currently, there are about eleven million Americans who suffer from AMD, and that number is expected to double to 22 million by the year 2050 (1). Treatment may include surgery, nutrition, and medicine.

The macula is the central part of the retina in your eye. It allows us 20/20 vision and the ability to see color. As AMD progresses, the macula breaks down, and if left untreated, will lead to blindness. Blurred vision is a symptom of macular degeneration. Be sure to schedule an annual exam with an eye doctor to be sure your eyes are healthy.

The top 5 risk factors for AMD include (2):

- Age- AMD occurs more in people over the age of 60 years.
- Smoking
- Family history of AMD
- Obesity- Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or higher.
- High blood pressure

While there are some studies that suggest the consumption of leafy green vegetables and fatty fish may help prevent the disease, the strongest research has been performed on those who have already developed AMD.

The Age-Related Eye Disease Studies (AREDS) and AREDS2 evaluated the effects of high doses of certain nutrients on the progression of AMD. AREDS2 modified the supplement derived from the first study and came up with the following: 500 mg vitamin C, 400 IU vitamin E, 80 mg zinc, 2 mg copper, 10 mg lutein, and 2 mg zeaxanthin. This combination was

found to reduce the risk of advanced AMD and its associated vision loss (3).

While many of these nutrients can be obtained in your diet, it would be virtually impossible to consume the amount needed every day in order to treat macular degeneration. Talk to your doctor and follow his or her instructions.

The following nutrients, along with the foods where they can be found, may help fight AMD:

- Vitamin C - citrus fruits, such as oranges, grapefruit, clementines, lemons, and strawberries.
- Vitamin E - sunflower seeds, almonds, peanuts, and some oils
- Zinc is a mineral found in oysters, beef, fortified cereal, Alaska King crab
- Copper is a trace element found in shellfish, nuts, seeds, wheat bran cereal, and chocolate. Yes, chocolate!!
- Lutein and zeaxanthin are antioxidants that function to protect the eye from damaging sunlight. They are plentiful in leafy green vegetables, such as kale, spinach, and turnip greens. Higher amounts are obtained in their cooked form simply because these vegetables cook down, and there is more food in one cup of cooked spinach versus one cup raw. Cooking also makes it easier for the body to absorb these nutrients. One more very important reason to eat your veggies!

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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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. ★

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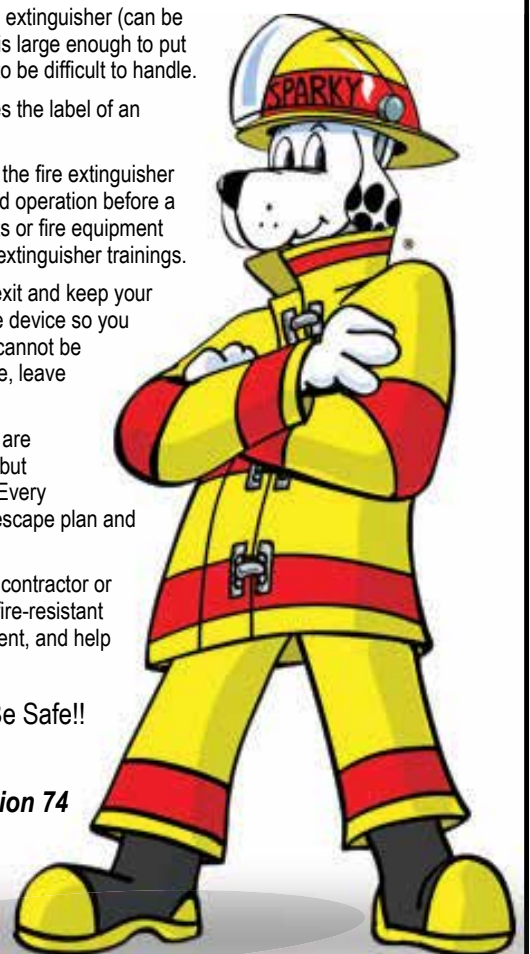
- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
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- **P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- **A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- **S**weep the nozzle from side-to-side.
- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS FOR LEASE-LEASEBACK PROJECT

Landmark Construction is requesting SUBCONTRACT BIDS for the Manzanita ES New Construction and Modernization project. Scope includes the Modernization of two existing buildings: Building A - Administration, classrooms, multipurpose and restrooms. Building B - Classrooms and restrooms and new campus-wide fire alarm system and modifications to the parking and passenger loading areas. The New Construction consists of the addition of new modular buildings by American Modular Systems (under separate contract), accessible path of travel upgrades, new concrete courtyard, new middle school playground, basketball courts. Refer to the plans for a complete scope. Landmark encourages the participation of local and DVBE businesses.

Interested subcontractors must submit bids on or before April 29, 2020 at 2PM, to Landmark Construction via fax at 916-663-1867 or frontdesk@landmarkconst.net. Contract documents are available for download at www.landmarkconst.net/plan-room/.

Questions regarding this bid must be directed to frontdesk@landmarkconst.net.

The Gridley Herald April 17 and 24, 2020

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Biggs Unified School District ("District"), in accordance with Education Code section 17406(a)(2)(C) and Public Contract Code section 20111.6, is currently seeking proposals from prequalified firms for lease-leaseback ("LLB") construction services for construction of the District's four site modernization projects (the "Projects"). The full scope of the work for the Projects is set forth in the Request for Proposals and Qualifications ("RFP/Q") and is on file with the District Office located at 300 B Street Biggs, CA 95917. Please contact Zane Schreder at 530-228-9733 with any questions. Any proposer that submits a proposal and is not prequalified will be deemed non-responsive and the proposal will be rejected and returned unopened.

The successful proposer must possess a valid and active Class B license at time of submittal of the proposal. The proposer and all subcontractors (of any tier) must be currently registered and qualified to perform public works in accordance with Labor Code section 1725.5.

Pursuant to Labor Code section 1720 et seq., it shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under such contractor, to pay not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the contract, including holiday and overtime work as well as employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, and similar purposes.

This project is subject to a 3% Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBE) requirements as outlined by Public Contract Code Sections 10115 et seq. The applicable forms must be completed and submitted with your bid. Should prospective bidders need assistance in identifying DVBE or implementing provisions of DVBE regulations, please contact the Office of Small Business and DVBE Services at (916) 375-4940.

The District will select a lease-leaseback contractor using the "best value" competitive procurement process under Education Code section 17400 et seq., that can assist the District with construction services. The "best value" competitive procurement process is an evaluation process whereby a contractor is selected by the District on the basis of objective criteria for evaluating the qualifications of proposers as set forth in the RFP/Q, with the selected contractor representing the best combination of price and qualifications.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any proposal or in the RFP/Q process. If the selected proposer refuses or fails to execute the tendered contract, the District may award the contract to the proposer with the second highest best value score if the District deems it to be in its best interest. The District reserves the right to contract for LLB services in the manner that most benefits the District, including awarding more than one contract if desired.

Proposals must be received no later than 2:00p.m. on April 29, 2020, at the office of:

Biggs Unified School District
 300 B Street
 Biggs, CA 95917
 Attn: Doug Kaelin, Superintendent

For more information, contact the Zane Schreder at 530-228-9733.

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FEMA Delivers Supplies for Field Medical Station (FMS) in Butte County

Butte County Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Monday, April 6, 2020, medical supplies provided by FEMA were delivered by the 146th Airlift Wing of the Air National Guard to the Enloe Rehabilitation Center located in Chico at 340 W. East Avenue. This site is designed to expand medical surge capacity as needed in response to COVID-19.

The site, which is now a Field Medical Station (FMS), will extend the county's capacity to treat patients requiring hospitalization. An FMS provides support and resolves health and medical capability gaps during public health emergencies that

exceed the health care systems.

FMS's are short term solutions for health care resources and not open to the public. Patients will be admitted to this location after a clinical assessment from a health-care provider.

The Enloe Rehabilitation Center will be converted and outfitted with 125 field hospital beds and supplies to treat patients in need of hospitalization.

Butte County Public Health worked with Enloe Medical Center to secure the location of the FMS. Because this site was approved, Enloe will be able to provide staff for the FMS and wraparound services such as dietary, housekeeping, etc. ★

March Precipitation Not Enough to Offset Dry Winter



Snow runoff in a Sierra Nevada mountain stream approximately 90 miles east of Sacramento off Highway 50 in El Dorado County. Photo: Jonathan Wong / California Department of Water Resources

By Chris Orrock, Department of Water Resources

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the fourth manual snow survey of 2020 at Phillips Station. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, DWR is providing video of the results in lieu of conducting a live media event on site.

The manual survey recorded 43.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent (SWE) of 16.5 inches, which is 66 percent of the April average for this location. The SWE measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack, which provides a more accurate forecast of spring runoff. Measurements from the 130 electronic snow sensors, scattered throughout the state, indicate that the statewide snowpack's water equivalent is 15.2 inches, or 53 percent of the April average.

In addition to the manual

snow surveys and automated snow measuring sites, DWR is collaborating to augment the measurements with satellite and air-borne remote-sensed data. These experimental data products provide additional detail to the spatial patterns of snow water accumulation in the watersheds that helps inform and guide forecast runoff quantities and timing. Such data gathering will be a key adaptation strategy as climate change impacts continue to mount.

"While today's survey results show our snowpack is better off than it was just last month, they still underscore the need for widespread, wise use of our water supplies," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "California's climate continues to show extreme unpredictability, and February's record dryness is a clear example of the extremes associated with climate change."

California is experiencing increased extremes and variability due to

climate change. In one year, California has gone from having the fifth best recorded snowpack to one of the 10 worst.

"Over the last decade, California's snowpack has been alternating between extremely wet and extremely dry," stated Sean de Guzman, chief of DWR's Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast Section. "In the past 10 years, we've seen three of our smallest snowpacks on record, but we've also seen three of our largest snowpacks on record."

On average, the snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water needs as it melts in the spring and early summer.

The state's six largest reservoirs currently hold between 82 percent (San Luis) and 125 percent (Melones) of their historical averages for this date. Lake Shasta, California's largest surface reservoir, is 98 percent of its historical average and sits at 79 percent of capacity. ★

Easter Accident Claims Three Lives

By Seti Long

THERMALITO, CA (MPG) - At 6:58 pm on Sunday, April 12th, or Easter Sunday, a vehicle carrying 3 adults and two children plunged into the Thermalito Dam Canal.

According to a CHP Press Release, the 2004 GMC Sierra, driven by 27-year old Sacramento resident Colby Allen Brookman, was heading westbound on Grand Avenue, west of Gold Country Lane, at a high rate of speed Sunday evening. Due to his speed Brookman was unable to stop where the

roadway ended, causing the GMC to leave the roadway where the pickup collided with a fence before slamming into an embankment and becoming airborne. The vehicle came to rest in the Thermalito Dam canal.

Brookman and passenger Jlynne Stothers, 23, who was riding in the front, were able to extricate themselves from the vehicle but a 32-year old male adult and two female children, ages 1 year and 7 months, were stuck in the back of the vehicle. Emergency personnel were able to free

the passengers, but they were in terrible shape. The adult passenger sustained fatal injuries from the collision and the two children were transported to Enloe and Oroville Hospitals with major injuries. The minors succumbed to their injuries the following morning.

Brookman was placed under arrest for Felony DUI, Felony child endangerment and Vehicular manslaughter. Brookman was transported to Oroville Medical Center, where he remains in CHP custody. ★

Butte County Sheriff's Office Announces Arrest of Four Individuals

Butte County Sheriff's Office

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On April 11, 2020, Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Deputy Arredondo conducted a traffic enforcement stop in Oroville. Deputies identified the occupants of the vehicle as Christopher Gude of New York, age 26, Julian Jenkins of New York, age 26, Frank Perry of Georgia, age 35, and Samantha Reyessickels of Los Angeles, age 25. A records check showed Gude had a felony warrant for his arrest out of New York for homicide, and Perry had a felony warrant for his arrest out of Trinity County, California.

During the traffic enforcement stop, BCSO Police Service Dog (PSD) "Chico" conducted a free-air sniff of the public space around the vehicle. "Chico" alerted on the vehicle indicating the odor of a narcotic was coming

from the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle approximately 64 pounds of marijuana and approximately \$99,000 was located.

In addition to the arrest warrants, the occupants of the vehicle were all placed under arrest for possession of marijuana for sale, and for transportation of marijuana. Detectives and deputies interviewed all four individuals and determined Gude, Jenkins, and Reyessickels traveled from the Los Angeles area to Northern California to purchase marijuana. Gude indicated he planned to resell the marijuana in the Los Angeles area. Detectives and deputies determined Perry had traveled from Georgia to help facilitate a marijuana purchase.

The Sheriff's Office is asking anyone with additional information to contact Sergeants Pat McNelis, Brad Meyer, or Deputy Arredondo at 530-538-7671. ★

Two Recent Deaths Suspicious for COVID-19

Sutter County Office of Emergency Services

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Two Yuba-Sutter residents died at Adventist Health and Rideout both of which had what seemed highly suspicious cases of COVID-19 as the underlying cause of death. Both persons were in their 80s. COVID-19 testing samples were both collected recently and results are pending. Public Health will be sure to alert the public of the outcomes of the tests.

"We are saddened by this loss of life from suspected COVID-19, and it's a terrible

reminder of just how dangerous this illness can be for the elderly and chronically ill," said Yuba-Sutter Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu. "The most vulnerable in our community are at risk for the most severe consequences of this disease, and each person who ignores the order to stay at home or fails to practice good hand washing and social distancing practices increases the chances of spreading the illness."

Dr. Luu emphasizes that the most important thing people with COVID-19 symptoms can do is immediately isolate themselves from

others. She said Yuba-Sutter residents with mild cases should follow the recommendations to remain at home, avoid vulnerable individuals, practice good cough/sneeze etiquette, and maintain good hand hygiene. Those exhibiting severe symptoms should contact their physician or Urgent Care.

For more information, visit BePreparedYuba.org or BePreparedSutter.org. A bi-county Call Center is also fielding general calls at 749-7700. For information on the state order and state resources, visit COVID19.CA.GOV ★

Butte County Organizes Delivery Task Force to Assist Those Advised To Quarantine

Butte County Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services organized a Delivery Task Force for individuals who have been told by a medical professional to isolate or quarantine.

The Delivery Task Force started and is available to individuals with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, individuals who are awaiting COVID-19 test results, as well as individuals advised by

a medical professional to isolate or quarantine who have no support system.

Individuals who are interested in the delivery service can call 2-1-1 or the Butte County COVID-19 Call Center at 552.3050 for more information. Staff will assist in ensuring all available resources and programs are utilized before referring the individual to the Delivery Task Force.

The Delivery Task Force is intended to fill in possible gaps in resources. The Delivery Task Force can deliver basic necessities, such

as groceries and prescriptions. Payment for items must be made in advance. If payment assistance is needed, staff will assist the individual in contacting a local food bank and will deliver a pre-packaged box of food.

The Delivery Task Force is available Monday through Saturday from 8am-5pm. For more information, please call 2-1-1 or the Butte County COVID-19 Call Center at 552.3050.

For information on COVID-19 in Butte County, please visit www.buttecounty.net/publichealth ★

Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

April 5th - April 11th

4-5-2020: At 3:08 am on the 300 block of Park Street, Gridley, CA, Gage Reyes Hale, 20, was arrested for DUI (23152 (a) VC), having a blood alcohol level greater than .08 % (23152 (b) VC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

4-8-2020: At 9:38 am on the 100 block of Frank Hall Drive, Gridley, CA, Leslie Jean Portteus, 59, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

4-9-2020: At 9:07 pm on the 1600 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Craig Thomas Ortiz, 59, was arrested for trespassing (602(o) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

4-9-2020: At 9:52 pm on Archer Ave and Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Perry Keith Mcelyea Jr., 50, was cited for shoplifting (459.5 PC).

4-10-2020: On the 1100 block of Laurel St., Gridley, CA, Perry Keith Mcelyea Jr., 50, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

4-11-2020: At 3:49 am on the 1600 block of Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Craig Thomas Ortiz, 59, was cited for trespassing (602(o) PC).

4-11-2020: At 2:39 pm on the 600 block of Kentucky St., Gridley, CA, Craig Thomas Ortiz, 59, was arrested for elder abuse (368 (b)(1) PC), threatening to commit a crime which would result in death or bodily injury with the intent to terrorize (422 PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

4-11-2020: At 7:09 pm on the 800 block of Washington St., Gridley, CA, Michael Alexander Deleon, 27, was cited for battery (242 PC).

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