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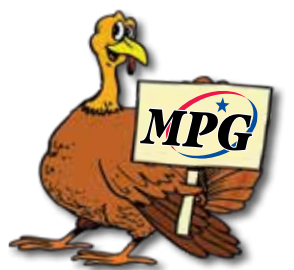
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Paul Eckert Returns to Gridley After Hollister Reneges on Deal



Gridley City employees welcome back Paul Eckert, returning City Administrator and Finance Director. Pictured left to right: Paul Eckert, Kayla Cornell, Linnea Brown, Jodi Molinari, Elisa Arteaga, Sandra Ramos and Martin Pineda. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Just two weeks after his last day as the Gridley City Administrator and Finance Director, Paul Eckert is back.

Arriving at Hollister earlier this month, where he was to be the new City Administrator, Eckert encountered a toxic environment. He experienced "deep divided council conflict (in Hollister)" and says that he was caught between two warring sides.

At this point, multiple agencies have reported on Eckert's past. According to the Sioux City Journal, he was subject to a retaliation lawsuit by co-worker Brittany Munger in 2012 over allegations of sexual harassment, citing a complaint first filed in 2004-8 years earlier. The suit was later settled out of court.

Unfortunately for Eckert, the

lawsuit has haunted him ever since, following him to Hollister. Mayor Ignacio Velasquez of Hollister tells Felix Cortez of KSBW that "It turned into a fiasco, here you have a person who's well qualified and great references (council) voted 5-0 to offer him a position, [but] another group of people start[ed] to slander him and just... [went from there] downhill quickly." He continues, "I'm disappointed. I'm shocked that people would go through that length to tear somebody down."

Mayor Velasquez, who was so highly supportive of Eckert joining the city of Hollister, did his own background check before offering him the position, saying, "And I even called the person that did the investigation to make sure there was not anything that I was missing, and that person told me there was absolutely nothing there in the way of sexual

harassment and that he did a great job for their city."

He isn't the only one.

Gridley's Mayor Johnson shares that he too did a background check and researched the issue: "We were aware of it when we hired Paul originally," saying that the lawsuit would have affected their decision if it had been something that carried any weight, which he believed, did not.

Regardless, due to the volatile political environment and demotion to interim City Administrator with a 90-day contract, Eckert tendered his resignation to the City of Hollister just 8 days after being hired on.

Mayor Johnson says, "I reached out to him (Eckert) during the process when he was in Hollister and told him that the door was open, at least in my view, if he wanted to come

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**City Reviews
Solar Study and
New Expansion**

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - As publicly announced, the Gridley City Council held a special study session Monday November 18th before its regularly scheduled council meeting to address potential changes to the city's solar net-metering program. Residents that currently have solar panels installed or are considering installation were encouraged to attend and voice their opinions or concerns on the subject.

The now controversial topic revolves around the city suspending permits to install solar panels within the city limits as it evaluates its current policy. After meeting state regulated standards, the city is not required to continue banking solar energy on its electrical grid so that customers may use it during non-peak hours, which it currently does. The city of Gridley is investigating whether the state requirements have indeed been met and if they will join other municipalities in making changes to the net-metering program. Gridley residents turned out to express their dismay and concern over the matter, but no action has yet to be taken by the City. The Council is currently entertaining holding another study session but yet to announce a second meeting.

During regular meeting hours, Council considered the adoption of a resolution to authorize an amendment to Gridley's Sphere of Influence boundary to include approximately 450 acres around the existing sphere's perimeter. Two letters from landowners Dale Leishman and Riz Khan accompanied the agenda item, expressing their wishes to annex into the city with the intent to develop their properties. The City will be reimbursed the cost to amend the Sphere of Influence by developers, with a per-acre fee charged when the said development occurs. Planning commissioner Donna Decker explains that this is the initial in the process which will require council to revisit the topic during phases of the sphere expansion in future meetings. Properties include acreage north of the city's sphere towards Biggs, properties lying on the southern side of W. Liberty Rd bordering Hwy 99 and smaller pockets throughout the unincorporated Gridley area.

Also on the agenda was the review and approval of the 2019/2020 Fire Protection Reimbursement Agreement, which will add \$126,196 to the original agreement. In the 2019/20 year, the Fire Department applied for and was granted a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant that provides for an additional 2 Fire Apparatus Engineers for 3 years beginning in March of 2020. The award received through the SAFER grant will be used to fund the salaries and benefits of the 2 new positions. ★

GHS Swim Team Ends Their Season with a BIG Splash

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School's swim team had some significant wins during the 2019/2020 swim season.

First started back in 2007 by Leanne Cocca as an avenue for her daughter to swim in high school, the swim team has been a component of GHS sports for 12 years now. For the last 7 years, Coach Monica Boeger-Terry has led the team. Boeger-Terry brings an extensive resume in competitive swim to the table, swimming since she was just 5 years old and spending 10 years of her career as a USA swimming official. Needless to say, she knows her stuff. Perhaps that is why she is so proud of her team this year.

GHS Swim ended their 5-month season with 8 out



GHS Swim 2019-2020 season team photo. Front Row: L to R: Aaron Rogers, Noah Dixon, Taylor Johnson, Gordon LaBuff, Vance Lewellen, Tyler Rutter. Back row: L to R: Kayllen Barnette, Lana Quist, Collet Chamberlin, Aubrey Sannar, Coach Monica Terry, Ashlyn Mendenhall, Sierra Brady, Brynlee LaViolette, Kaitlyn Piazza. Photo courtesy of Chasing Butterflies

of their 15 members making it to the Division II Championship meet held in Redding: Aubrey Sannar, Kayllen Barnette, Ashlyn Mendenhall, Sierra Brady, Brynlee LaViolette, Noah Dixon, Gordon LaBuff,

and Vance Lewellen.

In order to qualify for Division II, swimmers must make extremely tight times in 6 out of 8 events during swim competition. This year 4 boys and 5 girls

on the GHS swim team qualified for Div II. At the culmination of the season and with just a one-day notice after Div 1 and Div2 championship meets, the top 16 swimmers from Div

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The New Pi-Line



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

Thanksgiving is coming up, and I have been having a great deal of fun as people start planning the traditional family gathering. You should try this; it is fun; when you are approached about what you are supposed to bring, maintain a straight face and tell them that you would like to be in charge of Turkey, and you are excited to replace the Turkey with Chicken McNuggets. Explain that it is a new, hip, cool idea. Claim that you have seen it on the internet and that lots of people are not having a Turkey for Thanksgiving. The reactions you get from your baffled friends, and family members will be a source of great stories to share around the dinner table when Thanksgiving arrives. So practice saying, "I'll get Chicken McNuggets for Thanksgiving dinner instead of Turkey, everyone will love it", with a straight face.

What an awkward situation the Gridley City Council finds itself in. The City Manager announces he is retiring and moving on to manage another town, and then the recipient town changes their mind. Indeed, the Hollister City Council showed themselves to be unprofessional, petty, political, unprepared, and inept. So after they offered our guy the job, they went back on their word, and our guy got back in his car and left town. The City of Gridley may take him back, but the whole thing is odd. Reminds me of High School when my friend's girlfriend would dump him - for a guy in Biggs, go to Biggs Homecoming and then the friend would take her back when the up the road Wolverine romance fizzled.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Missionaries from Chico delivered bedding to the Community

Unified Inter-Faith Help People Command Center in Historic Downtown Gridley. Seeing a bunch of faith groups doing good deeds is nothing new; the way this was accomplished is very interesting. The church leader in Chico set up a list of needed things in the Amazon and then sent a link to two other congregations that said they wanted to help. The leaders there sent the link out on social media and email, people click the link and pay through their Amazon account. No one buys the wrong thing, no useless stuff is shipped to Gridley, and the process makes giving easy. The same is going on with Wedding Gift Registries. A significant change from when I got married and everyone went to Bremer's Hardware. There was no list needed there because everyone in Gridley knew what everyone else needed... small town.

Recently readers voted for the "Best of Gridley" and the results were printed in the paper. Now we move up to The Official 2019 Pi-Line Best, Most Outstanding, and Exceptional Awards.

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Gridley/Biggs Electric

**Best City Council-
Member, Live Oak**
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**Best City Council-
Member, Gridley**
Zack Torres

**Best City Council-
Member, Biggs**
Angela Thompson

Best Grocery Store/Market
Casa Lupe Store

Best City Manager
Mark Sorenson

Best Florist
Tony Panacaldo

Best Sheriff
Kory Honea

Best Police Chief
Allen Byers

Best Doctor
Dr. Brown

Best Mandarins
Doering's

Best Ethnic Society
Portuguese Hall

Best Plumber
Plumber Bob's, dba Russ Scott

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Kiwis

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St. Timothy's Episcopal

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CVS

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Eric Waterbury

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Cliff Wagner

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Mary Anne Cook

Best Bar/Brew Pub
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Sewer Line Smoke Testing*

Best Auto Services
John Busch Automotive

Best Health/Fitness Spot
*The Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day
Saints Cultural Hall/Gym*

Best Author
Steve Thompson

Best Insurance Services
Jeff Draper-State Farm

Best Real Estate/Realtor
FEMA

Best Residential Services
Kory Hamman Real Estate

Best Hardware Store
Harshbarger Ace

**Best Service Club/
Community Club**
Rotary

**Best Salon/Barber/
Beauty Shop (Tie)**
*Paula Cassidy
Bishop Hamblin*

Best Senior Living
Frank W. Cook

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*Brian C. Hamman -
SacValley Law*

Best Hospital
*Orchard (Formerly
Biggs-Gridley Memorial)*

Best Part Time Cattleman
Steve Lambert

Best Ice Cream Parlor
The Scoop

Best Donuts
Live Oak Donuts

Best Artist
Aaron Burks

**Best Healthcare
Administrator**
Ryan Quist

**Best Schoolboard
Member**
Lena Sannar

Best Rice
Lundbergs

and finally

Best Bingo
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North State Lawmakers Announce Legislation to Combat Power Shutoffs

By Curtis Grima

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - To further protect their constituents, state lawmakers - Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) and Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) - who represent the Town of Paradise and Camp Fire survivors, announced their intent to introduce legislation that will help prevent future wildfires and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) by PG&E. The lawmakers are authoring legislation to direct additional funding into utility infrastructure upgrades and forest fuel reduction projects - two of the leading factors in catastrophic wildfires and cited by PG&E in declaring power shutoff events.

PG&E is currently spending roughly \$2.4 billion annually to uphold a legislative mandate to buy renewable power. At the same time, the company spent only \$1.5 billion to update its century old infrastructure in 2017. A century-old transmission tower was cited as the ignition source of the Camp Fire, and a utility tower reportedly may also be the source of the Kincade Fire currently burning in Sonoma.

The legislation by Nielsen and Gallagher will temporarily pause the state's renewable power mandates until infrastructure and vegetation management conditions are improved. The legislation will require that savings from this temporary relief may only be used by Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) to harden the grid and reduce forest fuels. Also during this time, executive compensation at IOUs would be frozen and any proposed bonuses shall be put on hold.

"PG&E needs to get back to the basics of providing safe and reliable power," said Gallagher. "There is no doubt that PG&E's mismanagement is the primary culprit in these devastating fires and PSPS events. But policies coming out of the State Capitol that distract from these primary objectives only make matters worse."

Senator Nielsen called the legislation a common-sense approach to help end power shutoff events and reduce fire risk. "We are not waiting ten years. No more power shutoffs. It needs to happen now," said Nielsen. "Millions without electricity is what a third world country looks like, not a state that is the 5th largest economy in the world."

California IOUs have already met their goals of reaching 33% renewable solar and wind energy and PG&E is already producing 85% of its power from renewable and carbon-free sources. The lawmakers noted

that every dollar spent on the additional cost of renewable energy is one dollar that is not available to be spent on vegetation management, line insulation, undergrounding, and other grid-hardening measures.

"Dollars spent on forestry management have been found to do more to reduce carbon than other measures. Science shows that redirecting funding to forestry management gets us a better bang for our buck in carbon reduction," added Gallagher.

The lawmakers will also be introducing a joint Resolution that will urge the federal bankruptcy court to rescind PG&E's current high-cost renewable energy contracts. Reports show that some of PG&E's pre-2012 solar contracts now cost the company an added \$2.2 billion per year due to outdated above-market prices. These contracts could be voided in the bankruptcy to allow PG&E to buy the same renewable power at a lower price. Savings from renegotiating these bloated contracts could be used to invest in projects that reduce fire danger and future blackout events.

"Bankruptcy is typically a place to get out of bad contracts," said Senator Nielsen. "Victims and ratepayers must be the priority. Our legislation is another opportunity to get back to the basics of providing safe and reliable power."

The North State lawmakers noted that California is moving backward on its carbon reduction due to recent wildfires. Last year's fires generated 45 million metric tons of carbon - more than nine times California's combined reductions achieved in 2016 and 2017.

"California must get smarter about its climate goals. Century-old infrastructure, tinderbox forests and PSPS events are unacceptable. Renewable energy mandates that take away from addressing these issues while fires continue to burn are intolerable. With our plan, we can do better on carbon reduction and combatting catastrophic fire," Gallagher concluded.

Nielsen and Gallagher will formally introduce the legislation when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

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

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.

Source: California Legislature ★

Manzanita Students of the Month



Manzanita students are at it again, achieving excellence both in and out of the classroom. Front Row L to R: Rush Coopridger, Heath Ogino, Cooper Perkins, Ace Delucchi, Edgar Ceja, Antonio Candelario, Hailey Singh, Scarlett Walton, Kamryn Oakley, and Sebastian Kneeland. Back Row L to R: Taetum Warfield, Kasey Clark, Victoria Ascencion, Ria Sohal, Alyssa Thompson, Aaron Kullar, Gwendolyn Freer, Aubree Vaughan, and Sienna Davis. Photo courtesy Manzanita School

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It's a Winter Wonderland!



Olaf and the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce invite you to come out and enjoy this year's Winter Wonderland Festival, Parade of Lights and Tree-Lighting. Pictured left to right: Olaf the snowman, Front row: Zach Torres, Kaeli, Kael and Kalen Rodriguez. Back row: Joan Clark, Lynne Spencer, Katry Mills, Teresa Rodriguez and Veronyca Culver. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - There's nothing better than twinkling lights, snowflakes, hot cocoa and of course, Santa, to welcome the holiday season! Just like Christmas, Gridley's annual Winter Wonderland Festival, Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting is just around the corner.

Downtown Gridley will close down its streets early this December 4th so that food and gift vendors can begin selling their delicious eats and unique treats at 5:00 pm. Head down and grab something yummy to munch on before heading over to the official kick-off of the holiday season, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

At 5:30 pm the holiday season will burst colorfully into life as Gridley's towering on the Orchard Hospital campus is lit for the year. As always, a program featuring a welcome speech, community song, musical presentation by "Frozen" Princesses Elsa and Anna, Auxiliary Basket Raffle, and closing remarks by Orchard Hospital CEO, Steve Stark. To ease the chill, complimentary hot-cocoa and cookies will be offered courtesy of Orchard. A couple of carols will no doubt precede the countdown to the official tree lighting.

Following that, activities will really

start to ramp up downtown. The streets will be filled with music provided by local band "WSD", Disney princess will make the rounds for photo-ops and of course, everyone's favorite frosty fellow, Olaf the snowman, will be out and about. The Gridley Museum will be transformed into Santa's Workshop with workshop workers dressed in fun holiday costumes. The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce plans to fully decorate the streets and historical building, with snow to fall from the workshops upstairs windows. New this year, Santa's helpers will be giving our free Christmas stockings stuffed with goodies to all children who visit to get their pictures taken with the big guy himself—Santa.

The Parade of Lights will no doubt be the highlight of the evening. Each year the crowd is awed by colorful and boldly lit floats decked out in non-secular and traditional holiday themes. The Chamber encourages the entry of ATV's, tractors, and boats in addition to regular vehicles. Parade winners could take home a prize of up to \$250, so hurry down to the Chamber of Commerce and sign up. Parade and vendor applications are due by November 22nd, but may still be accepted after the 23rd with the application of a late fee. Late entries cannot be guaranteed. ★

Paul Eckert Returns to Gridley After Hollister Reneges on Deal

Continued from page 1 back." Monday night, during Gridley City Council's closed session, Eckert met with council to do exactly that. A unanimous vote installed Eckert as both City Administrator and City Finance director, effective immediately. He was back in his old office by the morning of November 19th. Both City Council members and City employees share that they are glad to welcome him back to Gridley. Mayor Johnson saying, "It's great, I'm excited!"

When asked about his experience in Hollister and old allegations being revisited, Eckert says he was taken by surprise. He says, "I work hard, I'm a professional in every respect... I have a strong sense of honor and my family has a strong sense of honor — I am here



Gridley City Administrator and Finance Directors settles back into the groove of things quickly after his re-installation just 2 weeks after his original date of resignation, November 4th. Photo by Seti Long

to serve the public, I am here to serve the employees and I'm here to serve the council.... I take my reputation very seriously." To anyone speaking with Eckert, it is evident that he is still troubled by the allegations that just won't die, overshadowing his many career accomplishments and keeping his family from being able to move on.

But the future is looking bright for Eckert as he returns to Gridley. He shares that he has "committed to the council 3-5 years—I'm happy. This will probably be where I end my career." He and his family are in the process of buying a home in the area and he finalizes, "I'm looking forward to sinking roots deep here." ★

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Alice Stephens

December 15, 1940 to October 12, 2019

Alice Stephens passed away peacefully with her family by her side on October 12th, 2019 after a year and a half fight with cancer. Alice Lorraine Peterson was born on December 15th, 1940 in Alliance, Nebraska. She was one of seven children. Alice and her younger sister Twyla moved to Richvale, California in 1954 with their adopted parents Elmer and Florence Peterson. Alice attended Richvale Elementary School where she met her best friend Shirley Anderson (Sands) and her husband Audrey Stephens.



served 50 years being a Butte County Election poll director volunteer. Alice was an extremely selfless individual and never hesitated to lend a helping hand.

In her free time Alice enjoyed creating beautiful ceramic figurines and crafts, knitting scarves for her grandchildren, playing card/dice games such as Bunco with her wonderful friend Barbara Job, spending time with her family especially during the summer at Lake Almanor and traveling all over the western United States watching her

Alice and Audrey wed on August 18th, 1961. Alice worked numerous agricultural related jobs including driving truck for the family farm every harvest until 1995. Alice and Audrey have two sons, Gregory and Daniel. Alice was very involved in her sons' lives; She was a 4H leader, Biggs little league secretary, and supported her sons at every sporting event. She also was very involved in Richvale Evangelical Free Church, was an admirable volunteer in the community and later in life was a member of the Richvale Cafe's board. Alice

grandaughter play softball. Alice has five grandchildren: Dalton, Alexandra, Brielle, Caroline and Elizabeth.

Alice will be remembered by her family and friends. Alice was laid to rest in Glenn Oaks Cemetery in Chico, California.

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:30 am at the Richvale Evangelical Free Church. All friends and family are welcome.

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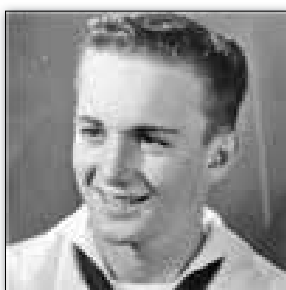
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MEMORIAL NOTICE

John Theodore Saifur

John Theodore Saifur, known as Todd to family and friends, passed on Oct. 31, 2019 at Orchard Hospital in Gridley, CA. He was 80 years old. Born to John and Betty Saifur in Yuba City, Todd attended Live Oak High School and enlisted in the United States Navy at 17, where he traveled the world. He was honorably discharged in 1963.

Todd returned to Gridley, where he began his career as a salesman at Tucker Chevrolet. During his 40-year career, he was significantly recognized by Chevrolet and Buick for his excellent service and sales and also obtained his real estate license. He joined the Gridley Moose Lodge #1594 and served as Junior



Governor from 2000-2001. Todd loved to dance and spend time with people.

He is survived by his daughter Tonya (Tim) Williams of Red Bluff, grandchildren Shelby Lehor and Wyatt Redamonti, sister Beverly Smith, brother Bud (Agnes) Saifur and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Valerie and sister Gerry Andrus.

His family would like to thank Orchard Hospital and Butte Hospice for their excellent care. Donations can be made to Butte Hospice. Todd was laid to rest in a private family service.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Gloria Maxine Eggers

March 18, 1934 to September 24, 2019

This Fall, on Sept. 24, 2019 we said goodbye to our amazing "MOTHER"; Gloria Maxine Eggers also known playfully as "Max", "Duke", and "Mackey".

She was preceded in death by her first husband of 17 yrs., Capt. Verne Donnelly, a naval aviator whose jet was shot down at end of the Vietnam war. Her second husband, Jim Eggers of 33 yrs., died of natural causes in 2009. She experienced the loss of 1 of her 5 children, Michael, who suffered a spinal cord injury at the age of 19, and later died in 2012 at the age of 55.

She is survived by her only sibling: Jean Manes of Yuba City, her 4 living children and 3 stepchildren. She was "Nana" to 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandkiddies.

Maxine was born in Gridley, Ca. on Mar. 18, 1934. After High School, she attended Yuba College then worked as a secretary at Live Oak High School while her fiancée was attending flight school in Florida.

She was the mother who, before writing the daily letter to her military husband away at sea, would have



served breakfast, made lunches, and cleaned house each morning. She held her fellow military wives to that same standard.

She valued family dinners, a clean house, and tidy bedrooms. Well...2 out of 3 was the norm. She was a devoted and loving wife to both her lucky husbands; they got a tennis/golf partner, a Bridge and Cribbage player, good cook and all-around beautiful lady who was always game.

Until dementia prevented her from solo living, she was a member at Valley High Country Club. The members there became her social life and long time friends.

The last 7 yrs. of her life were spent living with her son Paul and his family in Southern California. She then resided at a memory care facility near their home in San Juan Capistrano.

Her legacy of independence, strength, and generosity lives on in the lives of her grown children and their families.

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Deadline Extended for Filing Fire Claims in PG&E Chapter 11 Cases

Fire Claimant Proof of Claim Forms Need to be Received Before Extended Deadline of December 31, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

**By Brandi Merlo,
Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (together “PG&E”) are sharing that the Bankruptcy Court-approved deadline for fire claimants to file claims against PG&E has been extended to December 31 at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). The deadline for filing claims is known as the Bar Date. PG&E remains focused on ensuring fire victims and creditors are compensated fairly and expeditiously through the Chapter 11 process.

Claims related to the Northern California fires that arose prior to January 29, 2019, must be filed in PG&E’s Chapter 11 cases and received no later than the extended deadline of December 31 at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). If any person or entity believes money is owed to them by PG&E for loss or injury resulting from the Northern California fires that arose before PG&E filed for Chapter 11 on January 29, 2019, then they must file a Proof of Claim before the extended Bar Date. The extended Bar Date does not apply to claims unrelated to the Northern California fires.

If those who are affected do not submit a Proof of Claim by this extended deadline, they may be barred from filing a claim against PG&E and give up rights to any payment or other compensation.

Fire claims can be filed online, at one of six PG&E Claim Service Centers (listed below), or by mail. Importantly, fire claims must be received by the extended Bar Date. So, if filing by mail, delivery must be completed before the extended Bar Date.

For complete details on who is eligible to file a claim, how to file a claim, the Proof of Claim form and other information, visit www.pgewildfireinfo.com or call the toll-free information line at (844) 627-5328. PG&E has also established a section of its website at www.pge.com/reorganization with additional information about the Bar Date notice.

Fire claims may be filed electronically at www.pgewildfireinfo.com by selecting

the “Submit a Claim” tab. Fire claims may be submitted in person at the following PG&E Claim Service Centers through December 31, 2019, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, except for public holidays.

350 Salem Street, Chico, CA 95928
231 “D” Street, Marysville, CA 95901
1850 Soscol Avenue, Suite 105, Napa, CA 94559
1567 Huntoon Street, Oroville, CA 95965
3600 Meadow View Road, Redding, CA 96002
111 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

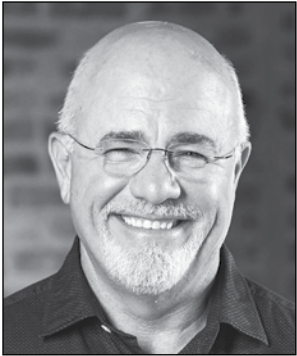
Fire claims may be filed by U.S. mail to the court-appointed claims and noticing agent. Forms must be received at the below address by the extended Bar Date:

PG&E Corporation Claims Processing
Center c/o Prime Clerk LLC
Grand Central Station
P.O. Box 4850
New York, NY 10163-4850

Before any distribution payments are made, a Plan of Reorganization and Disclosure Statement must be approved by the Bankruptcy Court. These documents, once approved, will explain the claims distribution process and the amounts that will be paid on account of allowed claims.

The Northern California fires include, but are not limited to, the following fires: 37, Adobe, Atlas, Blue, Butte, Camp, Cascade, Cherokee, Ghost Ship, Honey, La Porte, Lobo, Maacama, McCourtney, Norrbom, Nuns, Partrick, Pocket, Point, Pressley, Pythian (a.k.a. Oakmont), Redwood, Sullivan, Sulphur and Tubbs.

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Double for Couples?

Dear Dave,
Does the amount you advise saving for a beginner emergency fund in Baby Step 1 double for a couple, or does it stay the same?

– Charlie
Dear Charlie,

Whether you’re single or married, Baby Step 1 of my plan is to save \$1,000 as quickly as possible for a starter emergency fund. This may not sound like a lot of cash to have on-hand in the event of an emergency, but you need to remember the \$1,000 figure is a temporary thing.

Baby Step 1 is saving up \$1,000 for a beginner emergency fund. Baby Step 2 is paying off all debt, except your home. The vast majority of folks working my plan are debt-free, except for their mortgage, in two years or less. Then, you move

Dave Ramsey Says

to Baby Step 3, which is increasing your emergency fund from \$1,000 to three-to-six months of household expenses.

In reality, we’re talking about a pretty short period of time where you’d have just \$1,000 in emergency savings. Plus, it serves as an exercise in financial discipline. A lot of people have nothing saved before beginning the Baby Steps.

If that makes things seem a little scary at the start, it’s not necessarily a bad thing. A healthy level of fear can be a fantastic motivator. I don’t want anyone constantly living their lives in fear, but that added push – that sense of urgency – can make you work harder to get out of debt, and move on the Baby Step 3, as quickly as possible!

– Dave

Baby Step for Weddings

Dear Dave,
We recently started following your plan, and it has made a huge difference in our financial outlook and our marriage. When it comes to the Baby Steps, when do you recommend setting aside money for a wedding? We have a daughter, and we want to

be able to do as much as possible for her when the time comes.

– Jim
Dear Jim,
That’s a good question. There’s not really a Baby Step specifically for weddings. In my mind, it should probably come after Baby Step 5 – setting aside a college fund for your kids.

Maybe part of this is the dad in me, but in prioritizing these things I think a good education is more important than a big wedding. Don’t get me wrong, a wedding is a wonderful event and cause for lots of joy and celebration. But it’s also a one-day event. Plenty of people have inexpensive, beautiful weddings, and enjoy long, wonderful lives together!

– 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. ★

Thoughts to Ponder



God told Moses to set aside one week of celebration to remember what had happened on their journey from the land of bondage. (Ref. Leviticus 23:30-43) This special time was the “Feast of Tabernacles”, when little houses were made of branches and the people read God’s Word, praised Him for their blessings, and presented offerings to Him for their bounty. Does this sound familiar?

Our forefathers set aside a time of celebration in praise of their journey across a great sea, a survival of the bitter bondage of winter, and the blessings of a harvest brought by natives who helped the Pilgrims establish a

new life in a strange land. They sang songs, built log houses, gathered food, and praised their God for the blessings received.

A prayer by Pilgrim Governor William Bradford explains the total regard they had for God and His part in their survival.

“Famine once we had, but other things God gave us in full store. As fish and ground nuts to supply our strait, that we might learn on providence to wait; and know, by bread man lives not in his need, but by each word that doth from God proceed.”

Without doubt, both peoples lived upon and thrived on God’s promises and blessings. Both set aside things to do to let God and all the world know how thankful they were they were for what God had provided.

But each of us needs to make everyday a day of

praise and thanksgiving for not a day goes by that God does not bless us in some way. Thank back – even the worst day of your life – within that day came a blessing – strength, courage, honor, faith, trust, a new look or perspective of life, a hand extended to another, a breath of clean air, the smell of food, a look at a sunset on hard day or sunrise after a night of fear.

Let us always receive God’s gifts with thanksgiving. Let us say a little prayer of praise each morning upon rising and each evening before retiring. Celebrate Thanksgiving each day.

Join us in our journey of thanksgiving Sunday at 10 am for our worship service and learn to celebrate with thanks every day. The Gridley United Methodist Church is on the corner of Magnolia and Haskell Streets. ★

California Farm Bureau Federation Endorses Tod Kimmelshue for Supervisor

Tod Kimmelshue for Supervisor Press Release

DURHAM, CA (MPG) - Announcing yet another influential statewide endorsement, Tod Kimmelshue received the endorsement of the California Farm Bureau Federation (CFBF) in his campaign for Butte County Supervisor. Kimmelshue seeks to represent the 4th Supervisorial District comprised of Biggs, Durham, Gridley, Richvale, Thermalito, portions of Chico and large agricultural areas in the unincorporated area of south Butte County.

Describing him as an advocate for protecting and promoting agriculture, CFBF has endorsed Kimmelshue noting the importance of having at least one farmer on the Board of Supervisors.

“In a county where agriculture is the number one industry, it’s critical that ag has a representative on the Board of Supervisors,” said CFBF President Jamie Johansson. “Tod’s farming background and his 35 years of experience helping local farmers manage their finances make him uniquely qualified for this position. The California Farm Bureau is confident

that Tod will be an effective voice to keep agriculture thriving in Butte County.”

The California Farm Bureau Federation is a nonprofit organization of farmers and ranchers consisting of county Farm Bureaus from nearly every county in California, established in 1919 to work for the betterment of family farmers and ranchers in California. Their mission is to improve the well-being and quality of life for California farmers and ranchers through advocacy, ongoing outreach, and economic services and products for those involved in agricultural production. ★

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8. Bygone bird of New Zealand
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12. Pestilence pest
13. End a mission
15. Ancient Greece assembly site, pl.
16. What little kittens did with their mittens
17. *Thanksgiving Cranberry concoction
18. *Site of the “First Thanksgiving”
20. “Guilty,” e.g.
21. Kiln, pl.
22. ____ Aviv
23. *Give what?
26. Strangling tool
30. Jul. follower
31. Pupil protector
34. Loads from lodes
35. Shows off
37. Part of human cage
38. Source of indigo dye, pl.
39. Laughing on the inside
40. Truly
42. Highest or lowest card
43. Nemo’s home plant
45. *U.S. President’s magnanimous gesture
47. Say “no”
48. Plural of carpus
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52. *First settlers
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4. Colored wax stick
5. VIP’s influence
6. Compass point, pl.
7. The Count’s favorite subject
8. Wry face
9. Black and white mammal
10. *What Thanksgiving celebrant did?
12. Excessively showy, slang
13. Turkish monetary unit
14. *Macy’s parade flyer
19. *Haste ____ waste”
22. Little bit
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32. Marine eagle
33. Jack-in-the-box part
36. *First Thanksgiving parade (Philadelphia) sponsor
38. What Darwin says we do
40. “No room in the ____ for the travelers weary...”
41. Print from a smartphone
44. Desert mirage
46. ____ Bridge in Venice
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Thanksgiving and Christmas with Angels

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A local non-profit started by children and adults with intellectual disabilities, “Angels Who Care” is hosting two holiday events in the upcoming week.

First, the group will be getting a jump on Christmas with their “Christmas with Angels Drive” to be held on November 23, from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Chico library located at 1108 Sherman Ave. They will be providing

light refreshments while collecting unwrapped toys for children. They have a 50 slot sign-up sheet to fill with toys to be delivered two days before Christmas to local families in need. They are also asking for donations of wrapping paper and bows in order to give the children the full experience. “All kids deserve Christmas so let’s give them one they can remember,” say the Angels.

Also, the group is hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner

with a coat give away for teens and small children. Co-founder Beverly Miles says that the coats are free to those attending the meal and anything that is not claimed is given out to local homeless. “We hang the coats up on hangers” in areas that are frequented by the poor so that anyone in need can partake, says Miles. The traditional turkey dinner will be held at the Chico library Thanksgiving Day, November 28th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. ★

Local Missionary to Serve in Colombia

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Jared Pratt will serve as a full-time missionary in the Colombia Barranquilla Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The mission is at the northern tip of Colombia and also the northern tip of the South American continent. The mission shares a border with Venezuela.

Pratt will begin his service at the Missionary

Training Center in Colombia, where he will study the Gospel of Jesus Christ and begin learning the Spanish language.

Pratt will speak twice on Sunday November 24, once to the Spanish Branch at 10:30 am at the Liberty Church at 1259 French Avenue. He will also speak that day at 12:00 pm to the Young Single Adult Branch at 400 Spruce Street. Pratt’s parents are Bryan and Denise Pratt. ★



Jared Pratt prepares to serve as a full-time missionary in Barranquilla, Colombia. Photo courtesy of Jared Pratt

GHS Swim Team Ends Their Season with a BIG Splash

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1 and Div 2 get a special invite to the master competition held at Shasta.

This year 2 individual swimmers, Aubrey Sannar and Brynlee LaViolette, and 2 relay teams comprised of 5 swimmers, Aubrey Sannar, Brynlee LaViolette, Ashlyn Mendenhall, Sierra Brady, and Kayllen Barnette, were invited to the exclusive championship meet. The girls performed incredibly well, with freshman LaViolette placing 14th out of 400 with her individual 100-meter Butterfly and Sannar placing 16th in the 50-meter individual freestyle and 15th in the 100-meter individual freestyle.

Of her team Coach Boeger-Terry said, “They’re amazing. Like I said, nobody understands swim. Nobody understands how well this little 15-person team, how well they do! We have some kids that have never swum on a team



Gridley high schools Division 1/Masters swim competitors from left to right: Aubrey Sannar, Brynlee LaViolette, Ashlyn Mendenhall, Sierra Brady and Kayllen Barnette. Photo by Amber Mendenhall

and within 2 years, they are Div 2 qualified.” She continues, “Aubrey and Brynlee are amazing, and I want them recognized and the whole relay team.” Out of some of the larger schools in the area, such as Chico, Shasta and Redding, GHS swim represented our small town quite well. “Chico had over 50 kids at masters, at masters... we had 5!”

says Coach Boeger-Terry “... and that’s just Chico. Gridley did great for a little school...Even though it’s a little team, it’s a mighty team.”

Coach Boeger-Terry wanted to give a shout-out to Yuba City’s InShape Fitness for allowing the team to use their heated pool to train when the weather cools in the fall. ★

Oroville Killer Admits Murder as Jury Was Being Picked

Butte County District Attorney Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - As the jury was being picked for the trial of a 42-year-old Oroville man accused of the murder of an elderly woman in her Oroville home, the man changed his plea from not guilty to no contest.

Brian Scott Madding, an Oroville transient, pled to a charge of first degree murder and admitted the murder was committed during the commission of a first degree burglary. District Attorney Mike

Ramsey said by his plea, Madding faces a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Ramsey said Madding killed Greta Jayne Putnam, 86, during the late night of November 7, 2018 after he broke into her home in a senior mobile home park in 2300 block of 5th Avenue in Oroville. Her body was found in her bed the next morning by her caretaker who came to the home. Ramsey said the slaying was brutal as Madding stabbed Mrs. Putnam at least five times. Some of her wounds were defensive, indicating she attempted

to fight off her attacker as she woke up to find Madding in her bedroom. The fatal wound was a deep stab wound to her neck.

Ramsey said the state Department of Justice was able to find a fingerprint at the crime scene that matched Madding. Once that information was developed, a warrant was issued for Madding’s arrest. During questioning by then Oroville Police detective sergeant Joe Deal (now chief of police) and detective Ray Stott, Madding admitted to killing Mrs. Putnam as she stirred in her bed during the

course of his burglarizing her home for money or other items to trade for illegal drugs.

Ramsey praised the work of his senior supervising deputy district attorney Elizabeth Norton along with Deal and Stott in putting together a case that left Madding little choice other than to admit his guilt despite his earlier court attempts to feign legal insanity and to deny his guilt. Ramsey said Madding changed his plea after a morning of jury selection.

He will be formally sentenced on December 19, 2019. ★



Brian Madding

Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

November 11th - 14th

11/11/2019: At 12:27 am on Hwy99 and W. Liberty Rd, Gridley, CA, Jessica Rene Valdez, 42, was cited for felony possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S), possession of an open container of marijuana inside of a vehicle (11362.3 (4) H&S), driving with expired registration (4000(a)(1) CVC) and no proof of insurance (16028 (a) VC).

11/13/2019: At 5:05 pm on the 0 block of B Street in Biggs, CA, Glenn Clay Ackerman JR, 48, was arrested on for possession of ammunition while being prohibited from owning a firearm (30305(a)(1) PC) and violation of probation (1203.2 (a) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

11/14/2019: At 9:34 am on W. Liberty Rd and Independence Way in Gridley, CA, Gavin Michael Warmack, 21, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance (11377(a) H&S).

11/14/2019: At 12:41 pm on Randolph and Locust Avenues in Gridley, CA, Julia Opal Brown, 29, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S).

11/14/2019: At 5:38 pm on the 1000 block of Washington St. in Gridley, CA, Joaquin Ornelas Arce, 22, was arrested on a local misdemeanor bench warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

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Butte County Sheriff Report



November 8th - 18th

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19-07949	11/10/2019 10:31	11/10/2019 10:31	Larceny Theft/Petty Theft/Misdemeanor	GRIDLEY
19-07950	11/10/2019 07:15	11/10/2019 14:28	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-07952	11/10/2019 15:12	11/10/2019 15:12	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	MAGALIA
19-08012	11/11/2019 02:00-14:10	11/13/2019 11:52	Robbery/Home Invasion Robbery Involving Three or More Persons/Felony	OROVILLE
19-07989	11/12/2019 12:41	11/12/2019 12:41	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	OROVILLE
19-08022	11/13/2019 18:16-21:33	11/13/2019 18:16	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-08044	11/14/2019 12:00	11/14/2019 14:46	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-08050	11/14/2019 19:46	11/14/2019 19:46	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	BERRY CREEK
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19-08089	11/16/2019 08:34	11/16/2019 08:47	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-08094	11/16/2019 11:29-12:35	11/16/2019 11:29	Assault/Battery Spouse/Ex-Spouse/Etc/Misdemeanor	GRIDLEY
19-08110	11/16/2019 22:30-22:51	11/16/2019 22:51	Assault/ADW Not Firearm GBI Likely/Felony	BERRY CREEK
19-08112	11/17/2019 04:38-07:26	11/17/2019 04:38	Larceny Theft/Grnd Theft: Fowl/Fruit/Etc/Felony	GRIDLEY
19-08123	11/17/2019 22:25	11/17/2019 22:25	Larceny Theft/Grnd Theft: Fowl/Fruit/Etc/Felony	GRIDLEY
19-08131	11/18/2019 10:40	11/18/2019 10:40	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	CHICO
19-08148	11/18/2019 15:30-07:00	11/19/2019 07:57	LARCENY THEFT/PETTY THEFT/MISDEMEANOR	OROVILLE

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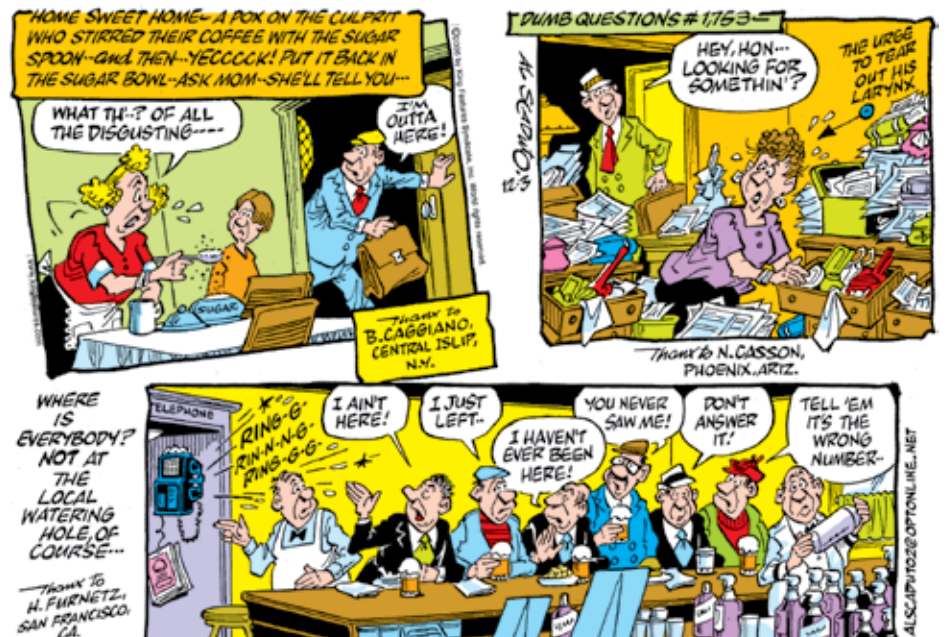
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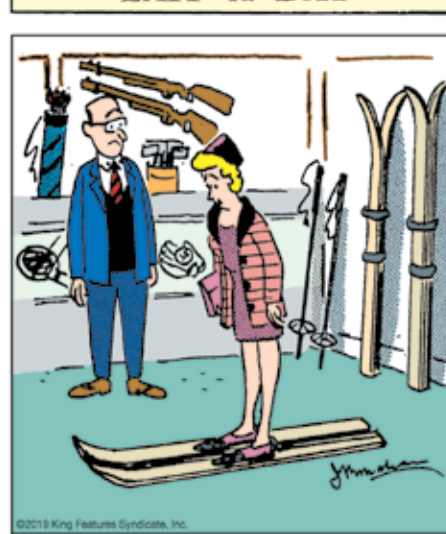


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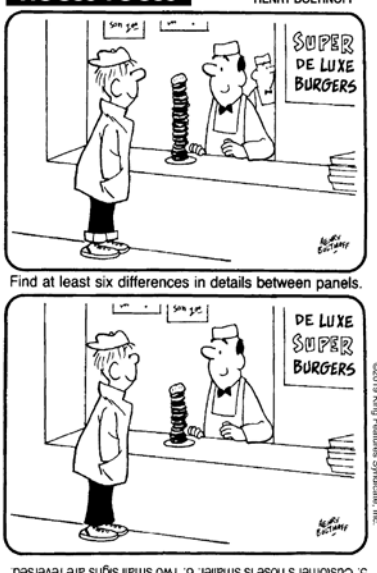
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SPORTS

Live Oak Football Season Ends in Paradise

By Joshua Porcayo

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - It took Live Oak varsity head coach, Jim Arostegui, two full seasons to get the football players at Live Oak High School to buy in and believe in his coaching philosophy. In his third season back with the football program, Coach Arostegui and the varsity football team brought home another league championship to Live Oak High School and earned a spot in the Division III Northern Section football playoffs. Coach Arostegui stepped away from coaching football at Live Oak High School in 2007 after going 9-3 overall (5-0 in league), winning a league championship and a playoff game. The 2007 season ended in a close 7-0 loss against Hamilton.

On Friday, November 15th, the Live Oak football team was back in action on the gridiron when they traveled to Paradise High School to face the undefeated Bobcats in the first round of the playoffs. Although the game didn't go according to plan, the Lions left it all on the field to end their season. Some may feel as if they fell short of their overall goal, but they made the community proud with their accomplishments this year. The community has been supportive of those players every step of the way, with a large crowd in the stands cheering them on in what became their final game of the season last Friday.

The Lions, led by junior quarterback, Tony Vallejo, will bring back a very talented group next season, with aspirations of another league title. Vallejo passed



Live Oak High School varsity football head coach, Jim Arostegui, prepares his team one last time on Friday, November 15, 2019 against the Paradise Bobcats at Paradise High School. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



The Live Oak High School varsity football team breaks the huddle before their game against the Paradise Bobcats at Paradise High School on Friday, November 15, 2019. Photo courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

for over 460 yards on the season, with 9 passing touchdowns, and 5 rushing touchdowns. The offensive run attack was led by junior, Odin Moody, who rushed for over 1,300 yards on 167 carries, with 12 rushing touchdowns, and 2 receiving touchdowns on over 75 yards. Moody had six games in which he rushed over 100 yards, with his best rushing game coming against Willows on September 27th, in which he ran for almost 240 yards. Junior fullback, Hayden Langley, was a huge part of the offensive run attack this season. Langley rushed for over 840 yards on 126 carries scoring 6 touchdowns. Langley also had

four 100 yard games, with his most successful game coming against Willows, rushing for almost 160 yards. Sophomore, Ta Jon Bloomer, led the air attack with over 170 yards on the season and 2 touchdowns. Senior, Eddie Torres, was also a huge threat for the offense with over 115 yards receiving and 3 touchdowns. Torres also led the team on defense with 55 total tackles.

Coach Arostegui looks to step away from coaching football again, leaving behind a very talented, and win hungry class of athletes next year. With this season, Coach Arostegui leaves with a record of 44 wins and 35 losses in seven seasons. ★

Hustle and Heart, Set Them Apart

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In July of 2019, the Gridley Titans 6U football team, consisting of 4 - 6 year olds, were introduced to the game of football. This group of about twenty players attended a skill-building football camp in order to learn the fundamental movements of the game. During the hot summer months, the young men treated the game just like the older boys; putting in countless hours of hard work and sweat with all their football gear on in preparation for the season. Playing on the same size field as the older Titans players, Coach Brandon Oakley was "amazed at the level of heart this team had" throughout the season.

When the season kicked off, the 6U Titans team had to play various teams from the Sacramento area, since most organizations in the local area didn't have a 6U team. The 6U Titans were the only team in the Gridley program to go up against teams from the Sacramento area this season. Week after week the 6U Titans competed against teams from Sacramento, but each week the team fell short of a victory. However, the fighting spirit within the boys never went away. This group of boys was strongly supported by some amazing parents who came up with the



Gridley Titans 6U running back, Boss Davis (#1), carries the ball against the Lindhurst Jr. Blazers on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Photo courtesy of Barry Roper



2019 Gridley Titans 6U football team. Photo Courtesy of Brandon Oakley

season motto, "hustle and heart, sets us apart."

On October 26, 2019, the 6U Titans battled in an intense final game against the only local team, the Lindhurst Jr. Blazers, at the Boneyard in Gridley. The Titans defense dominated the Blazers' offense most of the game. And even when the Blazers scored first, the Titans offense quickly answered back with a rushing touchdown from quarterback, Noah Montiel. During the final minutes of the game, and with the crowd cheering louder than ever before in hopes to motivate the team to a win, the

Titans offense marched down the field. Running back, Victor Guillen, scored the go-ahead touchdown, but it was ultimately called back due to a penalty. The game eventually ended in a 7-7 tie, but Coach Oakley, the rest of the coaching staff, and the parents celebrated with pride for the boys. "I never thought a sport of 4-6 year olds could be that intense," Coach Oakley said. "Everyone is extremely proud of these boys and I would put our team up against anyone, anytime. Our boys represented this community well. Be proud Gridley." ★

GHS Cross-Country Takes Championships!

Story and photos by Steve Allard

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Congrats to the JV Girls Cross Country Team! They took 4th place in the CIF Northern Section Finals out of 35 schools on November 14. Way to go! Evelyn Horton (18:20) was the top runner for the Bulldogs over the 2.2-mile course, followed by Valeri Garcia (18:50), Katie Punzo (20:10), Lucero Angel (21:26), and Demetria Zepeda (21:32). This is the best and farthest the JV Girls have done in the North Sections in over ten years! All of the girls are first-time competitive runners and are proud of their accomplishments. They are all excited about the 2020 season and plan to run and workout in the offseason and improve for next year. Many will join the track squad in the spring.


For the Varsity boys, Damian Mendoza placed 102nd out of 148 competitors with a time of 20:29. Emmanuel Hernandez Martinez, Andrew Jauron, Geo Gutierrez, and Julian Ramos completed the team! Great job Bulldogs! ★



The ladies of the GHS Cross Country Team From left: Freshmen, Angela Gutierrez, Jennifer Perez, Demetria Zepeda, Katie Punzo, and Sophomores Lucero Angel, Evelyn Horton, Valeri Garcia.




GHS Cross Country Team celebrating at the finish line of this year's CIFNSF competition: Blue shirts: From left front: Angela Gutierrez, Demetria Zepeda, Valeri Garcia, Ilvir Valdez, Evelyn Horton, Lucero Angel, Emmanuel Hernandez Martinez, Julian Ramos, Geo Gutierrez. Back row: Andrew Jauron, Damian Mendoza, Katie Punzo, Jennifer Perez.



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October Athlete of the Month



Aubrey Sannar
Senior - Varsity Swim

"Aubrey qualified for the Division 2 meet in 6 out of 8 events with DIVISION 1 time standards. She helped score 81 points out of Gridley's 208 total points at Division 2 Championships on October 30th. She had personal records in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle earning her an invite to the Masters meet. Aubrey is an elite swimmer that ranks in the top 16 in division 1 as well as division 2. She is also the team captain." - Coach Monica Terry



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October Athlete of the Month



Max Nicolson
Senior - Varsity Football

"Max has led the Bulldog defense as a do everything LB and tackle machine. He has also contributed on the offensive side of the ball at WR. Max is the leader of our team and a captain who leads by example and has truly found his voice in terms of positive communication with his teammates and coaches. His development throughout the season has been impressive and he is truly worthy of the award due to his attitude, effort, and ultimately performance on the field." - Coach Matt Kemmis

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #19CV02718

1. Petitioner Amanda Lee Palmatier filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name	Proposed name
Amanda Lee Palmatier	Amanda Lee Collins

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 December 18, 2019 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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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE #19CV03360

1. Petitioner Christoffer Michael Rogers filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name	Proposed name
Christoffer Michael Rogers	Christoffer Michael O'Connor

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Dear Dietitian

Thanksgiving



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I grew up in a farming community, and by late November, the harvest was usually complete. Crops that were a year in the making were out of the fields, and rest could be had. The weather had turned to a cool, crisp air, and there would be a crackling fire in the fireplace on Thanksgiving Day.

As we give thanks on this day, many will gather with friends and family. We will indulge on turkey and dressing and all the fixings, and the feast may carry on into the evening. The holiday season has begun, and it is filled with cookies, candy, and pies.

Americans gain an average of one pound during the holidays. Well, I have to be honest – last year I gained four pounds! Not so

good to be above average, huh? Do you want to prevent weight gain this year? Here are some tips that may help:

- Eat breakfast. Consume this meal just like any other day. A healthy breakfast anchors your appetite for the rest of the day, and will help prevent overeating at the main meal.
- Eat one plateful of food. This is one of the best ways to prevent overeating. Choose the foods you love, but don't go back for seconds. You won't feel deprived since you've made the food choices you want.
- Fill up on salads and vegetables. You'll get some much-needed fiber and have less room for the high-calorie foods.
- Stop eating when full. It's ok to be full; just don't stuff yourself. Feeling stuffed is uncomfortable anyway, right?
- Drink lots of water. Water helps you feel full and prevents dehydration. When we are dehydrated, we are more likely to overeat.
- Enjoy one dessert. Try to limit yourself to one serving of pie or cake.
- Alcohol. If cocktails are a part of your day, limit yourself to one or two drinks. Alcohol has a lot of calories

and lowers your inhibitions, making it easier to grab another slice of deliciousness.

- Chew gum afterwards. The chewing action gives our mouths something to do, so you will be less likely to pick up a bite of this or that.
- Brush your teeth after Thanksgiving dinner. That minty fresh taste won't mix well with a bite of sage-seasoned dressing.
- Focus on something other than food. Play a game, watch football, or socialize. The holidays are a special time to catch up with friends and cousins.

Finally, if you eat more than planned, don't beat up on yourself. Get "back in the saddle" the next day, and be thankful.

Until next time, be healthy!
Dear Dietitian

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

I've been thankful for those who overwater their lawns this time of year. Yes, there has been no rain and the lawns need water but it is cooler at night so timers should be changed because the evaporation is less. So even though there has been no rain the toadstools are

coming up in abundance with the cooler nights, warm days and overwatering. Someone in Heron's Landing tossed great perfect toadstools into the gutter. They had the cute little caps and the chubby stems, so I picked one up and brought it home. I'm working on seeing if it will dry and still look cute. If so, I'll collect others and use little dry toadstools for decorations. Between toadstools and acorns, I'm so happy with the world.

I cut back a vigorous lavender that blooms all seasons and I decided I need to dig it up and cut off a piece to replant and pot up the rest for the Green Thumb Garden Club plant sale in May.

Should you be so lucky to get this lavender you will be so surprised at how much it blooms. It is a hybrid that I do not remember where I got it...which is unusual because I remember where most every plants comes from, it is my super power. I've removed most of the lavender in the front yard in my efforts to simplify. Of course, I have plenty in the backyard.

The Japanese thread leaf Maples leaves are finally turning colors. I have one that is a bright red or trying to be... it hasn't been cold enough to succeed at true crimson. Another one is a wonderful yellow, it is doing better and lastly there is one that is reddish. Miniature fall color. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY

Shame Most History Books Missed That



Windy Wilson waited while the first cup was poured, there at the daily meeting of the world dilemma think tank at the Mule Barn truck stop. When Windy shows up, it's always an interesting lesson on vocabulary and remembrance of things that may or may not have occurred.

"Fellers," Windy said, "you know Thanksgiving's 'bout here, don't ya?"

We did.

"Brings me to mind of that Indun girl, Pokerhontus. Now she were a proper honey, I'll tell ya. Not only did she keep her daddy from wipin' out them foreign homesteaders, but she taught 'em about Thanksgiving'."

Windy grinned and sipped.

"Read up on it back when I was in elemnecessary school, ya know. That were a while back, too. Yessir, them poor Pilgrimites had no idear how to cook a turkey. I mean, they never seen one 'til somebody shot one and brung it home. But good ol' Pokerhontas saved the day. She told all them folks that

this was the terditional Thanksgiving' bird and showed 'em how to baste it and cook it, and how many minutes for how many pounds and all that stuff.

"Then them Pilgrimese folks was so tickled at her they sent her on a boat to go have tea with that there queen of England and teach *her* how to cook a turkey! Like

I say, she was a special lady."

Shame most history books missed that.

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Orchard Hospital Granted Much-Needed Funds



Pictured left to right: Tracy Atkins - CNO/DON, Kristina Sanke -CFO, Gretchen Bender - Director of Foundation Relations & Grant Administration, Steve Stark - CEO, Kristen Storne-Piazza - Clinic Administrator, Jennifer Cabrera - RN, Kimberly McReynolds – RN. Photo provided by Orchard Hospital

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Serving the needs of a small town is not always easy for a non-profit hospital and with the new addition of Camp Fire Survivors to our community and the likelihood of continued growth in our area, Orchard Hospital is making some great strides towards continued and quality healthcare.

Gretchen Bender, Director of Foundation Relations and Grants Administration shared that Orchard has recently received 3 grants in the form of monetary funds, supplies and or staffing support totaling almost \$800,000. Bender states, “We received \$50,00 from North Valley Community Foundation

to purchase needed equipment supplies for the clinic and for the emergency department, as well as to beef up our transportation fund.” That was just the first grant.

The three grants come from Orchard being an active part of the long-term recovery. After the initial \$50,000 from NVCF, Orchard received a shipment of supplies from an organization called Americares - a national disaster relief foundation. Americares plans to help Orchard staff a new primary care provider, one of the “two main positions we’re funding through this grant,” says Bender. The second position is “what we are calling a community care coordinator,” says Bender, which would be someone

that would ensure that residents of the Camp Fire community and their children have their medical records reproduced, that they get referrals out to specialist and overall are receiving well-coordinated care from Orchard and its clinic. “Whatever the case may be... as they’ve moved into Gridley, we want them (Camp Fire survivors) to know we were accepting patients and are ready to serve them.”

The third form of aid has come from Direct Relief, another humanitarian disaster relief organization, which is helping to fund needed major equipment and supplies for Orchard’s Medical Specialty Clinic, ER, Cardio-Pulmonary and Radiology departments. Tracy Atkins, Orchard CNO/DON says the items

will consist of provision of care equipment such as supply carts, EKG’s -“the things that we need to deliver care on a daily basis.” She continues, “Our ER is very tiny and our rooms are very small, and we don’t have a central supply unit, our warehouse is at the clinic,” two buildings away. The ability to have access to additional equipment and supplies immediately means that Orchard will be able to dual-purpose some of their standard rooms as ER rooms during times of overflow. It “Helps us be very able to pivot quickly and responsive to whatever walks through the door,” says Atkins.

Since the FEMA community has established itself within the Gridley area, the ER has experienced a sharp increase in ER

traffic, making this a huge win for the hospital. “Yes, it has been amazing for us. We had this list of equipment needs... We were already projecting what the volume increase would be and we knew what we would need to be able to continue the quality care we want to deliver,” say Atkins. With the three grants, Orchard has been able to fill some of those voids. Atkins says, “The organizations have been so supportive of us as a rural community, true community non-profit hospital. They visited and I think saw our needs.”

Orchard has already started to put the aid to work and Bender conveys that Orchard will always be looking into future grants in order to offer the highest possible care to the community. ★

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