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Royals Visit State Capital



The Miss Butte County Royal Court poses at the California State Capitol. Pictured Left to Right: (Back) Miss Butte County, Haley Amator; Miss 1st Runner Up, Lauren Kelly, Director Kari Wheeler, Miss Teen 1st Runner Up, Kelly Duggins, Miss Teen 2nd Runner Up, Katie Bynum; Miss Teen Butte County, Adi Scott. Front: Missette 1st Runner Up, Ali Khan; Missette 2nd Runner Up, Addi Andes. Not pictured: Missette Butte County, Maddison Garcia; Missette 3rd Runner Up, Mia Luli. Photo provided by Stephanie Garcia

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The lovely ladies of the Miss Butte County Scholarship program had the unique opportunity to visit the California State Capitol on February 18th.

The scholarship program makes the trek to the capital each year to give the young royal ladies a first-hand look at how our State Government works. The trip is planned months in advanced and facilitated by our own Assemblyman Gallagher.

For about three hours, the Butte County royal court tours the Capital grounds and visits the Assembly and Senate Chambers to observe the process of how bills are made and voted on. Miss Butte County Scholarship Program Director, Kari Wheeler says that the experience facilitates the girls' "learning about their local legislature, knowing how their Assemblyman and

the Senate work" and gives them a taste of "the overall grandeur of the Capitol and the history in it."

The royal court was invited to visit Assemblyman Gallagher in his office, who posed for photos with each of the Queens, answering questions and educating them on the political process and proceedings that take place at the Capitol. Wheeler says, "Assemblyman Gallagher, every year, has just been extremely kind to us... tells a little bit about any bills that are being written or pertinent to our county. He brings a local spin to what he does on a state level."

Already public figures, many of the ladies of the royal court, especially the older Queens, are interested in careers at the county or state level, or as public servants. "I think it's really eye opening for the girls," Wheeler says, "they hear of this (legislature, bills and senate votes), but they

actually get to see it first-hand." Plus, the experience will be a memory that the 2019-2020 royal court will hold dear for many years.

Part of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program is to expose the ladies to opportunities, be it civic duties, educational trips like the Capitol visit, and continuous service to the whole of Butte County. "The program is wonderful as far as broadening the horizons of these girls," says Wheeler. "They work really hard... It isn't just putting a crown on their head - they're getting out there and serving Butte County as a whole. I love to watch their growth."

The Miss Butte County Scholarship Program will begin recruiting for the 2020-2021 year in March. Any young ladies interested in applying and being a part of this program are asked to contact Alyssa Tomlinson for more information at (530) 353-9797. ★

Sacramento County Detects 2019 Novel Coronavirus Case

By Brenda Bongiorno,
Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Public Health reports the first confirmed travel-related coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) case in a Sacramento County resident. The individual recently traveled from China, where an outbreak of the novel coronavirus has been ongoing since December 2019.

The adult returned from China to the U.S. on February 2. The individual took precautionary measures during travel and has self-quarantined since returning. During the quarantine period, the individual began exhibiting mild symptoms. In consultation with the individual's primary care provider, Sacramento County Public Health coordinated testing with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Currently, the individual is asymptomatic, but will remain home for mandatory isolation until cleared by Sacramento County Public Health. Sacramento County Public Health's investigation determined that currently, the public's risk of exposure is extremely low.

As a reminder to residents of Sacramento County, Dr. Peter Beilenson, Sacramento County Department of Health Services Director, said, "Cases in the U.S., including this first case in Sacramento County, have primarily been travel-related. The risk of COVID-19 to the U.S. public continues to be low. Sacramento County health providers are continuing to be vigilant, monitoring for acute respiratory illness, and gathering recent travel information to detect any new COVID-19 cases."

With state and federal health agencies, Sacramento County Public Health has a coordinated system with healthcare partners to identify possible cases, coordinate testing/diagnosis and management of suspect cases, lead investigations to identify those possibly exposed for infection control. Per guidance from the CDC, a clinical specimen was collected from the individual and was sent to CDC where laboratory testing confirmed the infection.

While the immediate risk of this new virus to the public is currently low, there are simple daily precautions that everyone should always take. CDPH and Sacramento County Public Health recommends additional information and status updates can be accessed on the County's Public Health website at SacCounty.net. ★

It's Time to Vote

By MPG Staff

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - It is time to vote! On March 3, 2020, Californians will participate in Super Tuesday voicing their preferences by voting for local as well as national candidates, State Proposition 13, local measures and the Presidential Primary Election.

California moved up its date in the election calendar and will be joining thirteen other states seeking to declare their preference for presidential candidates.

If you are not registered with a political party you will have received a ballot with no presidential candidates. You can, however, still participate in the nomination by requesting a ballot containing some party candidates or register to vote for the party candidates that require registration.

California's only statewide measure on the March 3 primary election ballot is Proposition 13, authorizing \$15 billion in bonds to build, repair and modernize schools in California. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association says this

proposition should get a "No" vote. The ballot wording is claimed to be misleading. Please do your homework and read the ballot before voting.

California Law Allows Time Off to Vote on Election Day

From the Secretary of State Office
To help ensure voters can get to the polls on Election Day, March 3, 2020 California law allows workers to take up to two hours off work to vote if they are unable to vote during non-work hours.

"Californians should make a plan now for how they will cast a ballot

on Election Day," Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. "Every registered voter has a right to cast their ballot before the polls close. If you can't make it to your polling place outside of working hours, you have the right to take time off to vote, without a loss of pay."

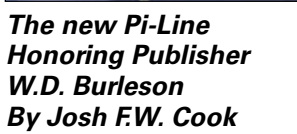
California Elections Code section 14000 allows workers up to two hours off to vote, without a loss of pay, if they do not have enough time to do so during their non-work hours. The law requires workers to notify their employers two working days before the election if they need to take time off to vote. Polling places are open between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Also, every California employer is required to post, in a visible location, a notice informing employees of their rights at least 10 days before an election. The Secretary of State's office offers these free, print-ready notices in 10 languages at: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/time-vote-notices/>

Californians can find early voting locations at CAEarlyVoting.sos.ca.gov. ★



The New Pi-Line



I dropped by the major national brand chain coffee shop in Gridley this week, which has no newspapers. Although everyone at the coffee shop was less informed than people who attend coffee shops that do have newspapers and other publications, there was a good group of good friends feeling happy and chatty. Perhaps there is an upside to Starbucks getting rid of newsstands? I had the chance to ask officer Jim Roberts of the Biggs-Gridley (Orchardville) Police Department when he was going to retire. He said he was close, but by the gleam in his eye, it may be that he stays on until he conducts police patrol activities in a wheelchair (he will only need two more wheels). Roberts started the Gridley Police Officer on a Motorcycle program and is a motorcycle safety instructor.

Jim came to town with the greatest Police Chief Gridley has ever known - Jack Storne. Storne came from central valley town where he was the City Manager as well as Police Chief. He swore Roberts into the Gridley Police Department at McDonald's, in secret in 1993. They did not publicly swear him in as his first assignment was being an undercover guy. Yes, it is that hard to get someone into Gridley that is not a cousin to or known by everyone (a downside of small-town living). For some time, I've wanted to ask Jim about his police dog and the aftereffects of a gun battle he had at the convalescent home behind the hospital in September of 1996. Nurses called in about a guy with a gun. Jim went to the nurses' station, and a guy started shooting at him. He ducked behind a cart, called for help, and exchanged gunfire until the issue was resolved. All in all, there were 20 rounds exchanged, and none of the innocent patients or staff were hurt. Jim did what he was trained to do, protect good people, stop bad people. It was not well covered in the officer-involved shooting report, but the gun battle had a serious negative impact on Natz, the police dog.

Police Dogs are trained to sit still in a gunfight; at the time, many police dogs were not trained for sitting still while their officer is shooting right next to their head. Natz was never the same again. I wanted to ask Jim if that was true, and he said it was. For many months after the sad events of that day, Officer Jim would be spotted running Natz around fields of Sycamore School playing fetch the ball - trying to retrain/recuperate his partner and vice versa. It was hard for us to watch because many of us in the community could tell something was strained; something was different. From that experience, I learned more about how to read the eyes of the soldiers I was called to minister to as a Chaplain Assistant later in my life. Utilizing a quick glance and a smile, I could ascertain which soldiers coming back from a deployment in Afghanistan and Iraq might be well served with some time with the Chaplain; or a chance to play fetch with a dog. Thanks, Jim.

Josh F.W. Cook, is a public administrator and educator at the University of Southern California. W.D. Burleson published the Gridley Herald for 50 years. ★

Northern California Christian Author to Speak at First Baptist Church



Paula Scott, Christian author. Photo courtesy: Paula Scott

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The First Baptist Church of Gridley has a long-running ministry called MOPs, an acronym for Mothers of Preschoolers. MOPs provides a special activity twice a month for harried mothers, but women of all ages and circumstances attend to enjoy the fellowship. Andi Wilcox leads the MOPs ministry and organizes a variety of activities.

The morning of March 6, a special MOPs event will be held, and Wilcox is reaching out to invite the

community. Paula Scott, a successful Christian author who lives and farms with her family in the Sacramento Valley, will be the featured guest speaker.

Paula has dreamed of being an author since she was a child. She's written for newspapers, magazines, Chicken Soup for the Soul, and Guideposts books. Paula gave her life to Christ in 2000, and has since published four Christian novels and a memoir. Her most recent book, "Farming Grace: A Memoir of Life, Love, and a Harvest of Faith," is her memoir about

returning to farm life and raising seven children with Scott, her husband.

Paula and her husband farm in the Sutter area during the summers. In the winter, Paula writes and Scott returns to teaching. They are the parents of seven children.

Paula will be the guest speaker at the MOPs activity Friday morning, March 6 at 9:30 am at the First Baptist Church of Gridley at 100 Vermont Street. The event is free and open to the community. Please see the Church's Facebook page for more event information. ★

SBDC Classes at Gridley Herald

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Butte College Small Business Development Center has been working with The Gridley Herald to help provide anyone interested in gaining valuable information on how to successfully launch, manage and grow their small businesses with local classes and trainings right here in Gridley.

The Gridley Herald has been hosting, for some time now, professional instructors from the Butte College SBDC and their students in a comfortable classroom setting at our office here in downtown Gridley.

The next training series begins March 4th and provides information essential to individuals considering starting a new business, and business owners in operation for a year or less. Sophie Konuwa, Director

of BC SBDC says that topics will include: Legal requirements, e-filing and e-paying with Employment Development Department (EDD), market analysis, cost analysis, creating a business plan and more. Konowa continues, "You will learn the legal requirements for starting a business, how to assess your market and plan for direction, how to obtain funding, types of funding available, calculate start-up costs and best practice for completing your business plan."

This 4-part training will be Wednesday mornings in March, held on the 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th. Classes are just two hours long, from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Registration deadline is March 3rd at 5:00 pm. To register, please contact the BC SBDC at (530) 895-9017 or visit them online at www.buttecollegesbdc.com. Be sure to register early and secure your spot! ★

Safe Credit Union Announces 2020 Scholarship Program

By Carole Ferguson, Safe Credit Union

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Safe Credit Union Announced Today It Is Accepting Applications For Its 2020 Scholarship Program. The Annual Program, Now In Its 20th Year, Awards 10 Outstanding College-Bound Seniors A \$1,000 Scholarship, For A Total Investment Of \$10,000.

With Safe's Commitment To Student Achievement In Mind, The Scholarship Committee Will Select Awardees Based On Their Exceptional Grade Point Average, Financial Need, Community Involvement, Work Experience, Letters Of Recommendation, And A Personal Statement.

Eligible Applicants Must Live Or Attend

School In The Counties Safe Serves: Amador, Butte, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sutter, Yuba, And Yolo.

The 2020 Application Package Is Available Online At [Safecu.Org/20w20scholarship](https://www.safecu.org/20w20scholarship) And At All Safe Branches. Interested High School Seniors And Their Parents May Also Call (916) 979-7233 Or (800) See-Safe For More Information.

Applications Must Be Postmarked No Later Than March 20, 2020, And Addressed To:

Safe Credit Union
Attn: Safe Scholarship Committee
2295 Iron Point Road, Suite 100
Folsom, Ca 95630-8765.

For more information visit www.safecu.org ★

Speech, Speech! Lions Name Winner



Gridley Lion Mike Dahl presents this year's winner, Sierra Brady, with an award and check for her excellent speech. Photo provided by Gridley Lions Club

By Mike Dahl

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -The Gridley Lions Club recently held their annual Speech Contest at their clubhouse on Washington Street. Each year a topic is selected by the 15 District Governors of the Lions Clubs of California that is of general interest to the public as a whole, and also of significance to the students themselves. The

purpose of such a speech is to encourage and support development of public speaking as a critically important life skill. The students who speak will also have an opportunity to participate in a contest that will reward a total of over \$103,000 in scholarships to the participants as they compete at each of the five levels.

This year Gridley high

school age students spoke on the subject of "Homelessness in California: What is the Solution?" Winning the contest and qualifying her to go to the next level was Sierra Brady, a Gridley High School student. Sierra will be giving her speech again at the Zone contest to be held in the Live Oak Community Center, on Monday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m. This contest is open to the public. ★

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Episcopal Bishop to Visit St. Timothy’s



Rt. Rev. Megan M. Traquair, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. Photo courtesy of St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church

By Fr. John Harris, St. Timothy’s Church

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Right Reverend Megan M. Traquair, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of

Northern California, will make her first official visit to St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, Gridley, on Sunday, March 1st, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Megan was ordained and consecrated

the eighth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California on June 29, 2019 at the Mondavi Center in Davis, CA. The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California comprises 68 parishes and missions, and more than 14,000 baptized members spanning the Northern California region. The Episcopal Church is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Bishop Megan will preach and celebrate Holy Communion and will meet with members of the congregation and community at a fellowship time after worship. Visitors are always welcome. St. Timothy’s Church meets at 410 Jackson Street, Gridley, California. ★

Red Ribbon Cut at Vierra Park



City officials, GBPD, their families and area children gather around Trina Leishman (center right) as she prepares to cut the red ribbon at the Vierra Park Expansion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Photo by Joe Woods

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Friday, February 21st at 4:00 pm, Gridley City Council Members Chris Williams, Zach Torres, Mayor Bruce Johnson, GBPD Police Chief Byers and GBPD officers, City Administer Paul Eckert and Public Works Director Daryl Dye, their families and the children of Gridley joined Gridley City Parks and Recreation Director Trina Leishman at the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Vierra Park expansion playground. Leishman had the honor of snipping the big red ribbon, surrounded by her supporters in celebration of the year-long project - officially announcing the new equipment installation completed.

Leishman spearheaded the expansion project, working closely with the City of Gridley Council and Staff. The Gridley Public Works Department helped to prepare the foundations of the park for installation, while Leishman secured multiple grants to pay for the new equipment installation by Miracle Playsystems. The city of Gridley matched her financial funding efforts, along with donates from private parties, including the Aaron Rodger Foundation, and the result has been an amazing addition to the community. In the two weeks that the new equipment at Vierra Park has been open for play, it has been in constant, heavy use from joyful area children and has left parents and the community incredibly pleased with the new additions. ★

“I am very thankful for Treasurer Fiona Ma’s quick efforts to ensure these tax credits are used as intended,” said Assemblyman James Gallagher. “If these changes are implemented, Butte County will have three projects that can benefit from the tax credits and immediately move forward. This will be a great step in the right direction for the recovery effort,” he continued.

“Survivors of wildfires and people who live in vulnerable areas face many struggles. Government needs to work for them so they can get back on their feet,” said Senator Jim Nielsen. Senator Nielsen and Assemblyman Gallagher intend to actively follow this issue as all necessary changes are made. Assemblyman James Gallagher represents the 3rd Assembly District, which encompasses all of Glenn, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties as well as portions of Butte and Colusa counties. Senator Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba. Source: Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher ★

North State Lawmakers Working to Protect Funding for Counties Affected by Fire

By Joe Zanze

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) and Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) are currently working alongside other representatives from wild-fire-impacted areas to ensure \$100 million in tax credits will be spent as intended by Congress. In Butte County, three housing developments could move forward immediately if the state regulations allow for these funds to be used as intended. In December 2019, Rep. Mike Thompson

(D-Napa) secured \$100 million in new affordable housing tax credits for counties devastated by recent disasters. Initial plans for the credit by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) suggested allocating the funds across the entire state. However, due to the efforts of California lawmakers and industry leaders, the CTCAC has expressed its intent to revise initial regulations to ensure funding is prioritized for the 13 counties hit by major disasters in 2017-2018. The CTCAC is also discussing

extending the allocations into 2021. “We are grateful for the efforts of our elected officials to bring additional resources to our community to help us rebuild after the devastating Camp Fire,” said Seana O’Shaughnessy, President of the Community Housing Improvement Program. “We have hundreds of families who are still struggling. With a few adjustments to the regulations, these tax credits would enable us to build 100s of desperately needed housing units in Butte County.”

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Registration fee includes a t-shirt.

VERY limited space available. Hurry Up!	Register from 02/03 to 03/27 at: Gridley Recreation Center 194 Washington St., Mon-Thurs, 9am-2pm City Hall 685 Kentucky St., Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm.
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For clinic dates and more information contact us at
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Spring 2020 FBI Teen Academy Application Deadline

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
Office of Public Affairs**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Sacramento Field Office encourages all high school juniors within the office’s 34-county area of responsibility to apply to attend the FBI Teen Academy. All high school juniors – whether enrolled in public, private, charter, or home school – may apply.

The Spring 2020 FBI Teen Academy is on Friday, April 3, 2020, at the FBI Sacramento Field Office headquarters in Roseville, CA. Students chosen to attend the academy spend an informative, interactive day learning about the FBI’s investigative priorities, participating in unique, interactive experiences, and engaging directly with FBI personnel. Graduates of the course are more aware of the threats their communities face, the

challenges presented by the online environment, and the personal choices that can affect their future careers, better preparing them to mentor their peers.

Interested students must download the Spring 2020 FBI Teen Academy application from the FBI Sacramento Field Office’s Community Outreach web page, obtain signatures on all forms, and complete an essay as directed in the application instructions. All application packages must arrive by mail, package delivery service, or be dropped off at FBI Sacramento Field Office Headquarters by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020. Students cannot submit applications electronically.

The FBI Teen Academy is a free experience for students attending the academy class; however, families may incur personal expenses for any travel necessary to attend.

The FBI Sacramento Field Office serves 34 of California’s 58 counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte,

Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Tuolumne, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba.

For more information visit the following websites:

*FBI Sacramento
Field Office Community
Outreach Page*

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/sacramento/community-outreach>

Application Package

<https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/fbi-sacramento-teen-academy-2020-112219.pdf/view>

*FBI Sacramento
Field Office area of
responsibility map*

<http://www.fbi.gov/sacramento/contact-us/territory-jurisdiction> ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



February is known as the ‘month of love. Florists, greeting card companies, candy shops, and balloon vendors prepare months ahead for the rush of customers that invade their stores. Second only to Christmas, the “Valentine month” generates interest in buying for others.

Showing love and devotion was one of the primary ways Jesus won his followers. He spoke of loving God with all

your heart and might, and your neighbor as yourself. These great commandments should demonstrate to us the best was to project love to our “unloving world.”

A rose fades, a balloon deflates, candy is eaten, and cards are packed away, but a tender word, a loving touch, or a helping hand to one in need is never forgotten. Jesus gives love every day, and we should follow the example. That one life we touch as we travel along life’s highway is more important than

anything we would find in a store.

A diamond, a pearl, a ruby, or an emerald is not as valuable as a life won for God. “Give of yourself to the Master. Give of the strength of you youth. Clad in Salvation’s full armor. Join the battle for truth.” (Grose and Barnard)

Join us in the Master’s love every Sunday at 10 am. The Gridley United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. ★

Gallagher Reacts to State of the State

**By Curtis Grima, Office of
Assemblyman James Gallagher**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Governor is right: the public has lost patience on the issues of homelessness and housing. Sacramento has failed on both issues, and it’s time to try something new.

I agree with the Governor that we must remove regulatory burdens and red tape in order to expedite much needed housing. But he fell short on providing any specifics. If he is serious, across the board CEQA reform must be on the top of the list. Policies like rent control, just-cause

eviction and inclusionary zoning only make the housing crisis worse.

On the issue of homelessness, I agree that the threshold for conservatorship is too high. Yes, we must protect civil liberties. But conservatorships are sometimes needed in order to get people the life enhancing services and support they need. This can be a win for the individual and a win for the community in which they reside.

Perhaps most of all, I was pleased to hear the Governor say that open drug use on our streets must no longer be tolerated (see the City of Chico). ★



QuickBooks Online

Butte College Small Business Development Center, (SBDC)
presents a workshop on
“QuickBooks Online”

Tuesday mornings, March 3rd, and March 10th, 2020, from 8:30am – 11:30am
at **Butte Small Business Development Center,**
2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

*Cost is \$50 per person prepaid or \$60 at the door.
Pre-registration is required (cash, check or credit card).*

This workshop will focus on: Introduction to QuickBooks Online, Navigating QuickBooks Online, Chart of Accounts, Products and Services, Vendors’ Expenses and Purchases, Time Tracking for Employees and Subcontractors, Customer Service Sales Transactions, Actual Versus Cash Basis Accounting, and other basic terminology. A live web-based test file provided by Intuit will be used. The trainer is QuickBooks ProAdvisor and CPA. QuickBooks Online manual will be provided.

New Venture Entrepreneurial Series

Butte College Small Business Development Center, (SBDC)
presents a series of workshops for start-up and new businesses.

“New Venture Entrepreneurial Series”

Wednesday mornings, beginning March 4th, through March 25th, 2020
from 9:00am to 11:00am
at **The Gridley Herald**
650 Kentucky Street, Gridley

Cost: Free - Pre-registration is required. Please register online.

This 4-part training series provides essential information for individuals thinking about starting a new business and new business owners. Topics include: Legal Requirements and Market Analysis, Cost Analysis, Funding Your Small Business and Business Plan Overview. You will learn the legal requirements for business start-up, how to assess your market and calculate start-up costs, and how to plan for direction and to obtain funding. Call or log onto our website for detailed flyer.

Assembly Bill 5/ABC Test – Employment Status Seminar

Butte College Small Business Development Center, (SBDC)
presents a workshop on

“Assembly Bill 5/ABC Test – Employment Status Seminar”

Thursday, March 19th, from 9:00am – 12:00pm
at **Butte College Small Business Development Center**
2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

Cost: Free - Pre-registration is required. Please register online.

This workshop is presented by Employment Development Department to help employers correctly classify employees versus independent contractor. You will learn: Assembly Bill 5 changes worker classification criteria effective January 1, 2020; ABC Test and excepted categories; How to distinguish between employees and independent contractors; and resources to help classify workers.

Please register online, call or stop by

Butte College Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico
530-895-9017
www.buttecollegesbdc.com
to register and for information

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Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

February 15th - February 22nd

2/16/20: At 8:19 PM at Lower Honcut Rd and Hwy 70, Uriel Garcia Contreras, 34, was arrested for driving under the influence (23152(a) VC), driving with a blood alcohol level of .08% or higher (23152 (b) VC), driving with a suspended license due to DUI (14601.2 (a) VC), driving a vehicle without an interlock device (23247 (e) VC), violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC) and possession of an open container (23222 (a) VC). Subject was booked into Butte County Jail.

2/17/20: At Cedar and Virginia Streets, Gridley, CA, Jesse Lee Burton, 41 was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC).

2/17/20: At 1:56 AM on W. Liberty Rd and Independence Way, Gridley, CA, Edmond Lewis McCullough Jr., 55, was cited for possession of a narcotic controlled substance (11350 (a) H&S).

2/17/20: At 3:21 PM on the 200 block of Ohio St., Gridley, CA, Daniel Eugene Kester, 30 was arrested for fighting in a public place (415 (1) PC), being under the influence of a controlled substance (11550 (a) H&S), public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

2/18/20: At 3:21 PM on Jackson and Sage Streets, Gridley, CA, Ryan Douglas Pitt, 34, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

2/19/20: At 10:03 PM at Gridley High School, Kyle Francis Williams, 38, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and for an outside agency misdemeanor warrant.

2/20/20: At 12:48 PM on the 1500 Block of Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Elizabeth Mary Muniz, 48, was cited for possession of drub paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and for possession of a narcotic controlled substance (11350 (a) H&S).

2/20/20: At 8:20 PM on the 200 block of D St., Biggs, CA, Travis Scoot Sides, 38, was arrested for public intoxication (647 (f) PC) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

2/22/20: At 5:43 PM on W. Liberty Rd and Hwy 99, Johnathan Erle Sherwood, 29, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Butte County Sheriff Report



February 14th - 21st

Case #	Date of Crime	Date Reported	Crime Type/Crime Classification	Location
20-01035	2/14/2020 17:17	2/14/2020 17:17	Larceny Theft/Grand Theft: Money/Labor/Prop +\$950	CHICO
20-01092	2/14/2020 16:00-12:00	2/17/2020 10:52	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	CHICO
20-01074	2/16/2020 14:24	2/16/2020 14:24	Assault/ Battery On Person/Misdemeanor	MAGALIA
20-01127	2/16/2020 18:00-13:00	2/18/2020 15:01	Grand Theft: Money/Labor/Prop +\$950/Felony	OROVILLE
20-01066	2/16/2020 00:45	2/16/2020 00:45	Assault/ADW Not Firearm GBI Likely/Felony	OROVILLE
20-01093	2/17/2020 12:39-14:14	2/17/2020 12:38	Stolen Vehicle - Felony	OROVILLE
20-01129	2/18/2020 19:05	2/18/2020 19:05	Burglary/Felony	MAGALIA
20-01115	2/18/2020 11:45	2/18/2020 12:53	Assault/ADW Not Firearm GBI Likely	OROVILLE
20-01158	2/19/2020 22:17-22:40	2/19/2020 22:13	Burglary/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
20-01167	2/20/2020 07:02-07:40	2/20/2020 06:58	Burglary/Felony	CHICO
20-01196	2/20/2020 16:04-16:35	2/20/2020 16:04	Assault/Battery On Person/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
20-01201	2/20/2020 21:40	2/20/2020 21:40	Assault/Battery Spouse/Ex-Spouse/Misdemeanor	CHICO
20-01216	2/21/2020 11:30	2/21/2020 13:36	Assault/Battery on Person/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
20-01212	2/9/2020	2/21/2020 11:12	Larceny Theft/ Petty Theft/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE

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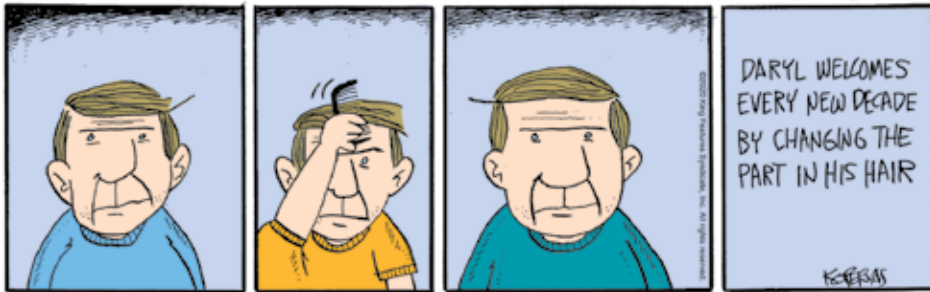
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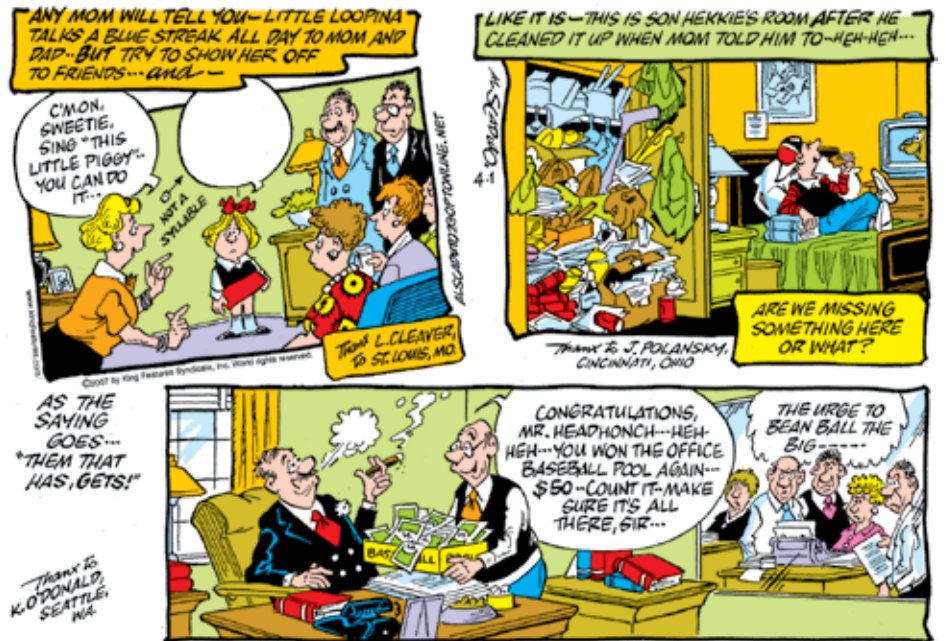
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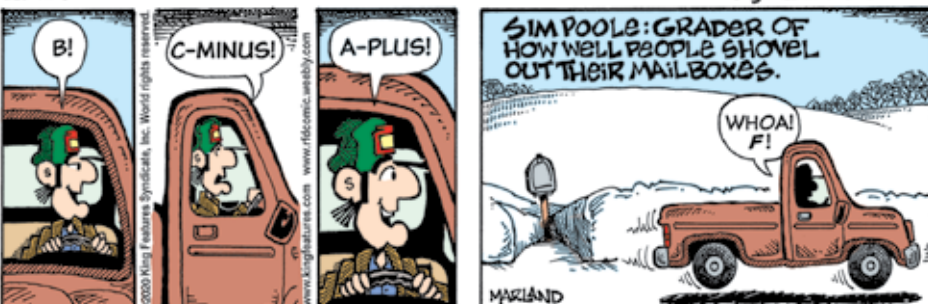
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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



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"You made centerfold in the seed catalog!"

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"It says, 'Serve at room temperature -- do not chill.' I wish they'd make up their mind!"

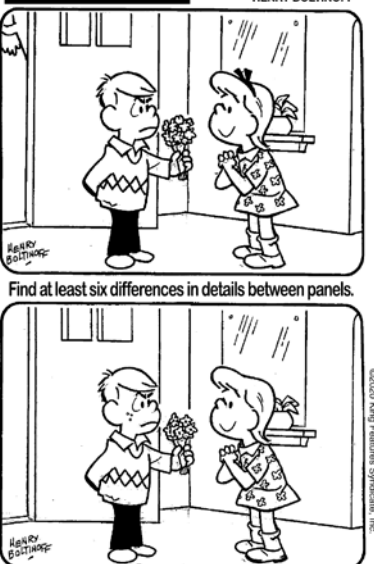
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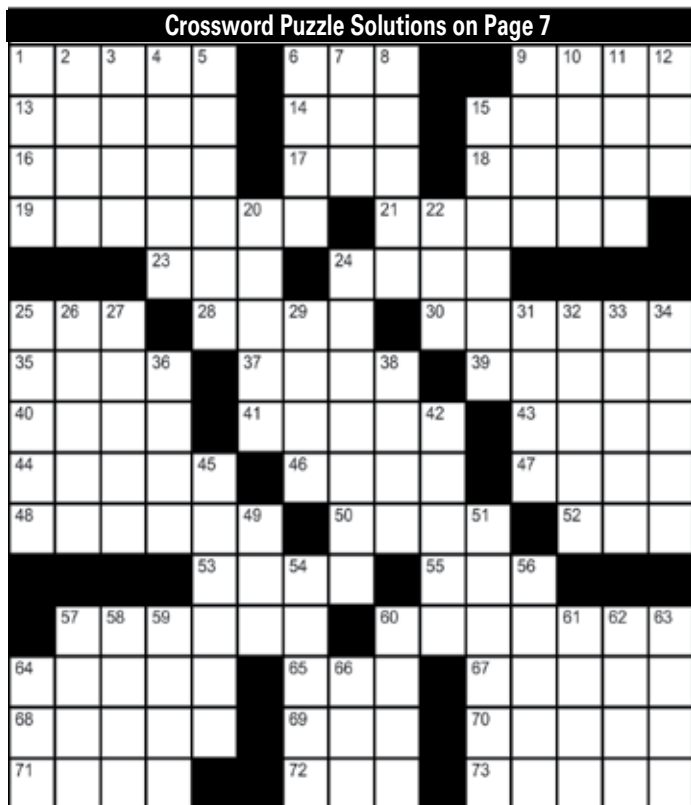
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CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Cause for September celebration
 - Net holder
 - Island near Java
 - "Pokémon," e.g.
 - "Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman wrote its first version in 1923, acr.
 - Archeologist's find
 - Synagogue scroll
 - Bag in Paris
 - "Behind ____ Lines"
 - "Aviation pioneer"
 - "She rebelled against sentimental novel"
 - Nurses' org.
 - Deceptive maneuver
 - Director's cry
 - Snow and cycling helmet manufacturer
 - Low hemoglobin
 - Bryce Canyon state
 - Something to do
 - Lady's Bella Notte date
 - Puerto ____
 - Bone hollow
 - Slang for heroin
 - Cake cover
 - ____ and drab
 - Roman robe
 - "Purple People ____," pl.
 - Defender of skies, acr.
 - Easter lead-in
 - Attention-getting interjection
 - Pres. Truman's 1947 creation, acr.
 - "She originated the little black dress"
 - "Hidden ____"
 - Knights' feat of strength
 - "Mary Phelps Jacob patented the 1st modern one"
 - Dickens' Heep
 - Ladies' fingers
 - Three strikes
 - Actress Rene
 - Crowd-sourced review platform

- DOWN**
- Better than never?
 - a.k.a. midget buffalo
 - 100 cents in Ethiopia
 - D-Day beach
 - Move a picture
 - Breather
 - Investment option, acr.
 - Last European colony in China
 - Crooked
 - Sheltered, nautically
 - Trace or outline
 - Slippery surface
 - Feel indignant about something
 - Indian cuisine dip
 - "Sally Ride was 1st woman in space for this country"
 - Speaker's platform
 - "1st person to win two Nobel Prizes"
 - Carthage's ancient rival
 - Implied
 - "She developed philosophy of Objectivism"
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- Pepsi rival
- Fling
- Rush job notation
- Inevitable occurrence
- Reduced instruction set computer
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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Last year birds pecked the Aprium fruit so my husband bought a fake owl and put it on the fence over the Aprium espalier. It looks great, very distinguished and large with big yellow eyes. It moves from side to side on the dowel he mounted it upon. I had my doubts as to how

this would help keep birds from the tree but who knows maybe... Recently I saw five white crown sparrows socializing with the owl. They sat next to it on the fence, they flew past it as it glared, they cheeped and hopped right next to it as it sat in silence. They appear to see it as good company. They are happy to hop down into the Aprium tree and tear apart the blossoms, no matter what the owl may be thinking or threatening in its almighty plastic power. When I noticed the blossom tearing and eating, I decided this must stop. You can salvage a pecked piece of fruit but if the blossoms are destroyed there will be no fruit to peck. Out came the silver

strips of mylar and on to the branches they went. No more petal eating birds, no more best friends with the fake owl. The shiny silver fluttering has discouraged all that birdy bravado. I'm also not putting bird seed in the feeders until the blossoms are done becoming fruit. Those little birdy beggars are twittering and complaining but they caused this to happen by their flagrant disregard for potential fruit. They could at least wait until there is something to peck. In the mean time the owl is a great yard ornament that I thoroughly enjoy seeing every day. I'm praying for rain. I've had to water already. The daffodils are dying off quickly this year. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Kite flying was the same when Mr. Pincus was a kid, too

behind the children, watching the taut dip in the string and listening to the rattle of the tight paper. The first time Marvin Pincus flew a kite in this park, airplanes didn't go very far or very fast. The other side of the moon was a mystery in those days, and no one really thought man would ever go there and back. Not really. And here these kids are, flying their kites the very same way, with the very same rag tails, and looking up at the earth-tied fliers climbing with the gusts and settling with the relaxation of the breezes. Marjorie watched from across the street as the Herrera boy walked over to Marvin, whispering something as Marvin leaned down to hear, and then handed the stick with the kite string tied to it to the

old man. His face beamed as he controlled flight once again. The kids smiled, too, probably not realizing kite flying was the same when Mr. Pincus was a kid, too. But what about the dreams? Marjorie thought about this. What goes through the minds of today's kite fliers who know what the surface of Mars looks like, who know what the far side of the moon looks like, who know there are human beings in a space station, living up there, right now? What will their dreams be as the kites dance? What dreams will dance now as they stand there and hold the miracle of flight in their fingers? Brought to you by The Complete Cowboy Bucket List. See it at LPDPRESS.com. ★

Crossword Puzzle on Page 6

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Sudoku Puzzle on Page 6

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Dear Dietitian

Vegetarian Diet

Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

I'm familiar with the food pyramid and five food groups used to help guide food choices over the years. I see some older references to seven food groups. What was this about, and why have we changed things over the years?

Thanks - Joe

Dear Joe,

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has published nutrition guidelines since 1894. It has changed over the years, and the more things change, the more they stay the same. In 1943, there were the "Basic 7" food groups. In the 1950s, there were the "Basic Four"; the 90s brought us the Food Guide Pyramid. Finally, in 2011 MyPlate was developed with five food groups: protein, fruit, vegetables, grains, and dairy (1). The changes over the years were basically over how to best present these guidelines. It is difficult to present every single piece of dietary information in one illustration. The purpose of the nutrition guidelines is to educate consumers on basic healthy eating. MyPlate provides a simple icon to illustrate what your plate should look like. It's simple: fruits and vegetables should take up half the plate; the other half should be filled with protein and grains. A serving of dairy is shown on the side (3). Of course, you can never please all the people all the time, and MyPlate has not gone without criticism. Some say protein isn't needed, that people understand what foods have protein. I disagree. Protein is a major nutrient and deserves to be there. Others claim the icon has been influenced by the power of politics. I can't speak to that; politics is not my game. But I can tell you that ketchup is not a vegetable. Neither is pizza. Still others disagree with dairy being on the icon, but osteoporosis currently affects over 10 million Americans (2), and we need three servings of calcium-rich foods each day. If you prefer a vegetarian source, fortified almond milk is a great choice. Education is only one step towards helping people change their eating habits. It's a multi-factorial task, and it's complicated. We like our food, and this is the land of plenty! Simply put, change is hard! First off, people must believe a change will benefit them, as in "Don't smoke because it increases your risk of cancer." Secondly, we must be motivated to continue the change. When we actually feel better, when we see physical changes in the mirror, or when the doctor commends us on lower cholesterol levels, we can accept that this change is good and will be more likely to continue it. In the meantime, if Americans sat down to two out of three meals a day, five of seven days a week, and their plates are half-filled with fruits and vegetables – that would be success!

Until next time, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

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Biggs Varsity Basketball Make NSCIF Division V Playoffs



Biggs High School girls varsity basketball player, Lilly Resendez (#1), looks to pass the ball as two CORE Butte Charter School defenders surround her on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Biggs High School boys varsity basketball player, Gregg Slusser (#5), flies through the air for the basket during the game against CORE Butte Charter School on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Biggs High School boys and girls varsity basketball teams secured their place in the Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation playoffs at the conclusion of their regular seasons. Both teams finished with a 7-3 Mountain Valley League record, finishing in third place.

Lady Wolverines varsity head coach, Tim Sheridan, coached the team to a 14-14 overall record on the season. The Lady Wolverines

have seen stellar play on the court from all players on the team, each contributing on both offense and defense. Most notably, senior Nike Gilcrease, junior Megan Shelton, junior Taylor Randolph, and freshman Brianna Rodriguez.

They secured an eighth seed in the Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation Division 5 playoffs and hosted the Los Molinos Bulldogs on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. The Lady Wolverines won the first round of the playoffs

52-45 over the Bulldogs.

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, the Lady Wolverines traveled to Portola High School to face the 26-3 Tigers. Unfortunately for the Lady Wolverines, the Tigers ended their playoff run with a final score of 63-24.

The boys varsity basketball team, coached by Buster Callaway, finished the regular season with an 11-14 overall record. The Wolverines have a dynamic group of players, each contributing tremendously on offense and defense. Most notably, senior Blake McClean, junior Gregg Slusser, junior Cali Navarro, sophomore Talon Gramps, and sophomore Cody Roles.

The Wolverines secured a number eleven seed in the NSCIF Division 5 playoffs and traveled to Modoc High School on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. The Braves pushed the tempo and jumped out to a huge lead, too big for the Wolverines to come back from, and the Wolverines season came to an end with a 75-40 loss. ★

SPORTS

Gridley Boys & Live Oak Girls Varsity Soccer Advance in Playoffs



Gridley High School varsity soccer player, Julio Torres (#16), tries to keep the ball away from Orland player, Marlon Reymundo (#10), in the NSCIF Division II playoff game in Gridley on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Gridley High School varsity goalkeeper, Jesus Mojica, leaps for the ball after a corner kick from an Orland player on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Gridley High School varsity soccer captain, Eladio Ramos (#6) and Freddy Anguiano (#11), prepare for a penalty kick against Orland High School on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

Gridley High School Wrestling's Road to State

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School boys and girls wrestling have been competing across the north state in most recent weeks trying to make a run at the state championships. After making a huge run at Regionals on Friday, February 14, 2020, and Saturday, February 15, 2020, Bulldog wrestlers secured their spots to move onto Masters the following weekend.

In Orland, the boys took 6th place overall, with Dallas Stevens and Jesus Rangle securing 1st place in their weight division. Jaden Taylor and Alex Avina secured 2nd place in their weight classes. Miko Montero took 3rd place and Sammy Schnepel took 8th place.



Gridley High School varsity wrestler, Dallas Stevens, poses with his mom, Danielle Stevens, and dad, Randy Stevens, after winning 1st place in the 134 pound weight class at the Masters Championships in Redding, CA on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Photo Provided by Randy Stevens

In Natomas, Malia Montero finished in 6th place after going 3-0 on Friday, February 14th, with two pins, and a shot at Masters for the third straight year. Angie Gutierrez went 1-1 on Friday, finishing in 8th place, and secured a shot at Masters the following weekend. Demetria Zepeda went 2-1 on Friday, with two pins, but did not place and her journey ended at Regionals.

At Masters in Redding, on Friday, February 21, 2020, and Saturday, February 22, 2020, Dallas Stevens and Alex Avina competed for a shot at State. Stevens won two matches on Friday and two more on Saturday to take 1st place in the 134 pound weight class and advance to the State. Championships in Bakersfield on February 28th and 29th. Alex Avina's

road to state ended in the 220 pound weight class with a 5th place finish.

Montero and Gutierrez competed at Masters in Stockton, but did not qualify for State.

Dallas Stevens will represent the Bulldogs at the State Championships in Bakersfield, California on Friday, February 28, 2020, and Saturday, February 29, 2020. Good luck! ★

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School boys varsity soccer hosted the Orland High School Trojans on Thursday, February 20, 2020, for the first round of the Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation playoffs. The first half of the game was a back and forth defensive battle with few shots on goal for either team, resulting in a 0-0 score.

The second half is when things really started to heat up between the two teams. With under thirty minutes to play Freddy Anguiano got dropped inside the penalty box that resulted in the first goal for the Bulldogs on a penalty kick. Eladio Ramos followed suit with the scoring with a cross shot from a corner kick.

The ball bounced off a Bulldog attacker back to an awaiting Ramos who headed the ball in for a second goal.

Orland closed the lead with a goal of their own to make it 2-1, before Damien Mendoza took a pass from Anguiano down the left flank, rifling a shot at the Trojan goalie. The deflection went into the small box to an awaiting Alberto Torres who tapped it in for the score. With about one minute to go in the game, Mendoza replicated the same run as before, this time floating the cross pass to Bryson Sousa who tapped the ball in to secure the 4-2 victory over the Trojans.

Gridley heads to Corning High School on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, to face the 19-1-1

Cardinals in round two of the Division II NSCIF playoffs. The Bulldogs set out to seek redemption after a 3-1 loss against the Cardinals in Corning on January 23, 2020.

Live Oak High School's, Bella Goodson, has been an offensive force to be reckoned with this season for the Lady Lions. In their first match of the NSCIF Division II playoffs on Thursday, February 20, 2020, Goodson put seven goals into the back of the net against the visiting Wheatland High School Pirates. The 7-1 victory moved the Lady Lions on to face University Prep in Redding, CA on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. The Lady Lions improve to 22-1-1 against a Panthers team that is 23-0-1 heading into Tuesday's match. ★

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Master Gardeners Present Free Gardening Workshops

By UC Master Gardeners of Butte County

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Twice a year, the UC Master Gardeners of Butte County offer workshops designed for the home gardener. The line-up for Spring 2020 includes a number of new topics, and those back by popular demand. Workshops are outlined below. Unless otherwise noted, workshops take place at the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at Patrick Ranch (10381 Midway). Workshops are free, and advance registration is required.

Companion Planting (Saturday, Feb. 29). Companion Planting is arranging plants so they attract beneficial insects, deter pests, and offer shelter and food for critters. We highlight the symbiotic relationships between vegetable, herb, and flower combinations.

Vertebrate Pests in the Garden (Saturday, March 14). Examine the habits of deer; discuss appropriate fencing; and learn about deer repellent sprays and deer-resistant planting. We deal with gophers and moles, and show you how to set gopher traps.

Journaling with the NEW Garden Guide (Wednesday, March 18). Explore the new-and-improved *Butte County Garden Guide & Three-Year Garden Journal!* Use the *Garden Guide* to find the best times to perform garden tasks, and discover plant, climate, and soil



Gardening with Chickens focuses on creating a symbiotic relationship between you, your garden, and your chickens. Photo courtesy Joyce Hill

information for our region. Use the *Garden Guide* to record lessons, and to keep track of plant and weather information. It will be available for \$25 (cash or check). If you have a previously published edition, bring it with you!

Propagation (Friday, March 20). Learn the best time to propagate woody perennials and divide plants; how to select and make cuttings; the proper techniques for dividing plants; the best planting mediums to use; and how to plant cuttings and divided plants. Take home several starts from cuttings. Bring garden pruners; all other materials will be provided.

Irrigation and Maintenance (Wednesday, March 25). We provide an overview of different drip systems and how to install them. You will learn how to troubleshoot and inspect your system, and how to make repairs.

Hoop Houses (Saturday, April 4). Raised bed covers, or hoop houses, extend the growing season for winter and summer vegetables.

See examples of hoop houses and the benefits of creating affordable covers for raised beds. We deconstruct one smaller style, and demonstrate installation of a larger structure to cover several raised garden beds.

Learn How to Grow and Use Herbs and Microgreens (Saturday, May 9): discover the best ways to grow herbs, and many ways to use them: dried, in teas, in herbal vinegars, and in home-made beauty products. We include recipes and samples. Learn to grow microgreens in your kitchen for salads, sandwiches, soups, and main dishes.

Hardscape in your Garden (Thursday, May 14), takes place at Sutherland Landscape Center in Chico. Choose hardscape materials that are permeable, so water will filter through and recharge groundwater. Include boulders, rocks, and loose rock walls to provide wildlife habitat.

Gardening with Chickens (Friday, June 5)

focuses on creating a symbiotic relationship between you, your garden, and your chickens. Explore garden design, and plants that benefit chickens. There are several resources on raising chickens that help you optimize space for chickens.

Our final workshop is **Firewise Landscaping Series** (four consecutive Wednesdays, May 13 through June 3). This is a course on rethinking your landscape design and maintenance to incorporate best practices for our changing climate. Topics include: considerations for California habitats; yard maintenance; garden design using defensible space guidelines; natural regeneration; erosion; mulching; fire ecology; post-fire care of trees and land; and the characteristics of those plants that provide the best fire resistance.

• **Registration is required at www.ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/Workshops**

We hope that you will join us for these free and informative explorations of our love of plants, gardening and landscapes.

The UC Master Gardeners of Butte County are part of the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) system. To learn more about them and their upcoming events, and for help with gardening in our area, visit <https://ucanr.edu/sites/bcmg/>. If you have a gardening question or problem, call the Hotline at (530) 538-7201 or email mgbutte@ucanr.edu. ★

State Water Project Allocation Increases Up to 15 Percent

By Maggie Macias, Department of Water Resources

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an increase in 2020 State Water Project (SWP) allocations to 15 percent of requested supplies, up from the year's initial 10 percent allocation announced on December 2.

Allocations are reviewed monthly based on snowpack and runoff information and are typically finalized by May.

"California gets most of its annual precipitation from a handful of major and infrequent winter storms," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "After some significant storms in December, January has been relatively quiet and is currently below average. We continue to hope for wetter conditions and must always work to eliminate waste and use water more wisely."

Precipitation in the Northern Sierra is at 63 percent of average to date. Statewide snowpack is 76 percent of normal for this date. The state gets about 30 percent of its annual water supply from snowpack. Snow water content

is one factor in determining allocation amounts along with reservoir storage and releases necessary to meet water supply and environmental demands.

Lake Oroville, the SWP's largest reservoir, is currently at 61 percent of capacity and 94 percent of average for this time of year. Shasta Lake, the Central Valley Project's (CVP) largest reservoir, is at 74 percent of capacity and 112 percent of average. San Luis Reservoir, the largest off-stream reservoir in the United States where water is stored for the SWP and CVP, is at 72 percent of capacity and 95 percent of average. In Southern California, SWP's Castaic Lake is at 72 percent of capacity and 87 percent of average.

The current 15 percent allocation amounts to 635,434 acre-feet of water. The SWP provides water to 29 SWP contractors who supply water to more than 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland.

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