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Gridley Area Schools Receive State Honors



Manzanita School staff, teachers and administration maintain their record as a California Distinguished School with their award for the 2020 year. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, recognized two local elementary schools, under the 2020 California Distinguished Schools Award Program -Gridley's Wilson Elementary School and Manzanita School.

In a press release announcing the 2020 California Distinguished Schools, Thurmond states "These outstanding schools don't just educate students; They also provide the young people of California the tools they need to be successful after graduation." He continues, "Thanks go to all the staff at these schools – teachers, administrators, classified employees

– and parents, who are working together to provide high-quality educational experiences for all of their students."

Wilson and Manzanita were among the 323 schools state-wide to receive the award and were 2 out of the 4 Butte County schools selected. Each year the state rotates nominations

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Is Gridley's FEMA Park Emptying?

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Originally built to house 400 trailers, Gridley's FEMA Community located at the Industrial Park only received a little over 300 as the need for emergency short-term housing after the Camp Fire was not as great as expected. That was, in part, due to the earlier establishment of other FEMA community sites in Oroville and Chico, and potential residents finding housing opportunities before the Gridley park opened in mid-August of 2019.

The Gridley FEMA park occupancy peaked at around 2,300 residents and according to the Gridley Relief Group meeting minutes, is down 16 households from the highest recorded number of occupied trailers – 242. The City of Gridley's lease agreement with FEMA set January 15th 2021 as the initial exit deadline for park occupants, with a 6 month extension option. Regardless of the numbers or residents housed, trailers occupied in the park or the changes in exit dates in the lease agreement, Gridley will receive it's negotiated monthly payments and final site restoration fee.

At a recent Gridley Relief Group meeting, FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) Jakki Silkiss, reported that there are currently 67 FEMA managed disasters all pulling from the same pot of funds. Due to that strain, FEMA is considering closing down the group sites early.

The Gridley Relief Group reports that the Chico Long Term Recovery Group, Butte County and the State of California have applied to FEMA for a six-month extension on the FEMA group sites. Silkiss says that she has seen extensions granted but the decision is ultimately left up to FEMA how to best use their funding. If the extension is declined, FEMA could begin closing the sites as early as May of 2020.

Dan Boeger, member of the Gridley Relief Group active in the long-term recovery efforts, reports that the Gridley site would be the last standing - presumably due to its size. As the smaller group sites close down, the occupants will be folded into the Gridley site, the largest FEMA site in the Camp Fire recovery sphere.

In the meantime, the State of California and Butte County are gearing up to fill the gap that

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The Ultimate Power Walk

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A 22-year-old young woman from Gridley is preparing to take a very long walk.

Marisela Cardenas, Gridley High School Alumni and student at San Francisco State University, has been training to walk the 150+ miles from Gridley, CA to the heart of San Francisco. When asked why she wants to walk such a long distance she replied, "There's a lot of meanings behind this walk but like, the biggest part about it is just showing people that you're capable of anything you put your mind to and your soul into."

With each step, Cardenas hopes to promote the prevention of domestic violence against women and rape - raising awareness about the obstacles she believes many women face. In a fitting tribute, Cardenas is timing her arrival to San Francisco to coincide with the Women's March SF, to be held on January 18th, 2020.

Cardenas is planning on giving herself a 5-day window to make it to the march on time – a little over double what Google Maps estimated would take—2 days, 16 hours. Her planned

route will take her through both wild and high traffic areas, and she plans on carrying non-lethal protection. "I want to experience what it is like to be homeless," she says, opting not to carry any camping gear, only light basics. Additionally, only her father will know her location and will monitor her with GPS tracking technology.

Physically, she has been preparing her body for the trek by running 8-10 miles a day, walking to her destinations and increasing her exercise wherever possible. Cardenas went through a period of hibernation – eating and drinking large amounts, storing the energy. She says that in the weeks approaching her departure she will restrict both her food and water intake and ramp up her practice of sleep deprivation. She said, "I want to go to the next level and challenge my body physically."

Cardenas is being sponsored by some locals and local businesses. The Family T-Shirt Factory donated her athletic wear, Casa-Lupe Market donated new shoes, and David, Augustin and Stephanie Cardenas have helped fund her mission. Any extra donations or



Marisela Cardenas prepares for her trek to raise awareness for healthy living and women's rights. Photo by Seti Long

proceeds will be used towards her college debt. She is currently just 30 credits shy of a Bachelors in Kinesiology at SF State University.

The power walker plans to make a documentary of the physical/emotional stresses and growth that she experiences during her trek, posting it on

YouTube and Instagram. "There's going to be a lot of critics telling you that "Oh, this is impossible -this is something you can't accomplish," says Cardenas, "but can't is a word for those that don't believe in themselves and I believe I can accomplish anything I put my mind to."

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The New Pi-Line



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

If you’ve not had a chance to do so, it would be a good use of your time to take your significant other to the old Bank of America building downtown and visit the Hazel Street Vintage and Company retail outlet. It’s the antidote for modernistic IKEA Swedish home furnishing. The place is filled with classic furniture and knick knacks that make your home look special.

Great prices as well. It was the highlight of my New Year’s walk through downtown Gridley.

And while we’re on the topic of walking; we ran

into several volunteers out canvassing voters in Gridley on behalf of Tod Kimmelshue for Supervisor. Of note - you usually find at least one of his sons driving around literature and putting up signs, in Durham it’s always a family affair whether it is the farm or the campaign. Ballots start arriving in the mail in less than a month. The south county seems to be the hotbed of all the political excitement, there are now more “Nuts for Tod” signs in Gridley than there are people in the Town of Nelson. Last week signs started popping up that added Kory Honea’s name as a Tod Nut backer. I have to imagine that his endorsement helps as the Sheriff is greatly admired throughout the county for consistency and his genial tough guy personality. The goal for Gridley is to match the political drama, hype, excitement, intrigue, and soap opera like twists of public elections in Sutter County. We have yet to match Live Oak in this regard. For some reason when you cross the county line

the politics get weirder, always has been this way.

The Gridley Barbarian Rugby practices are happening this month.

If you see really happy children wandering around town with their arms in slings, black eyes, and an occasional missing tooth, know that they are in full swing preparing for another season of Rugby. When I was a kid we did not have Rugby or Soccer. The Barbarian program has grown tremendously and has both men’s and women’s participants. Camaraderie ~ Character ~ Commitment is their team motto. Good luck this year Barbarians and make it a point to defeat Elk Grove. It’s always good to have a rivalry and Elk Grove is the team we should always beat, like Corning before they left our league for an easier go of it.

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



By Irene Nordstrom Gonzales

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - “Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side, keep on the sunny side of life” – Maybelle Carter & daughters.

Readers, are you aware that scientists are studying the effects of humor on the brain (according to Reader Digest). The brain needs exercise like our bodies do and humor is a great way to give it the exercise it needs.

I was lucky that I had a father who loved to joke and have fun. He would always add ten years to his age when filling out forms at the doctor’s office so that the doctors and nurses would tell him, “Mr. Gonzales, you look great for being ninety years old!”

One time my dad was in the doctor’s office being checked for dementia. The

Keeping on the Sunny Side

doctor asked him, “Mr. Gonzales, do you know where you are?” He replied, “Of course Doc, I’m sitting right here in your office. Doc, don’t you know where you are?”

As his dementia progressed, my sister Betty once asked my elderly dad, “Dad does it make you sad because you can’t remember things?” My dad answered, “Not really, cause I can’t remember what I don’t remember.”

He always had a humorous spin on even the most serious things.

I have seen quite a few quotes on t-shirts that I love from the Collections Catalog. Some of my favorite “brain exercises” are : “Mr. Rogers did not adequately prepare me for the people in my neighborhood,” “My husband thinks I’m crazy, but I’m not the one who married me,” “Well, aren’t we 2 scoops of grumpy in a bowl of bitchy this

morning,” “My bucket list: 1- Keep Breathing,” “If I woke up one morning and nothing hurt, I would think I was dead,” “Camping – where you spend a fortune to live like a homeless person,” “Tomorrow, a mythical land where I get all my stuff done,” and last but not least, “The best thing about the good old days was that I wasn’t good and I wasn’t old!”

My old age poem goes: I can hardly stand, I can hardly walk, and people don’t always understand the way I talk. Am I sick or too hot or too cold? No not really, I’m just old!”

My eldest daughter Marisa said to me, “You can complain, complain, complain or you can have an attitude of gratitude. It’s all in your head.” So I choose to exercise my brain with some giggles and laugh it off, since I can’t always walk it off! ★

Feather River DAR Honoring Vietnam Veterans in March

By Alma Roots

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - If you are a Vietnam era veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, you are invited to a Vietnam Veteran Pin Presentation to be held on Sunday, March 29, 2020. The Feather River Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, as a partner

in The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, and with the cooperation of the George Washington Chapter Sons of the American Revolution in Chico, the Gridley American Legion Post #210 and their Auxiliary, will be hosting the event. For further information please contact Alma Roots (530) 282-3987 before January 31, 2020. You do not need to be a member of a veteran’s organization to attend ★

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our wonderful Gridley community needs you! Help determine Gridley’s future. Please consider volunteering as a City of Gridley Planning Commissioner. We currently have three vacancies. Applications can be found at <http://gridley.ca.us>. Applicants must live in the City. The Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. These vacancies will be filled by appointment of the City Council. Applications should be submitted by January 17th to: City Clerk, City of Gridley, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, 95948. Call 846-3631 for more info.

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January Blood Drives

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Vitalant Winter Classic Blood Drive
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OROVILLE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – Oroville Blood Drive

Thursday, January 16
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Located in the Cultural Hall
2390 Monte Vista Avenue, Oroville

Feather River Cinemas Blood Drive
Sunday, January 26
12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Located on the bloodmobile
2690 Feather River Blvd, Oroville

WHEATLAND

Wheatland High School & Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 22
9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Located in the Library
1010 Wheatland Rd., Wheatland

Beale Air Force Base Blood Drive
Wednesday, January 29
11:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Located on the bloodmobile
BX Parking Lot

CHICO

North Valley Plaza Mall
Friday, January 10
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Located on the bloodmobile near
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801 East Avenue, Chico
Enloe Medical Center Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 15
Noon – 5:30 p.m. (closed 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.)
Enloe Conference Center -
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Chico Rotary Blood Drive
Tuesday, January 21
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Located at the Chico Elk’s Lodge
1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico

Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

December 31st - January 5th

12/31/2019: At 1:31 am at Hwy 99 and Ord Ranch Rd., Gridley, CA, Logan Jackson Barnhart, 26, was arrested on violation of felony parole (3056 PC), possession of prohibited ammunition (30305(a)(1) PC), possession of a controlled narcotic (11350 (a) H&S), possession of drug paraphernalia (11364(a) H&S) and attempting to destroy/conceal evidence (135 pc). Subject was booked into Butte County Jail.

12/31/2019: At 9:10 pm on the 500 block of Virginia St., Gridley, CA, Vincent Colt Moreno, 30, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364(a) H&S) and violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC).

01/01/2020: At 1:15 pm on the 2900 block of 2nd St., Biggs, CA, Amber Nicole Hines, 39 was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

01/03/2020: At 10:33 pm at Hwy 99 and Archer Ave., Gridley, CA, Keith Gary Barker, 18, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S), for possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S) and was booked into Butte County Jail.

01/05/2020: At 6:21 pm at Hwy 99 and Obermeyer Ave., Gridley, CA, Bryan Dwayne Goins, 53, was arrested on an outside agency misdemeanor warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

get more info at www.crimegraphics.com

Butte County Sheriff Report



December 30th - January 6th

Case #	Date of Crime	Date Reported	Crime Type/Crime Classification	Location
19-09025	12/30/2019 14:49	12/30/2019 14:49	Larceny Theft/Petty Theft/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
20-00034	12/31/2019 16:30-06:30	1/2/2020 07:31	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	CHICO
19-09048	12/31/2019 18:00	12/31/2019 18:47	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
20-00008	12/31/2019 18:00-09:45	1/1/2020 09:54	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	CHICO
20-00020	1/1/2020 16:20	1/1/2020 16:20	Assault/ADW Not Firearm GBI Likely/Felony	BERRY CREEK
20-00026	1/1/2020 22:40	1/1/2020 22:43	Robbery/Robbery - First Degree - Felony/Felony	CHICO
20-00029	1/1/2020 23:48-00:08	1/1/2020 23:48	Larceny Theft/Petty Theft/Misdemeanor	CHICO
20-00044	1/2/2020 11:45	1/2/2020 15:18	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
20-00045	1/2/2020 15:12	1/2/2020 15:12	Larceny Theft/Petty Theft/Misdemeanor	MAGALIA
20-00049	1/2/2020 16:47	1/2/2020 16:47	Assault/Battery with GBI - Felony/Felony	BANGOR
20-00073	1/3/2020 15:15-15:25	1/3/2020 18:20	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
20-00082	1/4/2020 09:19-10:04	1/4/2020 08:46	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	CHICO
20-00107	1/4/2020 12:00	1/5/2020 13:00	Larceny Theft/Grand Theft Firearm - Felony/Felony	MAGALIA
20-00091	1/4/2020 15:00-15:30	1/4/2020 15:14	Assault/Assault W/Firearm On Person/Felony	OROVILLE
20-00111	1/5/2020 16:12-16:51	1/5/2020 15:51	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	CHICO
20-00118	1/6/2020 00:30	1/6/2020 01:07	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE

Gridley Area Schools Receive State Honors



Gridley's Wilson Elementary School teachers, staff and administration celebrate their title as a 2020 California Distinguished School. Photo by Seti Long

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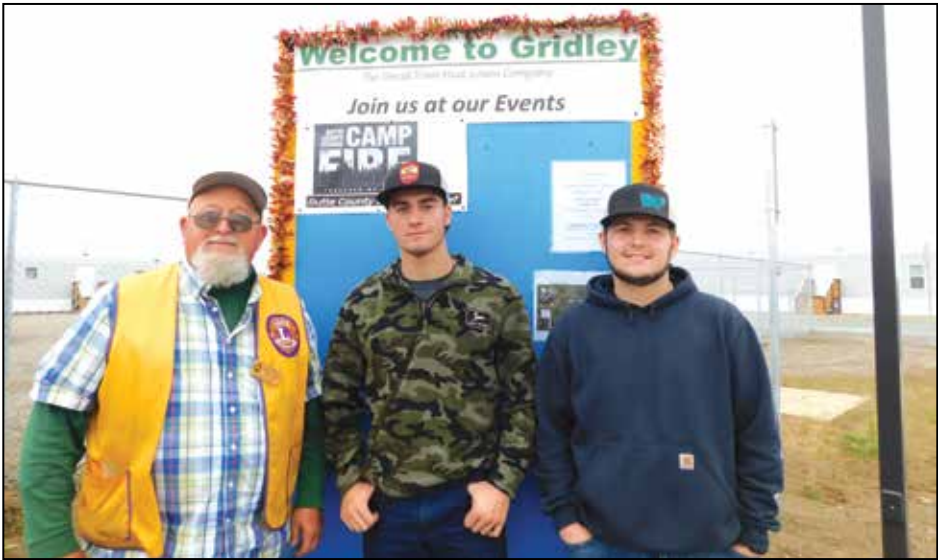
between elementary and middle schools, meaning that Wilson and Manzanita will hold their titles for the next two years.

Superintendent of Manzanita School District and school Principal, Gary Rogers says, "The Manzanita staff was very excited to hear the news that we received the 2020 Distinguished School Award. This is our third Distinguished School award and it is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Manzanita School community. We are so proud of the educational program and environment that we offer our students here at Manzanita, and we are honored to see their hard work, as well as the efforts of the staff and our families being recognized."

The CDSA program recognizes excellence in education programs, practices and applauds schools for achieving exceptional student performance and closing the achievement gap. Schools must consistently show excellence in test scores, are judged on suspension rates, overall academics, and classroom learning environments to be eligible for the honor.

About their recognition as a 2020 California Distinguished School, Principal Jesse Rodriguez of Wilson School says, "We are all excited about it and I'm so proud of them (staff and teachers)! I'm happy to be working with them." He continues, "They did a lot of good work, and it shows! And they should be commended for what they've done." ★

Gridley High School Students Aid Communication at FEMA Park



Lion Vern Hartman, and builders Dylan Terry and Kooper Porter show off their handywork. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (PG) - Gridley High School FFA and Gridley Lions Club teamed up to help bring some much-needed amenities to the FEMA park.

Residents at the FEMA park have been without any community center or central information hub since it opened in August of 2019. The Gridley community, Gridley Relief Group and other service groups quickly became aware of the need for a way to get information to the people residing there. The task was made even more difficult as FEMA case workers and voluntary agency liaisons were required to help protect the identities and well-being of the FEMA park residents. Information trickled in slowly, mostly through word of mouth, FEMA and the Gridley Herald.

The GRG contacted Gridley High School Ag Advisor Nick Dreesman, hoping to enlist the help of his students to help the flow of information to the park. Two students, Dylan Terry and Kooper Porter took on the project, agreeing to help make two large, portable bulletin boards to be placed at the FEMA park for information services.

Terry says that it took just a few weeks for Porter and himself to design and build the bulletin boards, with Porter sharing that the project fell under the parameters of both the Ag Manufacturing and Ag Fabrication classes in the department. Gridley Lions Club provided the paint and Lion Vern Hartman helped transport the heavy bulletin boards out to the park.

The large gold and blue bulletin boards were placed at the two main intersections in the park for the posting of community news, updates and services. The bulletins will make it possible for Gridley community members to communicate beneficial opportunities and resources available to the FEMA residents in a more direct fashion. ★

Is Gridley's FEMA Park Emptying?

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FEMA will eventually leave in our area. CalOES VAL Derek Thomas reported to the GRG that Governor Newsom has appointed a Chief of Staff over the Camp Fire recovery efforts, Tim Perry, who plans to meet with the local LTRG organizations involved in the recovery efforts to coordinate resources. The date has yet to be determined, but when FEMA does indeed pull-out, the state of California and Butte County will need to be prepared to further recovery efforts on their own. ★




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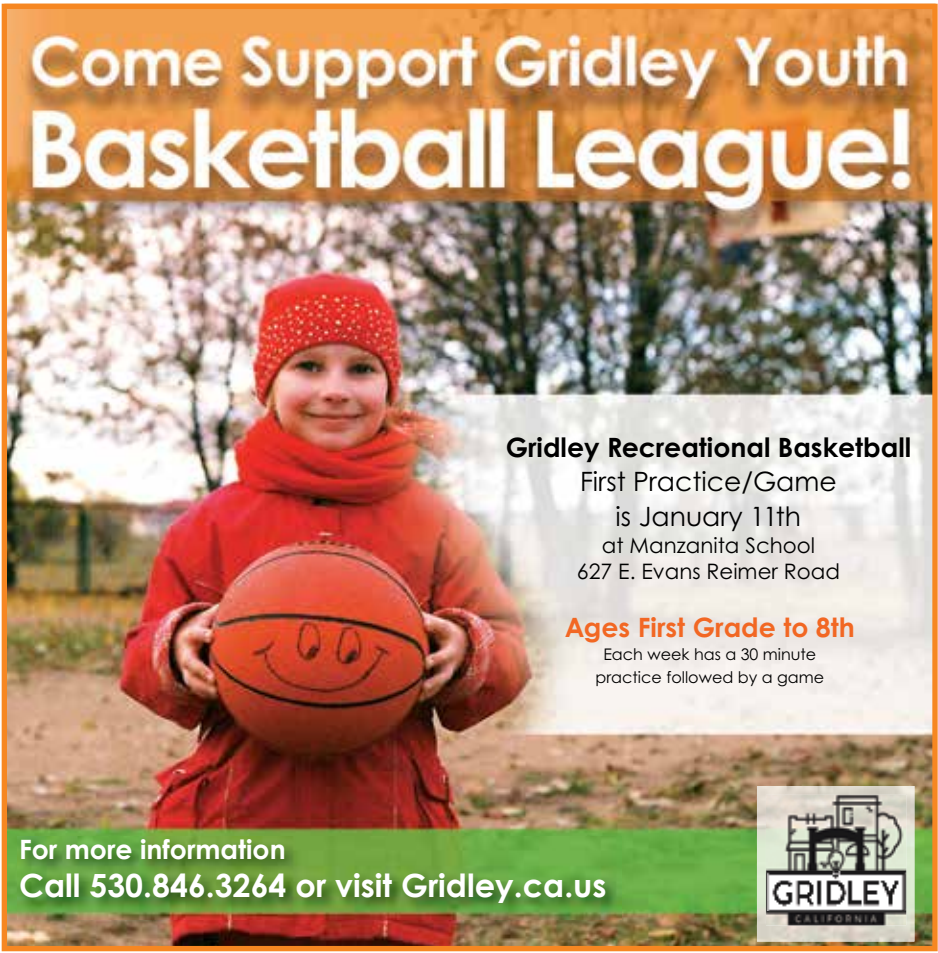
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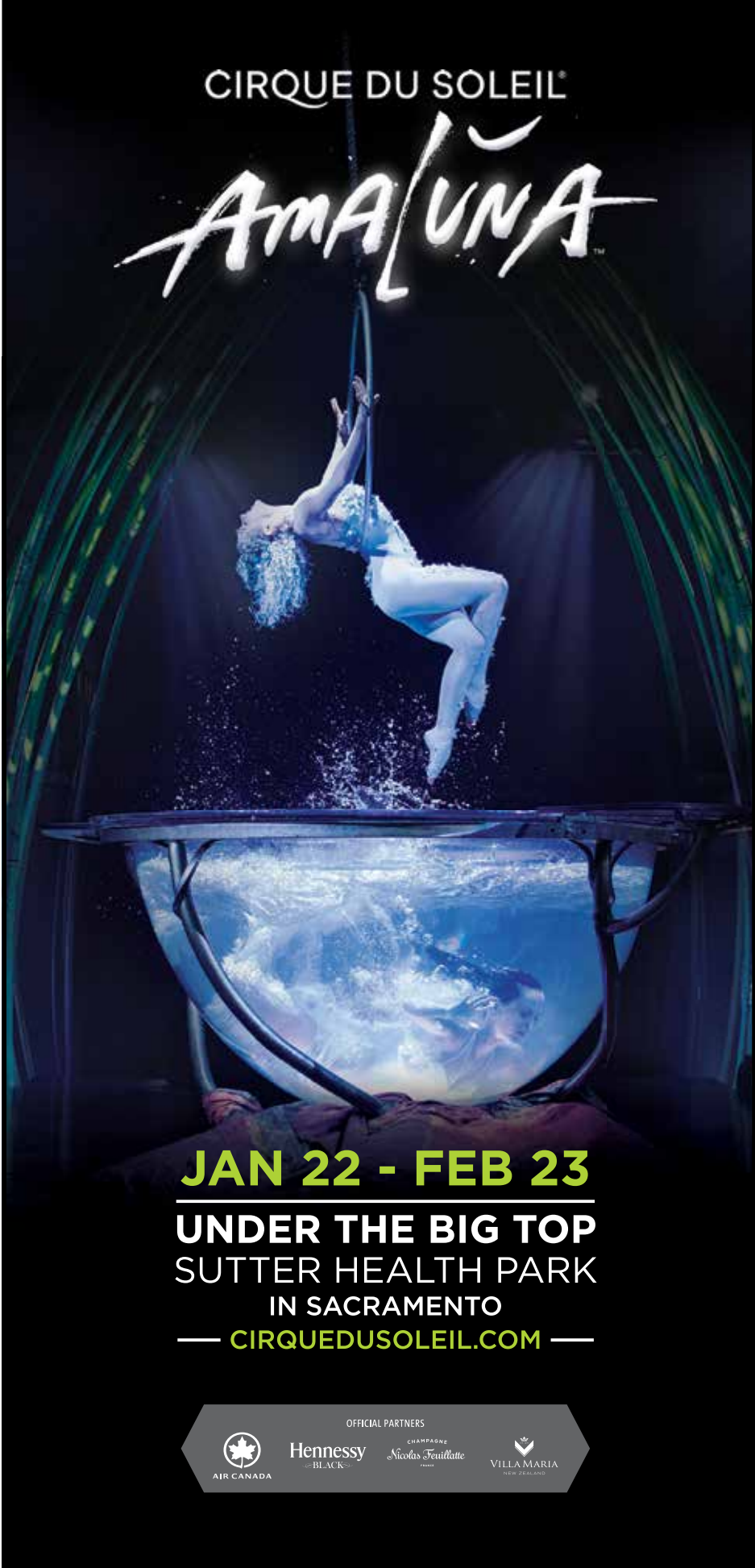


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Tuesday, January 28th, 2020, from 9:00am to 11:00am,
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to register and for information

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Thoughts to Ponder



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In some parts of the world, particularly Great Britain, there is a custom of gathering in places of residence or work (generically called “homes”) to ask God’s blessing on those dwellings and upon all who live, work, and visit there. This article includes information on these gatherings, some suggestions for their use by United Methodist families or others, churches, and other “homes,” and a sample liturgy that may be reproduced.

What Is a Chalking the Door Service?

This short liturgy is a way of marking our homes, usually at the front or main entrance, with sacred signs and symbols as we ask God’s blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. In Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in this service, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we have invited God’s presence and blessing into our homes.

Where May the Service Be Used?

Although the service is intended for use in private family dwellings, it is certainly appropriate when adapted for use in offices, apartments, college dormitories, choir rooms, Sunday school classrooms, churches, places of business, and – perhaps especially – in nursing homes, hospitals and hospital rooms, and extended-care facilities.

When Should the Service Be Used?

Due to the linking of the liturgy to the visit of the three Magi, it is most appropriately used at the start of the season of Epiphany. But because the service is so flexible in where it may be used, it might be used any time during the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany – or as part of a celebration observing the changing of the secular calendar from one year (or millennium) to the next.

In Great Britain, the service commonly takes place on Twelfth-Night. We know that Christmas Day is December 25 and that there are twelve days of (or after) Christmas, variously observed as December 25 through January 5 or December 26 through January 6. The twelfth day of Christmas (Twelfth-Day), January 6, is also observed as Epiphany, commemorating the visiting of the Christ Child by the three Magi (Wise Men) with their gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh. The season of Epiphany is also known as Twelfth-Tide; and the night before Twelfth-Day (Epiphany) is known as Twelfth-Night. On Twelfth-Night in Europe, many families gather in their homes to celebrate this feast with friends, food, singing, and gifts. It is at these Twelfth-Night celebrations that “Chalking the Door” is most often observed. However, anytime during the start of the year would be ok.

What Is the Significance of the Chalk and the Magi?

Chalk, a substance made of common elements of the earth, is used by teachers to instruct students and by children in their games and play. We use chalk in this service as an ordinary substance put to holy use. Further, chalk will not permanently mar the dwelling. As its image fades from view over time, those who participated in its original placement will remember it and the purpose for which it was intended. In doing so, they may rededicate themselves to that purpose. After a year passes and a new Epiphany arrives, they will have the opportunity once

again to celebrate the themes of this season and once again to seek God’s blessing on their homes and on those who come and go through the home.

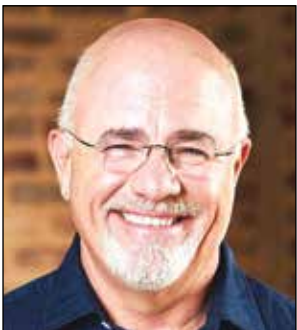
Traditionally we remember the names of the Magi as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar – although these names are not to be found in Scripture. During the chalking ceremony, the first letters of these three names – C, M, B – are inscribed on the door frame. Some suggest the C M B may also stand for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat,” meaning “May Christ bless this dwelling.” These letters are inscribed between the numbers of the year of the ceremony. Thus, as people are given the opportunity to participate in the chalking of the door, they will inscribe one or more of the symbols: 20 C M B 19. The symbols are usually written on the upper horizontal piece of the door frame of the front entrance to a home or hospital room; but if younger children or people in wheelchairs participate, encourage them to place the symbols anywhere on the door frame they can comfortably reach.

Below is a liturgy that you can use at home:

The liturgy that follows is rather simple. Sections marked C are to be spoken by the entire group of family, friends, worshippers, congregation – the “Community” – and those marked L are for a solo Leader, which may be one person or several in turn. You may use this service as presented, or augment it with your own prayers, Scriptures, and songs. If you reprint all or part of it, please include the source as The United Methodist Discipleship Ministries Worship website.

A Blessing of the Home

L: The Lord is with you;
C: And also with you.
All: Peace be to this house and to all who live, work, and visit here.
L: The three wise men came to Bethlehem in search of the Lord. They brought to him precious gifts: gold
to honor the newborn king, incense to the true God in human form, and myrrh to anoint his body, which one day



How to Make Goals and Resolutions Become Reality

Dear Dave,
My wife and I have our budget ready for next month, and we’ll be following your plan in 2020 to pay off debt and get our finances in order. Do you have any tips for setting and sticking to goals in general?

–Rick
Dear Rick,

That’s a fantastic goal. Living on a monthly budget, and telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went, is an important step toward gaining control of your finances. Combine that with getting out of debt, and you’ll be in charge of your most powerful wealth-building tool – your income.

If you’re following my plan, you already have goals in front of you where your money is concerned. For most Americans, though, a new year means

Dave Ramsey Says

nothing more than new resolutions without real plans. Don’t get me wrong. It’s good to make resolutions and set goals, but you can’t stop there. You have to formulate a plan that turns your dreams into bite-sized pieces of progress that will gradually create a big event in your life. If you want to achieve your goals, then keep these next things in mind.

When setting goals, be very specific in what you want to achieve. Include steps that will help you get there, too. Being vague will only cause you to feel directionless and overwhelmed. Most people give up when these feelings arise.

Make your goals measurable. If you want to lose weight, don’t simply write down “lose weight” as a goal. Exactly how much weight do you want to lose? What will it take in terms of exercise and dietary changes to make it happen?

Are your goals your goals? Only you can realistically set your own goals. If your spouse, co-worker, or friend sets a goal for you, chances are you’re not going to achieve it. Taking ownership will give you more opportunity to meet your goal.

Also, set time limits for your goals. Putting a time frame in place will help you set realistic goals. If you want to save a certain amount of money for a particular event, break it down and determine how much cash you need to put into your savings account each month leading up to that event.

And finally, put your goals and resolutions in writing. Putting them in writing will make you more likely to achieve them. Write down your goals, and review them often. This will give you motivation to make them reality.

I believe this is the process for success, Rick. Successful people reassess their lives regularly, and start living intentionally, in writing, and on purpose. Happy New Year!

–Dave

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. ★

would die like our own.

L: Let us pray. O God, you once used a star to show to all the world that Jesus is your Son. May the light of that star that once guided wise men to honor his birth, now guide us to recognize him also, to know you by faith, and to see you in the epiphanies of the daily experiences of our lives.

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord – Jesus born of Mary – shall be revealed.

C: And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

All: As the Wise Men once sought your brilliant light, O Lord, so may we week to live and work in your splendor.

L: O God of Light, bless this (our) house and this (our) family. May this be a place of peace and health. May each

member of this family cultivate the gifts and graces you have bestowed, dedicating our talents and works for the good of all.

L: Make this house a shelter in the storm and a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. And when we go out from this place, may we never lose sight of that Epiphany star.

C: As we go about our work, our study, our play, keep us in its light and in your love.

A Blessing of the Chalk for Marking the Door

L: Lord Jesus, through your Incarnation and birth in true human form, you have made all the earth holy.

We now ask your blessing upon this simple gift of your creation – chalk. We use it as a tool to teach our children, and they use it as

a tool in their play and games. Now, with your blessing, may it become a tool

for us to mark the doors of our home with the symbols of your wise servants who, so long ago, came to worship and adore you in your first home.

People in turn mark the doorway with one or more of the symbols:

20 C M B 19
L: May we, in this house, and all who come to visit, to work, and to play, remember these things

throughout the coming year. May all who come and go here find peace, comfort, joy, hope, love, and

salvation, for Christ has come to dwell in this house and in these hearts.

All: **May we be Christ’s light in the world. Amen.** ★

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Patrick Marion Penning

July 17, 1935 to January 4, 2020

A visitation will be held on Sunday January 12, 2020 from 5-8 p.m. at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel for Patrick Marion Penning 84 of Gridley. He passed away on Saturday January 4, 2020 in Gridley. Patrick was born on July 17, 1935 in Willows, CA. He farmed his whole adult life.

He was preceded in death by his parents Marion and Muriel Penning, his sister Susan Doering, and his brother Milton Penning.

Patrick is survived by his loving wife, Lucy Penning of Gridley, three sons: Greg (Lisa) Penning of Novato, CA, Joe (Mary) Penning of Sebastopol, CA, and Cash (Sue) Dunlap of Gridley,



two daughters: Lynn (Ross) Pippitt of Biggs, CA, and Julie (Terry) Farnham of Rumsey, CA, twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church food closet P.O. Box 668, Gridley, CA 95948, and to the Gridley FFA and 4-H scholarships.

A Celebration of life will be held on Monday January 13, 2020 at 12:30 at the Gridley Moose Lodge for Patrick. Private services were held for the family. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Wilma Schwartz

Wilma Schwartz, age 75, passed away on December 21, 2019, surrounded by loved ones. Wilma spent time in Missouri and Arkansas as a small child but lived most of her life in Gridley.

Wilma worked for 20 years as a grocery store clerk in Gridley and became well-known by a generation of shoppers as a friendly, cheerful, caring person with an infectious smile. She had many friends and kept them laughing with her sense of humor. Wilma loved to care for plants and flowers, and she had a passion for her pets. She was known to leave food and water for animals that had been neglected because she couldn’t bear to see a suffering creature. She had a tender heart and was quick to give comfort to others who were undergoing hardships.

Most important to her was her faith. She was one of



Jehovah’s Witnesses for 50 years, and she loved to read the Bible. She zealously and courageously shared her faith with others.

Wilma is survived by her four children: her sons, Phillip Schwartz, Christopher Schwartz, and Keith Schwartz, and her daughter, Tanna Schwartz; by two sisters: Louetta Bettencourt and Christine Schohr; by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and her cat, Aloysius. She was preceded in death by her eldest sister, Edythe Chronister.

John 5:28, 29: “Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life.”

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Eileen Pearne

March 31, 1928 to December 30, 2019

Eileen Pearne passed away December 30, 2019, at the age of 91.

Eileen was born March 31, 1928 in Sacramento to Austin and Florence Causey. She attended McClatchy High School in Sacramento before moving to Biggs with her family in 1946, when her parents relocated to farm in Butte County, where she lived for the rest of her life.

In 1948, Eileen married her first husband Charles “Chud” Williams. The couple had two children, Chuddy and Terry. Chud died in 1956. After the passing of her husband, Eileen pursued and graduated with an elementary school teaching credential from Chico State to help provide for her young children.

In 1959 she married Bill Pearne. Eileen and Bill were married for 50 years until Bill’s passing in 2009.

In addition to her two parents and husbands, Eileen is preceded in death by her brother, Ben Causey of Denton, Texas, her brother-in-law David (Eleanor) Williams, and Bill’s sisters Joyce and Marge and their husbands.

Eileen is survived by her sister-in-law Colleen Causey in Denton, Texas. She is also survived by her daughter, Chuddy (John) Sheppard of Biggs, and son Terry (Nancy) Williams of Richvale, grandchildren Josh (Kathryn)



Sheppard, Kelby (Jolene) Sheppard, Jonna (Sean) Phillips, Darin (Tamara) Williams, all of Biggs, Rebecca (Tyler) Williams Leach of Seattle, and Jennifer (Andrew) Scher of Kampala, Uganda and her 12 ½ great-grandchildren (Claire, Jackson, Gracie, Logan, Carlee, Luke, Keegan, Olivia, Alana, Reece, William, Peter, and Baby Scher).

She taught elementary school for five years and had many interests and hobbies. She enjoyed RVing to Texas and Baja California, Mexico, with her family. She was a Quota International of Gridley member for more than 25 years.

Eileen loved gardening and propagated and cared for over a hundred rose bushes at her home in East Biggs. She collected turquoise jewelry and enjoyed making beaded jewelry and attending flea-markets. Most of all, Eileen loved creating and crafting with her grandkids and great-grandkids.

A memorial service was held at the Gazebo at Gridley Biggs Cemetery on Wednesday January 8, 2020. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Martha May Wright

September 1, 1922 to December 30, 2019

Martha May Wright, 97, passed away December 30, 2019 at Hovlid Care Center in Gridley. She was born in Hemet CA on September 1, 1922, to Elfriede and Earl Reeves. Her family moved to Gridley in 1927. Martha was 14 when she started working at the Libby’s Cannery and worked there 48 years. She volunteered for many years at the Orchard Hospital until her accident in 2018. She loved to read, bake, sew and crochet. Martha was devoted to her family and loved her Schnauzers.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Virgil Burks who died in 1986, twin sisters Dorothy and Dolly, her sister, Grace Hill and her brother, Robert Reeves.

She married Norval Wright in 1994 and they recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They honeymooned on a cruise to Alaska, which was her favorite trip. She and her husband loved traveling in their motorhome visiting friends and relatives.



She is survived by her husband, Norval and her children, Larry (Lois) Burks of Gridley, Loretta (Charlie) Carroll of Chico, Dianna (Ron) Fargen of Bonners Ferry ID and Jimmie (Carolyn) Burks of Manteca, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her stepchildren, Kathy (Dan) Leistner, Patty Renda, Teresa (Steve) Terpening and Dennis (Vivian) Wright and their numerous grandchildren.

Those who knew Martha loved her for her cheerfulness, her warmth

and her giving and generosity to others. A private graveside service was held at the Gridley Biggs Cemetery under the direction of Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel. A celebration of life will be held later in the Spring.

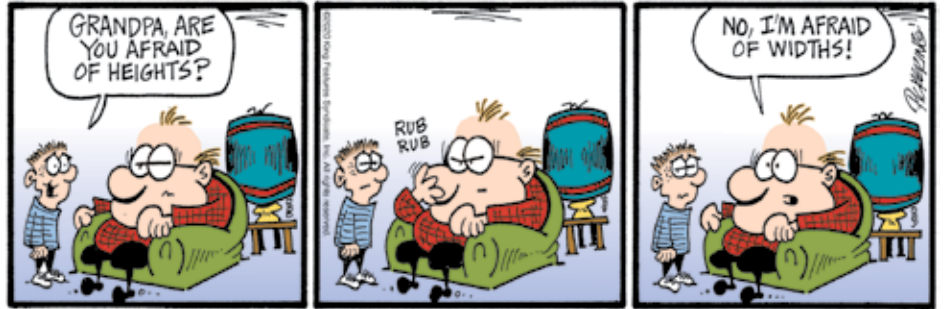
Contributions to the Gridley Animal Shelter or the Orchard Hospital in her memory are suggested by the family.

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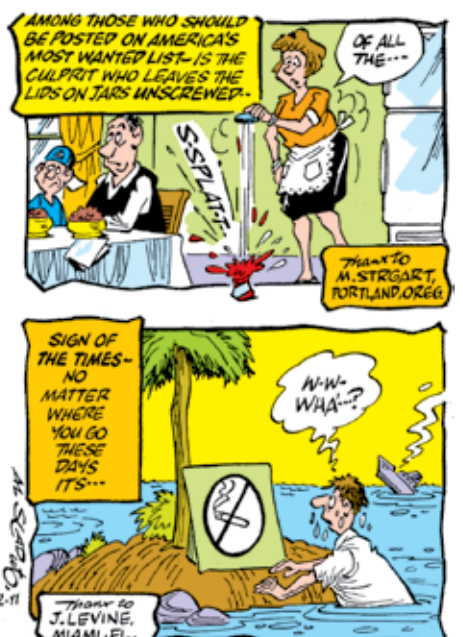
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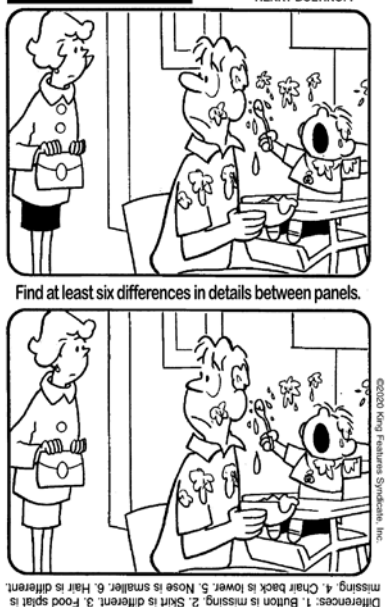
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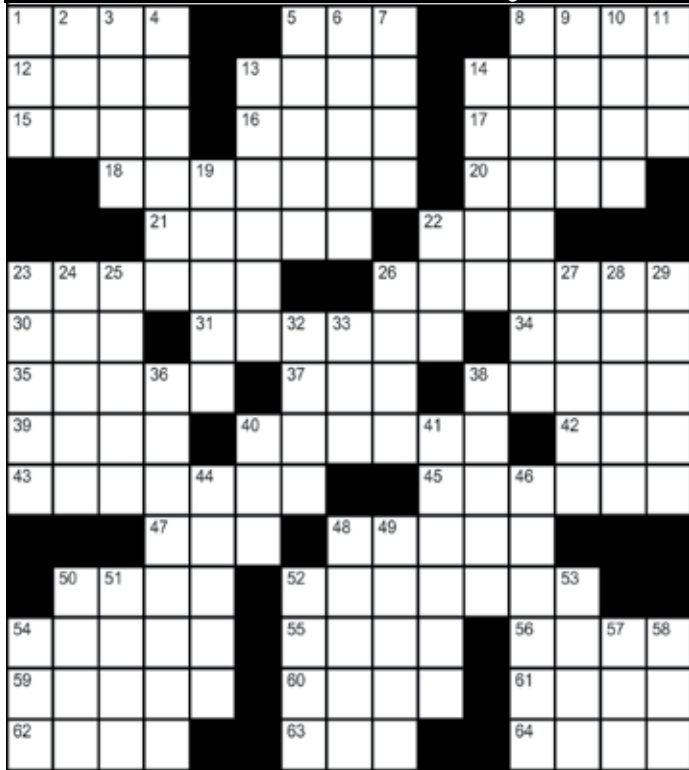
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- "Her every novel was a best-seller"
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Caltrans Employees' Donations Benefit Local Families



Brian Goldman of the Right of Way unit unloads a barrel full of canned and boxed food items. Caltrans photo

By Gilbert Mohtes-Chan, Caltrans

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Large barrels loaded with canned foods and carts brimming with printed t-shirts, dolls, games and bicycles rolled out onto a loading dock, ready for delivery to families in need.

Once again, hundreds of Caltrans District 3 employees stepped up during the holiday season to give \$9,005 and 9,545 pounds of food to the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank, Yuba-Sutter Chapter of the Salvation Army and other charities throughout the region.

In addition, employees for the 19th consecutive year donated more than 250 holiday gifts for the annual Christmas Angel Tree Program for needy children.

Caltrans North Region Right of Way Chief John

Ballantyne, co-chair of the annual "Give-A-Yam" holiday drive, lauded employees for their continued generosity. "Our employees really opened their hearts this year and stepped up to help those that are less fortunate during the holidays and throughout the year," he said. "Their generous gifts and donations will help make a difference to those suffering hardships in the community."

Major Julius Murphy of the Yuba-Sutter Salvation Army said the local chapter this season will distribute food boxes for holiday meals to about 425 families, which includes about 850 children. The Salvation Army also gives gifts to about 1,000 homebound seniors in the region.

"The community we have is very generous," Murphy said. "Caltrans continues to be our top

supporter and donor, not just at Christmastime."

This year, for example, a Caltrans employee donated 66 dozen eggs to feed the hungry throughout the year.

Murphy pointed out the year-round support is invaluable because of the chapter's expansion of services, which includes taking over the 14 Forward shelter and the opening of eight new transitional homes. "We've doubled our outreach to the homeless community," he said.

Throughout the year, Caltrans employees conduct a series of fund-raising events for their "Give-A-Yam" campaign. Over the past 11 years, employees have donated a total of \$165,800 to local charities.

"Caltrans is part of the community. All the employees get into the Give-A-Yam fund-raisers," said Brian

Goldman, who works in the Caltrans Right of Way unit. "We enjoy giving back to the community."

This year, the Right of Way employees also donated 9,100 pounds of food to the Oroville Rescue Mission. "All the food to the mission was going to the Camp Fire victims," Goldman said.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #19CV03759

1. Petitioner Derrek Jackson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name	Proposed name
Derrek Wayne Jackson	Derrek Wayne Gordon

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing January 29, 2020 9:00 a.m. Department TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
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For more information, contact Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control at 5117 Larkin Road, Oroville, CA 95965-9250 or call 533-6038 or 342-7350 or visit www.buttemosquito.com.

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SPORTS

Bulldogs Varsity Takes 2nd Place at Dennis Burnum Classic



Gridley High School boys varsity basketball player, Grant Tull (#4), shoots a free throw after being fouled against Red Bluff during the Dennis Burnum Classic in Oroville on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Tull's teammate, Cameron Carr (#12), looks on in the background. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs varsity basketball team hit the court at the end of the winter break to compete in the Dennis Burnum Classic at Oroville High School from January 2nd to January 4th. The first tournament of the 2020 year saw much progress with sorrowful adversity.

On Thursday, January 2nd, the Bulldogs tipped off against the Red Bluff Spartans in a tough battle until the final buzzer. At one point throughout the game the Bulldogs had their lead dwindled down before the Spartans went up by as many as 10 points. But a



Gridley High School boys varsity basketball player, Grant Tull, goes up for the basket against Red Bluff during the Dennis Burnum Classic in Oroville on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Gridley High School boys varsity basketball head coach, Chay Dake, talks strategy with the team during a timeout against Red Bluff during the Dennis Burnum Classic in Oroville on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

resilient Bulldogs offense, led by Grant Tull and Tony Murillo, regained the lead in the fourth quarter to regain the lead and secure the 66-60 win over the Spartans. Tull led the team in scoring with 28 points. Murillo put up 18 points and Colby Norton put up 8 points.

The game one victory put the Bulldogs up against the Las Plumas Thunderbirds on Friday, January 3rd. The Bulldogs opened up the scoring early and often, with Tull and Murillo getting the open looks and driving through the open lanes for the baskets. A stellar Bulldog press defense kept the Thunderbirds on their heels throughout the game. Gridley would cruise to a 61-39 victory over the



Gridley High School boys varsity basketball player, Colby Norton, shoots over the Spartan defender during the Dennis Burnum Classic in Oroville on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

Lady Bulldogs Varsity Competes in Lady Thunderbird Challenge

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Although the local area schools were on winter break, that did not stop the high school teams from hooping it up in another basketball tournament. The Lady Bulldogs of Gridley High School competed in the 2020 Lady Thunderbirds Challenge at Las Plumas High School from January 2nd to January 4th. Varsity girls basketball players from Oroville High School, Hamilton High School, Fortuna High School, Marysville High School, Orland High School, Lindhurst High School, Gridley High School, and host, Las Plumas High School competed in the basketball tournament.

To start the tournament on Thursday, January 2nd, the Lady Bulldogs faced a tough opponent in the Fortuna Huskies. The Lady Bulldogs kept the pressure on the offense with stellar defensive press, forcing turnovers and scoring opportunities early in the game. But the Lady Huskies kept pace and the Lady Bulldogs fell behind by a few buckets at halftime. A strong third quarter put the Lady Bulldogs up ten points over the Lady Huskies. A resilient Fortuna team fought back to tie the game up at 39-39 to force overtime. The Lady Bulldogs fought hard, but fell to the Lady Huskies by a score of 51-46. Kennedy Tull led the Lady Bulldogs scoring with 13 points. Sierra Brady scored 12 points, Ally Mardesich scored 10 points, Haley Gustavsen



Gridley High School girls varsity basketball player, Haley Gustavsen, gets a little tricky with the layup against Hamilton High School during the 2020 Lady Thunderbird Challenge Basketball Tournament at Las Plumas High School on Friday, January 3, 2020. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Gridley High School girls varsity basketball player, Kirstin Rafferty, prepares to shoot a free throw against Hamilton High School during the 2020 Lady Thunderbird Challenge Basketball Tournament at Las Plumas High School on Friday, January 3, 2020. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

in the first quarter. By halftime, Gridley had scored 37 points and was cruising to an easy victory. The Lady Bulldogs got every player in on the scoring action and beat the Lady Blazers by a score of 61-18 to win the consolation bracket. Tull led the team in scoring with 17 points. Hernandez and Mardesich each scored 10 points in the game. Brady put up 8 points to Gustavsen's 4 points. Moran, Kirstin Rafferty, Harjot Gakhal, Briana Luquin, Lupita Soria, and Marysa Taylor each scored 2 points in the game. Kennedy Tull took home All-Tourney honors, leading all scorers in the tournament with 61 points.



Gridley High School girls varsity basketball player, Kennedy Tull (#11), sinks a 3-point shot during the 2020 Lady Thunderbird Challenge Basketball Tournament at Las Plumas High School on Friday, January 3, 2020. Tull scored 31 points in the game. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

scored 9 points, and Isabelle Hernandez scored 7 points, Gustavsen scored 7 points, Hernandez scored 5 points, Ciaha Moran scored 4 points, and Mardesich scored 2 points in the game.

On Friday, January 3rd, the Lady Bulldogs, now playing in the consolation bracket, tipped off against the Hamilton Braves. Once again, Hernandez and the Lady Bulldogs put the pressure on the Lady Braves offense, forcing turnovers and quick baskets. Tull and the offense jumped out to an early lead in the

game. Brady scored 16 points, Gustavsen scored 7 points, Hernandez scored 5 points, Ciaha Moran scored 4 points, and Mardesich scored 2 points in the game.

In the consolation championship on Saturday, January 4th, the Lady Bulldogs hit the court against the Lindhurst Blazers. The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a huge lead with 22 points

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This tournament marks the last before league begins in mid-January. Coach Becca McCray says she's "looking forward to our defensive play [during league]. Since we don't have a big we have been putting in different defenses for different teams. We have been working on them during preseason and trying to fine tune them before league starts up. My team is becoming a more shooting team. We don't just have one or two shooters. We have five to six shooters and play makers that make things happen."

League begins January 14th for the Lady Bulldogs at Wheatland High School. Game time for the varsity team starts at 7:00 PM. ★



Gridley High School girls varsity basketball coaches, Becca McCray and David Tull, strategize during a timeout during the 2020 Lady Thunderbird Challenge Basketball Tournament at Las Plumas High School on Friday, January 3, 2020. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

Responsible Target Shooting on Public Lands

***By Andrew Fulks,
Tuleyome Tales***

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - There are an estimated 2.5 million gun owners in California. For those in urban areas, indoor shooting ranges are often the only place one can legally target shoot. For those who live in less-populated parts of the state, public lands represent a free alternative location to practice target shooting.

With access to public lands also comes a responsibility to leave them in as good or better condition as we found them. Many people have seen the impact on public lands of irresponsible shooting. Refrigerators, microwaves, even cars can be found in conditions that make them resemble Swiss cheese more than appliances. Spent shell casings, broken glass, and other trash can often be found at popular shooting areas on public lands.

It doesn't have to be this way. By taking the lead in how one treats the land while shooting, everyone can continue to enjoy this use of public property. Regardless of one's individual beliefs about the shooting sports, it is a use that occurs on public lands and when it occurs, it should be done with the same level of respect and responsibility as any recreational activity.

When recreational target shooting, there are a number of rules and guidelines to follow:

On BLM and Forest Service lands, first make sure the land is open for recreational target shooting. The rules can be different for hunting. In general, more areas are open for hunting than target shooting, so be sure you know you are in the correct location for the activity you've chosen. For the BLM, consult both the website and Resource Area Management Plans for the BLM district you will be visiting. For the Forest Service, refer to the website and forest plan



A Valley Oak tree, standing in Lake County for well over 100 years finally succumbed last month to the effects of years of irresponsible and destructive target shooting. Photo credit: Bill Grabert

for the National Forest. Within the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, BLM lands that are open to target shooting are the public lands along Walker Ridge. Within the Mendocino National Forest parts of the monument, recreational shooting can take place so long as you follow the following regulations:

You are at least 150 yards from a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation area or occupied area;

You are not shooting across or on a National Forest System Road or an adjacent body of water:

You are not shooting into or
within a cave;

You are not shooting in any manner or place where any person, property or resource is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge;

You are not firing any tracer

bullet or incendiary ammunition.

During times of high fire danger, the BLM and Forest Service may close the public lands to recreational shooting. This is because sparks from bullets hitting metal targets or rocks can ignite dry grass or leaf litter. Even soft lead bullets can start fires if they embed into a rotten log, as the heat they generate upon impact can start smoldering in the decaying wood. One should always shoot at paper or metal targets that they bring, and never shoot at rocks, trees, or other natural features. Trash, glass, and appliances should never be brought onto public lands for use as targets.

If you are looking for space to shoot outside of a designated public shooting area it is best to find an already disturbed area that is well away from a road. This can include areas that have been logged recently, an area with mine

tailings, or a fire break, on which to set up targets. Always be aware of what is beyond your shooting area. Bullets can travel well over a mile, so a solid earth backstop is critical to shooting safely on public lands.

Cleaning up after recreational shooting is an important part of good stewardship, as well as the law. Leaving an area littered with shell casings, trash, and broken targets is a quick way to get an area closed to recreational shooting. Brass centerfire shell casings can be reloaded, so each one left on the ground is money left behind. A few minutes scavenging brass at one shooting area left me with hundreds of casings that I then reloaded and continue to use again and again.

All hunting in California now requires the use of lead-free ammunition. Target shooting does not, but lead can still find its way

into wildlife if lead-based bullets aren't used in a responsible manner. Never shoot lead bullets or lead shot into water or in wetland areas, as waterfowl can ingest the shot while foraging along the shoreline or in shallow waters. More lead-free ammunition is becoming available, but it can spark more than lead when hitting metal, so again, be aware of fire risk and restrictions before shooting on public lands.

Binary targets, which are created by mixing two chemicals that explode when hit by high-velocity rifle bullets, are not legal to use in California or on public lands. If you still want the excitement of an explosion, but without the legal risk, there are products that allow you to fill empty two-liter plastic bottles with compressed air. The bottles then give a loud boom when hit. Be sure to clean up the area and remove the bottles after use. The bottles split on impact, rather than disintegrate, so they are easy to clean up after use. A homemade version can be made by taking the valve from a used bike inner tube, drilling a hole in the cap of a two-liter soda bottle, inserting the valve from the bottom, and screwing the lid tight on the bottle. Then inflate the bottle with a bicycle pump and you have a target that will make a nice "pop" upon impact!

Target shooting on public lands can be a great way to enjoy the outside, develop marksmanship skills, and spend time with friends and family. By practicing responsible target shooting on our public lands, these lands will remain open into the future.

Andrew Fulks is a founder of Tuleyome and Yolohiker.org and he is the current Board Secretary of Tuleyome. Tuleyome is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit conservation organization based in Woodland, CA. For more information go to: www.tuleyome.org ★

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