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Live Oak Festival Fun



Above: Enjoying some of the attractions at the festival, such as the free face painting and delicious refreshing drinks from the food vendors. From left to right: Front - Ayden Mckinnon, Leyla Ford, Carter Ford. Back: Ashley Moon and Jayna Ford. Right: Just fitted for their helmets at the Bike Rodeo and enjoying a healthy snack courtesy of Eat Healthy, Omar (front) and Kimberly Vaca are ready to ride! Photos by Seti Long

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The celebration that took over downtown Live Oak this last Saturday has been known as many things over the years – The Peach Festival, The Live Oak Fall Festival, and now, just the Live Oak Festival. This year saw some new changes, but one thing remained the same – the fun!

Now in its 66th year, the festival, usually organized by the Live Oak Chamber of Commerce special committee, was taken over by the Live Oak Lions International Club. The theme was “A Walk In Time - Where

it all started” and crowd favorites such as the parade down Broadway Street in downtown and the car show were all present.

New this year was a special awards ceremony held at noon in Live Oak Memorial Park, where the main festivities are typically found. Council member Alex Tica took the mic and leading ceremonies in cooperation with the Live Oak Lions Club. After welcoming the crown, Tica,

with the help of 2018 Miss Live Oak, Janet Enriquez announced the 2019 Miss Live Oak, Elena Sanchez.

Following the coronation, two very important men in the Live Oak community, Mayor and Councilman, were present. *Continued on page 5*

Live Oak Toys with Reducing Rates for Developers

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Live Oak City Council is considering temporarily reducing fees for developers constructing single-family homes in the Live Oak area. With multiple new developments going in and construction re-invigorated in areas that had stalled years ago when the housing market crashed, Live Oak City feels that incentives for builders could be a boon for the City.

On June 5th, of 2019, the City Council directed staff to draft documents to temporarily reduce developer mitigation fees, such as water and sewer connections, drainages connections, traffic mitigation, fire and police facility, general buildings, park facilities, recreation facilities corporation yard and community center building fees on the 200 permits issued for single-family homes.

It is expected that these new homes will generate taxes and revenues that will offset the incentives for incoming developers within 1.7 - 2.4 years. For each house built if the one-time mitigation fees proposal passes, it would save developers a pretty penny – dropping the existing cost 24.13% from \$6,469,000 to \$4,908,000 total for 200 houses. Existing fees for a single home run at \$32,347. The mitigation fees request a reduction of \$7,806 for each single-family home.

The reduced fees would be effective from November 1, 2019 until October of 2021 or until 200 permits for single family homes are issued. As stated in the resolution, the City Council desires to encourage the development of single-family homes and hopes that the developer incentives will entice more growth. ★

A Tradition of Slinging Paint



Gridley High School seniors had a day to express their artistic and poetic license. Photo provided by Sierra Brady

By Sierra Brady

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The senior class at Gridley High School just partook in one of Gridley’s famous traditions: senior street painting. A whole mass of students gathered around the high school parking lot at 9 A.M. the 21st of September, to

get started on their own individual parking spot. Designs, first approved by the school’s vice principal, ranged from quotes of favorite poets, to abstract designs and colors.

Senior street painting was no easy job. Students were under the beating sun for around six hours, and

that isn’t even counting the amount of time it took to prepare for the big painting day. Chet Gibson, one of Gridley’s seniors, had been “...planning for senior street painting since my older sisters did their spot four to five years ago.” Whereas other students like Tylor Myrick planned his design,

“...a week before” the 21st and got his supplies the day of. No matter the time it took for students to draw up their designs and get the painting tools ready, all the parking spots turned out beautifully unique. The activity was most definitely a milestone for the seniors *Continued on page 3*

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Biggs Sailor Gets Promoted to Chief Petty Officer

By Theodore Quintana,
Navy Office of
Community Outreach

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO/
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TX
(MPG)** - After six weeks
of training, Electronics
Technician (Navigation)
1st Class Jonathan Quist
of Biggs, Calif., assigned
to Navy Recruiting District
(NRD) San Antonio was
promoted to the rank of
chief petty officer during
a pinning ceremony held
at the Fort Sam Houston
Theatre. Quist, a 2002
graduate of Biggs High
School, joined America's
Navy in 2005 becoming a
recruiter in 2019. Pinning
on Quist's chief insignia
were his wife, Courtney,
and mother, Judy.

"Becoming a Navy chief
means that I am entrusted
with more responsibility,"



Electronics Technician (Navigation) 1st Class Jonathan Quist.
Navy Photo by Burrell Farmer, Navy Recruiting District San Antonio Public Affairs

said Quist. "I am also very
proud to have joined one of
the largest fraternities on
earth."

At the ceremony's con-
clusion, active duty,
retired, and former chief
petty officers "Manned the
Rails" and saluted Quist as
he passed through the side
boys and was welcomed

into the NRD Chief's
Mess.

NRD San Antonio's area
of responsibility includes
more than 34 Navy
Recruiting Stations and
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Stations spread through-
out 144,000 square miles
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Camp Fire Housing Bill Headed to the Governor

By Curtis Grima

SACRAMENTO - Assembly Bill 430 authored
by Assemblyman James Gallagher
(R-Yuba City) was sent to the Governor's
desk for consideration after it was
approved by the State Assembly with over-
whelming bi-partisan support.

The Camp Fire Housing Assistance
Act of 2019 will help expedite home
construction in the North State region
by streamlining environmental regula-
tions that often delay or stop housing
developments.

"I am thankful for the bipartisan sup-
port and recognition from my legislative
colleagues that the extraordinary cir-
cumstances of the Camp Fire require
immediate action to help provide housing
for fire victims and others impacted by this
disaster," said Gallagher.

Cities that will benefit from AB 430
include: Biggs, Corning, Gridley, Live
Oak, Orland, Oroville, Willows, and Yuba

City. Citing unwavering support for the
California Environmental Quality Act
(CEQA) and growth concerns, the Chico
City Council asked Gallagher to remove
Chico from the bill.

Gallagher concluded, "CEQA reform
is very difficult in Sacramento. Some said
this bill was dead on arrival. But with
strong relationships across the aisle and
talented staff you can do a whole lot, even
in the minority. This was 'the little bill that
could' and it's going to provide a big boost
to the region as we seek to recover and
rebuild."

For more information on Assemblyman
Gallagher visit www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher

Assemblyman James Gallagher repre-
sents the 3rd Assembly District, which
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Source: Office of Assemblyman James
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Bernadine Hepworth Dustin

March 11, 1935 to September 19, 2019

Bernadine Hepworth Dustin 84 passed away peacefully on September 19, 2019. She was a native and long-time resident of Gridley, California born on March 11, 1935. She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She graduated from Gridley High School and was voted "Most Athletic". She loved supporting her children and grandchildren at sporting events. Some companies she worked for include Ford Automotive, Mathews Readymix and Continental Athletic Supply. She also co-owned a Drive-in Restaurant called "Uncle Fuds" with her husband. She was loving, very dependable, hardworking and caring.



Bernadine is preceded in death by her husband Odell Dustin. She is survived by her three children: Shawn (Janet) Dustin, Kevin (Tina) Dustin and Marnell (Edward) Brock, Her Step-son Dennis (Marcella) Dustin, Her Sisters Idonna Johnson, Margo Hepworth and Cindy Dean, her 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Tuesday, October 1st at 10 A.M. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 400 Spruce Street, Gridley CA. There will be a family viewing at 9 A.M. Interment will follow at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

Searching for Classmates

Gridley, CA (MPG) - Gridley High School Class of 1969 is having a

50th reunion on Saturday Oct. 19, 2019.

We are still trying to locate and contact some classmates.

If anyone has information on the following people please call or text

Janie Daddow at (530)300-0002 or
David Daddow at (530)592-8001

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George Williams

Thank you.
Gridley High School Class of 1969

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A Tradition of Slinging Paint



Senior students were very busy September 21st on Senior Paint Day. Photo provided by Sierra Brady

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that will stick with the students for a long time.

Speaking of a long time, from my research, I have found that senior street painting has been around for at least 20 years, and is a tradition sure to stay alive for many more years to come. In the future, parking spots might become different but the experience of painting the street will still be a memorable day.

When students decide to paint a parking spot, it is a big commitment. Seniors must pay for all of their supplies, including paint, paintbrushes, and paint rollers. The event has yet to come up with any sponsors for the painting items, so all of these materials can become pretty pricey. Nevertheless, the price tag of paint did not stop this year's seniors from leaving their mark on Gridley High School before they leave the small town of Gridley to go on and do bigger and better things. ★



Kaleidoscope Sponsors Oz Interactive Movie Experience

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - For its fall event, Kaleidoscope, Gridley Arts Council will present the original movie The Wizard of Oz as an interactive movie experience.

Upon arriving, people will receive a bag of props. A narrator will cue the audience at specific moments in the movie to pull out a prop and participate with the movie and the rest of the audience. For example, when Glinda appears, you will be cued to pull out your magic wand and wave it around. When the apple trees throw apples at Dorothy, the audience will retrieve their toy apples and throw them at the movie screen. Or, when the witch is melting, everyone will be cued to stand and melt along with the Wicked Witch of the West.

There will be a costume contest, so you are encouraged to wear your favorite Wizard of Oz costume. Cash awards will go to the best costumes. Although there will be seating, you are welcome to bring pillows, beach chairs, etc. for your family. For more information, please see the Kaleidoscope Facebook page.

The event will take place Friday October 4 in the Gridley Community Center (GUARDIAN Building) at 6:00 pm, and the entrance fee is \$5. There will also be food available for purchase: delicious Tri-tip sandwiches, Round Table Pizza, hot dogs, movie candy, and popcorn. For reservations, please call Patti at 370-3410. This event coincides with Kaleidoscope's annual membership drive. We encourage everyone to join us in supporting local arts activities. ★

Friends of the Library to Host FOCUS and Debbi Cobb

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - This upcoming Tuesday, October 1st, the Gridley Friends of the Library will be hosting a special event at the Gridley branch of the Butte County Library. The FOTL will be presenting the FOCUS group, whose mission is to support the growth and development

of children and youth in the Gridley, Biggs, Live Oak and Richvale area through literacy, with the Don Wiley Award. FOCUS gives hundreds of books to area children each year and is an active charity organization within our community.

In addition to the awards ceremony, special guest Debbi Cobb, from Action

News Channel 24, will be in attendance. Author of multiple children's books, Cobb will be doing a reading from one of her choosing.

The Gridley FOTL invites you to bring the family out and enjoy this event, beginning at 7:00 pm at the library located at 299 Spruce St., in Gridley. ★

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James and Mattie (Hicks) Bumpus

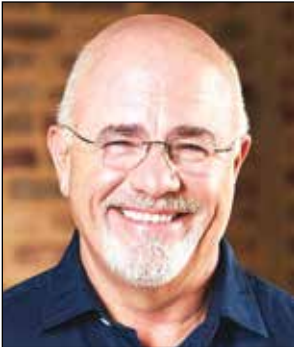
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Helping is Often More than Just Giving

Dear Dave,

My husband and I met a young woman through an outreach program at church. She is a single mother with a small child, and recently she asked us for money, so she could buy baby food and diapers. This isn't the first time she has asked us for money. In the past, she has used money we've given her to buy alcohol for herself after telling us it was going to be used for the baby. She truly does need financial help, though. Can you give us some advice on handling this situation? — Angela

Dear Angela

Financially speaking, her problem sounds as much of a mismanagement of money as it is a lack

Dave Ramsey Says

of money. That, and she seems to have an issue with lying. If you're determined to help this woman, you can put conditions on your help designed to improve her decision-making abilities and her life.

If someone is bold enough to ask for your money, you have every right to attach requirements to the money for their own good. One of two things will happen if you handle it this way. She'll either graciously accept your conditions and welcome the help, or she'll get angry and say you have no right interfering in her business. I've never had a problem helping people who have good hearts and just need a break. But if someone cops an attitude with me in a situation like this, I wouldn't be breaking out my wallet anytime soon.

If you choose to do this, make the money a gift and not a loan. Concentrate on trying to get her on a path where she's a little more honest with you and thinks a little straighter. Hopefully, as a result she will start making better choices. Teach her how to create and live off a budget,

or help her enroll in a personal finance course, too. Right now, just handing her money is like giving a drunk a drink.

This whole situation is a lot bigger than helping someone with baby food and diapers. The answer to that is easy. In this case, however, I'd probably give it to her in the form of a gift card. Some of those don't allow alcohol purchases. You could avoid that possibility, too, by getting things for the baby yourself and taking them to her.

In many cases, truly helping someone is a lot more work than just throwing money at them. Sometimes, you have to get down in their mess, get real with them, and walk with them. — 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. ★

Dear Dietitian

Fad Diet



Commentary by
Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

It seems there is always a fad diet out there that, once and for all, will solve our problems. Many of us have been on these diets, myself included. Many years ago, I tried a diet where you followed a strict meal plan for 3 days, then ate whatever you wanted within reason, (whatever that means) for the following 3 days. The problem was I couldn't make it through the first three days!

Wikipedia defines a fad diet as one that is popular for a time, similar to fads in fashion. These diets usually promise rapid weight loss or other health advantages, such as longer life. They are often promoted as requiring little effort and producing a "quick fix." (1)

Why do we fall prey to these diets? There are many reasons, the first and most obvious being we want to lose weight fast! Many fad diets produce a rapid, initial weight loss of up to five pounds in one week. This is done by depleting the body's glycogen stores, an intermediate form

of carbohydrate energy. When you eat lunch, your body immediately takes what it needs for energy, then stores some glycogen for later to help you get through the afternoon.

Another reason we start a fad diet is they sound reasonable. Sometimes, they are created by physicians, so they must be healthy, right? Often, these diets proclaim to have discovered a secret to losing weight or even better, a way to trick your body into shedding those unwanted pounds. I'll let you in on this secret for free. If you want to lose weight, follow these two steps: 1. Eat less, and 2. Exercise more. There are no tricks to losing weight. You simply create a caloric deficit over time. Simple, but not easy.

According to the Cleveland Clinic, the following guidelines will help you spot a fad diet. (2) These diets tend to have:

- Recommendations that promise a quick fix.
- Claims that sound too good to be true.
- Simplistic conclusions drawn from a complex study.
- Recommendations based on a single study.
- Dramatic statements that are refuted by reputable scientific organizations.
- Lists of "good" and "bad" foods.
- Recommendations made to help sell a product.
- Recommendations based on studies published without peer review.

- Recommendations from studies that ignore differences among individuals or groups.
- Elimination of one or more of the five food groups (fruits, vegetables, grains, protein, and dairy).

Will there ever be an end to fad diets? Not in my lifetime, but as the knowledge of nutrition grows, one day the fad diet will quietly disappear. There will be adequate public health information as it pertains to healthy nutrition. Just as it is now accepted that smoking cigarettes increases your risk of cancer, so too will the consumer realize that a fad diet is not good for your health. A healthy diet consists of moderate portions of lean proteins, whole grains, lots of fruits and vegetables, and fats that are mono- or polyunsaturated. Keep it simple.

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Until next time, be healthy.

*Dear Dietitian
Leanne McCrate, RD, LD, CNSC, aka Dear Dietitian, is an award-winning dietitian based in Missouri. Her mission is to educate consumers on sound, scientifically-based nutrition. Do you have a nutrition question? Email her today at dear-dietitian411@gmail.com. Dear Dietitian does not endorse any products or diet plans.* ★



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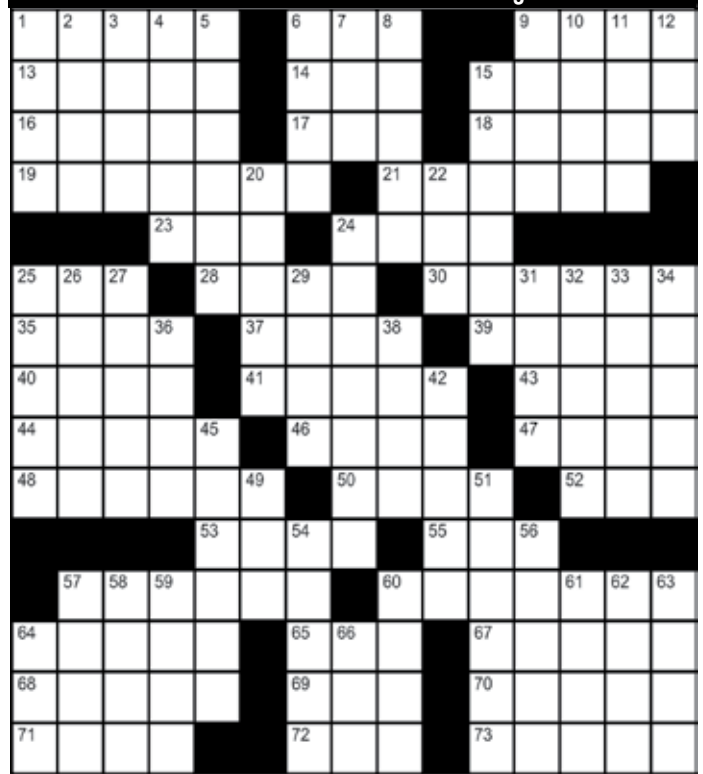
- Same as Amir
- Graduate degree
- Rotisserie skewer
- Wisp clouds
- *Run-DMC performed at "Live _____", 1985
- Elbow room
- Portfolio content
- Some special effects
- Noncommittal response
- *N.W.A. songwriter turned actor
- *Marshall Bruce Mathers III
- Last letter of Hebrew alphabet
- Two-fold
- Tit for _____
- Serve soup, e.g.
- Done at "inspiration point"
- Eurasian mountain range
- Jack of all trades' sphere of expertise
- More painful
- Little bit, in Mexico
- Open-mouthed
- Classic TV's Mr. Cleaver
- Friend from Mexico
- Power system
- Batman's cave, e.g.
- Ketchup, to some
- *a.k.a. Detective Tutuola
- "To Kill a Mockingbird" author
- Bangkok native
- Yoga turf
- *She likes dollars, she likes diamonds
- *SAG and Golden Globe awards recipient
- 2 halves of a diameter
- Exchange for money
- Watery-eyed
- Turn upside down
- To add, often used with "out"
- Shockingly graphic
- *Cobbler, cobbler, _____

- my shoe"
- Up and down nod
- Horace's poem

DOWN

- South American blackish-purple berry
- Catchall abbr.
- Gaelic tongue
- Not slouching
- Something regularly observed
- Debilitating spray
- *The Notorious one
- Opposite of bonjour
- Distance from wingtip to wingtip, e.g.
- Pay as you earn tax system
- Ballistic missile acronym
- Golf peg
- Expression of pleasure, pl.
- Boss, in Swahili
- Vitruvian one
- Ancient Roman silver coins
- *"The hate you give..." artist
- Scent
- Like unspoken agreement
- *Snoop's last name?
- Loose hood
- Cattle enclosure in African village
- Chill-inducing
- *Beats by _____
- Fireplace fodder
- *_____ Rap Battles of History"
- Possible allergic reaction
- Bested
- Sigma _____ Epsilon
- Babble out
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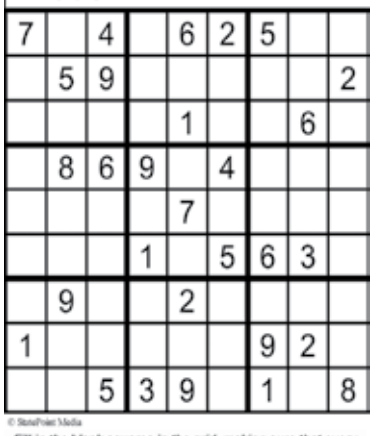
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Live Oak Festival Fun

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Oak Community were recognized for their outstanding service, commitment and dedication. Sutter County Deputy Sheriff Manuel Houston was named 2019 Officer of the Year. Deputy Houston has been with the Sutter County Sheriff's Department 3 years and was said to be Live Oaks' "friend in law enforcement." The honor of 2019 Firefighter of the Year went to Todd Schmidgall. Schmidgall, who is strictly a volunteer, has spent 18 years and countless hours helping the Live Oak community. Schmidgall was said to "be a great leader that puts his life aside to protect us and our community," by the announcer.

As awards were given out to parade winners, the crowd browsed through craft booths, enjoyed henna tattoos and face painting, or dined on a host of fantastic selections from food vendors.

The Bike Rodeo helped the younger crowd get fitted for helmets, taught basic safety skills and tips on the bike "obstacle course" and gave away 3 bikes. In coalition with the Bike Rodeo, local health organizations like Adventist Health, Eat Healthy, Ampla Health and more were there to give out tips, information and help promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

With something of interest for all ages, from entertainment, to treats and information, the Live Oak Festival was once again, a great success. ★



A group of Live Oak youth enjoying some of the festivities, food, drink and this year's festival. When asked how the festival was going, they cheered and gave thumbs up across the board - obviously enjoying themselves! Photo by Seti Long



In the process of designing their own custom t-shirts at one of the activities and crafting booths at the LO Festival, Ellie McFarland and Viviana Broussard strike a pose. Photo by Seti Long



Left to Right: Live Oak Fire Captain Carlos Del Rio, supports his volunteer Firefighter of the Year, Todd Schmidgall as he proudly shows off his award. Next to Schmidgall, Sutter County Deputy Sheriff Manuel Houston, also proudly displays his plaque for Deputy of the Year, accompanied by Sutter County Fire Department's Griffin Sullinger. Photo by Seti Long



The Sutter County Royal court welcomed new Miss Live Oak to the ranks Saturday. Pictured left to right: Miss Yuba-Sutter Abby Zamagni, Miss Live Oak Elena Sanchez, Mini Miss Yuba-Sutter Ella Rhody and Miss Teen Yuba-Sutter Amira Center. Photo by Seti Long

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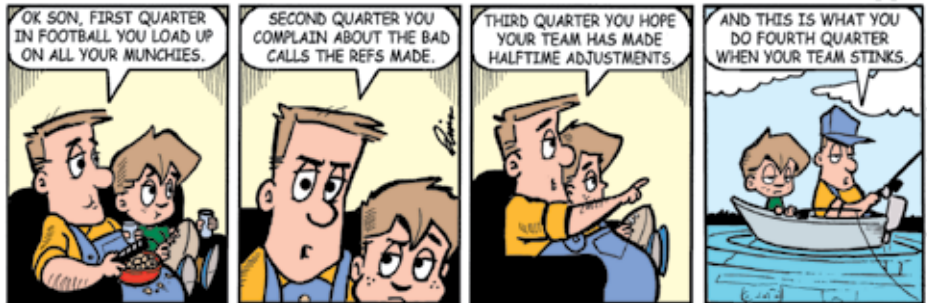
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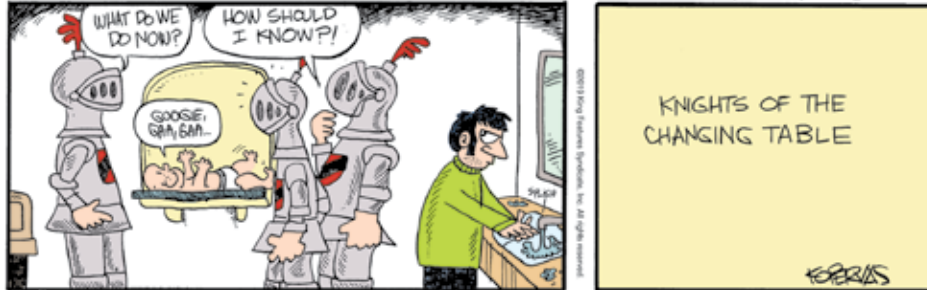
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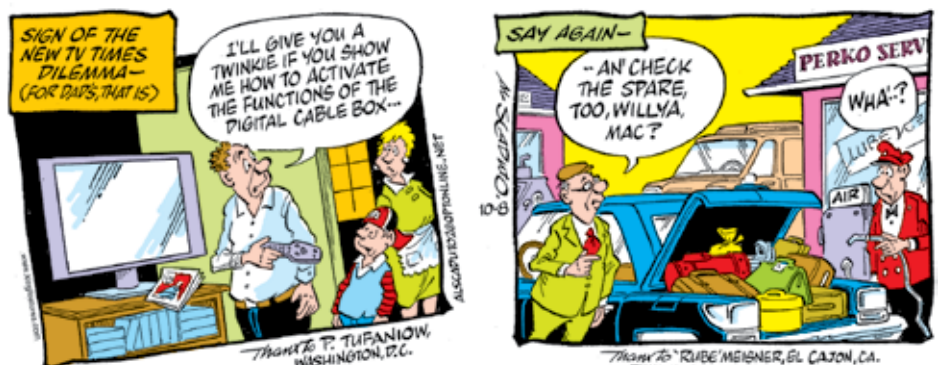
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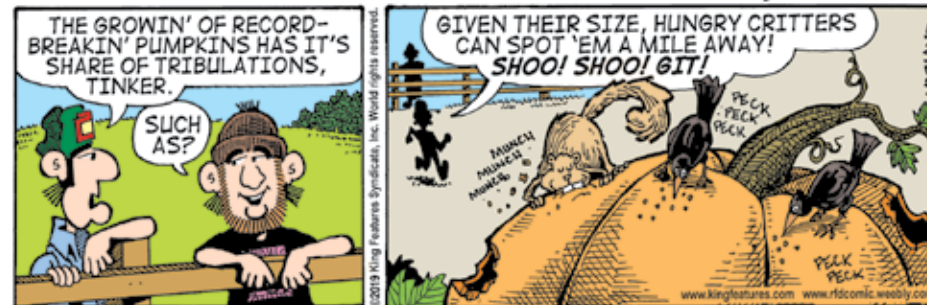
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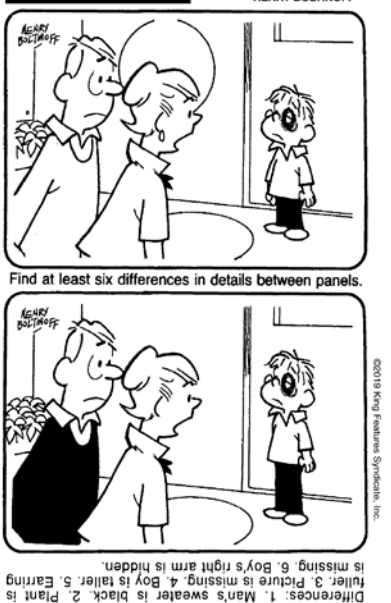


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Luther Elementary Receives AVID Teacher Advocacy Award

By Martin Svec, Luther Elementary

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - This summer, in front of more than 3,000 educators, Luther Elementary received the AVID Teacher Advocacy Award during AVID's Summer Institute in Sacramento, CA. The award recognizes schools who have gone "above and beyond to create lasting change for students and their communities."

Being located in a rural, Northern California farming town with a diverse student population, Luther Elementary's staff has collaborated to address the challenges that come with the territory. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, there is a sharp drop off in college enrollment for rural students compared to urban or suburban students (about a 10-15% decline). The drop off is even more staggering when factoring in ethnicity and family careers. In these cases, some research indicates that the number of high school graduates going to college can drop as low as 10%.

Despite the statistics, Luther school staff understands their community, and knows their students



Luther Elementary Principal, Parveen Bains, holds the AVID Teacher Advocacy Award on behalf of the school with teachers, staff and AVID hosts presenting at AVID's Summer Institute in Sacramento, CA. Photo provided by Luther Elementary

are capable, regardless of the unavoidable, real world challenges that are faced. Their efforts are showing. According to the California Educational Dashboard, student achievement is in the green (above average) for both Math and ELA despite 87% of the school being deemed as "Socioeconomically Disadvantaged" students. This success gives way for confidence and momentum, asserts Luther's principal, Parveen Bains.

"It is about creating a culture. Constantly talking about educational goals, including college and life-long career paths is a big part of it. It's not just 'what do you want to be when you grow up?' but, 'Let's talk about how to get you there,' so that students know how to take achievable steps forward," says Bains.

"AVID strategies are the cornerstone in our classrooms. Paired with a hardworking and dedicated staff, this educational culture flourishes. Our school and entire district has created momentum within the community – last year over 80% of the high school graduating students committed to college or trade school. The goal is for students to feel like the natural next step is college after they graduate. When they see their older brothers, sisters, or peers doing it, it becomes the norm. That alone is not always enough, so they are given the support needed to make that happen: intellectually, emotionally, and even financially. That momentum and dialogue starts at an early age, and it continues on up. Our Luther students begin to believe they can (and will) do it." ★

AAUW Combines 60 Year Celebration with Membership Drive

By Carolyn Nelson, American Association of University Women

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The American Association of University Women (AAUW), is holding their annual Fall Membership Drive in conjunction with their 60-year celebration on Thursday, October 3, 7:00 p.m. in the Gridley Library.

Interested potential members, present and past members and friends will have the opportunity to learn first-hand about AAUW, through stories, photos and scrapbooks of past accomplishment. Past Presidents, FOCUS members and 2019 eighth grade Tech Trek camp scholarship recipients, will

be honored. AAUW has supported women of all ages since 1881; promoting equity, lifelong education and positive societal change. For a number of years, Gridley Branch of AAUW has placed an emphasis on supporting local education projects for middle school age girls; Tech Trek scholarships and Stem Adventure Day (providing area career women workshops and Butte College Tours). For members, Branch meetings, interest groups and Interbranch gatherings occur on a regular basis. For additional information and qualification clarification, email President Tracy Howell, tracy@howellitis.com. ★

Thoughts to Ponder



The Holy Spirit that lives in all of us who believe in God Almighty, and His beloved Savior Son, gives us soft spoken ideas to carry out God's plans. It is not a demand, but a suggestion to help others by being God's hands and feet.

God wants to bless and meet the needs of people in your life by allowing the Holy Spirit to give you little nudges to carry out God's blessings. It could be giving a lady a dress you love, but she needs. It could be food out of your cabinet to feed someone who has none. It could be a kind word to a struggling young person who has no guidance to count on.

The only problem with this situation is we close

our hearts and minds to such needs and fail to listen to the promptings we get every day. No angel is going to swoop in and give you the message. No voice as loud as thunder is going to show you which path to go. Its going to come and tug on your heart, or a vision in your mind of what to do.

Have you ever thought something like, give that woman your purse, she likes it and you have more; or call your fellow worker or friend so see if they need anything and they do?

Just out of the blue you think of doing something like help a stranger, call a church member you haven't see in several weeks, or give an elderly person a ride to go shopping or to a doctor's appointment.

Do you really think that thought just popped into your head for no reason? Reevaluate the situation.

Most of us get "nudges" or thoughts to do something we can't explain. Why me, I don't know them? Why now, I don't have extra money or time to do such as thing? But the tap on the shoulder keeps coming until actions are taken by us.

What have you done for the Lord lately? How have you met the nudges you have gotten to move and act? I suggest you stand or sit still and listen to the messages you are getting. They come at the strangest moments and when you least expect them. But, please don't ignore them anymore. Be a person of action!!!

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CA Trucking Association Issues New Statement on the Governor's Signing of AB 5

By Bernice Creager, California Trucking Association

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Shawn Yadon, CEO of the California Trucking Association (CTA), issued the following statement in response to the decision by Governor Gavin Newsom to sign Assembly Bill 5 into law:

"In the wake of Governor Newsom signing AB 5, the California Trucking Association is exploring its options to ensure California's more than 70,000 independent owner-operators do not lose the tens of thousands of dollars spent in purchasing and updating their trucks, and other assets they have invested in order to build their own businesses.

"In its current form, AB 5 denies a significant segment of the trucking industry the ability to continue operating as independent owner-operators, forcing them to abandon investments they've made in their trucks as well as taking away their flexibility to set their own schedule and determine their destiny regarding their businesses, which many have operated for more than three decades.

"We look forward to working with the Legislature and the Administration to

develop a more workable solution to AB 5 that protects employees from misclassification without eliminating the independent owner-operator business model."

Since 1934, the California Trucking Association has been serving the commercial motor carrier industry in California and the companies that provide products and services to the trucking industry. A critical and vital component of California's economy, nearly 80 percent of California communities depend solely on trucks to deliver their goods. Our carrier membership ranges from individual owner-operators, to small for-hire fleets, to the largest national and international carriers. Allied members of the California Trucking Association range from businesses involved with truck and trailer sales, parts and service, insurance, legal services and all other businesses that support the trucking industry.

The California Trucking Association promotes leadership in the California motor carrier industry, advocates sound transportation policies to all levels of government, and works to maintain a safe, environmentally responsible and efficient California transportation goods movement system. ★

The Road Money Rip-Off Newsom's Latest Broken Promise

Assembly Republican Communications Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - If you listened to Democrats' rhetoric, increasing California's gas tax was all about filling potholes, repairing bridges and fixing roads.

But now that the money is rolling in, liberal politicians are singing a different tune.

As the legislative

session wrapped up for the year, Democratic lawmakers signed off on a plan to rip off drivers by diverting a billion dollars from road maintenance to bike lanes and pedestrian projects.

Not to be outdone, Governor Newsom announced his own raid on road money a week later, putting nearly all the state's road funds at risk of being misspent on public transit, bike and pedestrian projects near infill

housing. Under Newsom's radical plan, anyone who can't afford to live in a big city will be punished, forced to subsidize wealthy urbanites' bike lanes while commuting on roads that continue to crumble. #CaliforniaForAll must ring hollow for drivers stuck in the nation's worst traffic while Democratic politicians refuse to help. Source: Assembly Republicans ★

Transfer Flow Hosts Manufacturing Day Event

By Warren Johnson, Transfer Flow

CHICO, CA (MPG) - In celebration of Manufacturing Day 2019, Transfer Flow, a manufacturer of automotive fuel tank systems, will open its doors to the community on Friday, Oct. 4. Planned open house events will include factory tours of the production, assembly, and engineering departments.

Manufacturing Day is a national annual event executed at the local level supported by thousands of manufacturers as they host students, teachers, parents, job seekers, and other community members at open houses, plant tours, and presentations designed to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers.

"Our open house will allow us to highlight how manufacturing contributes to our local economy, and to showcase the outstanding opportunities a career in manufacturing can provide," said Lisa Johnson, CEO.

Transfer Flow's open house is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. Transfer Flow is located near the Chico Airport at 1444 Fortress Street.

Manufacturing Day is co-produced by the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International (FMA), the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the Manufacturing Institute (MI), the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST), and Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP).

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CASE #19CV02047

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

On the Road: The trip west has been interesting and at times stressful. The south of New Mexico and Arizona were full of desert and beautiful blooming plants as well as Palo Verde trees and desert willows. The contrasts between the bushes, the huge boulders of red and brown and the blue sky

are the stuff of poetry. I had hoped to see an armadillo, sadly only saw one dead on the road. Most of the wildlife I saw was dead on the road. We could not figure out why we were seeing dead pigs on the road. They turned out to be javelina. I thought the heads were odd and very hairy. We enjoyed the sights in Tucson and Yuma but were very confused by their traffic lights...what on earth was a blinking yellow arrow for??? To let you know you could turn as long as you yield to oncoming traffic. Tucson had whole banks of lights across the streets that were painted yellow, they looked serious...then the sign near them said, "Stop only if red lights

are flashing." I wondered what on earth could make those suckers flash red I did go to a couple of nurseries. I brought back one prairie coneflower, well ummm, two. I resisted so many others! I also collected seed pods from desert trees. I'm planning on giving them to friends for propagating desert trees. The wide variety of aloes, yucas, ocotillo, chollas and saguaro growing wild was inspiring. I love cactus and succulents. I was able to hunt for fossils and look at plants what could be better? Driving through LA to get to Santa Barbara was hell. The beautiful beaches of Carpinteria were worth it as were the plants. Homeward bound. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



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"Feel that crispness in the air this morning?" said Dud. "Just about time to go hunting, don't you think?" "I'm always ready," said Steve, smiling. "I'll go right after fall branding this year. But I'm going to be hunting differently this year." We all looked at Steve and waited. "Well," he said, "you know how different cultures and different countries have their own way of hunting, so I thought I

might try one of those this year." "Whatcha have in mind, Steve?" "The Swiss way," he said. "You know ... crossbow? William Tell? The Swiss way." "I'll be using a regular bow again this year," said Herb. "I really enjoy the earlier season and more time to shoot. I shoot in the back yard every day." "Must be something in the coffee here this morning," said Doc. "Everybody's going for a new way ... or old way ... of hunting." "I'll be going back in time myself this fall," Phil said. "I've never used anything but a modern rifle, so

this year I bought myself a muzzleloader. One shot. You just get one." "That's a fact," said Dud. "Now how about you, Doc? How will you be hunting this year?" "Glad you asked, Dudley. Yes, I joined the trend myself this year and I'll be hunting deer by the Amish method." We looked at Doc. "Amish method?" "Sure," he said, grinning. "You just go out and find a buck you really like and build a barn around it." *Brought to you by The Fly Fisherman's Bucket List, more than a hundred top spots and what to use. See it at www.riogrande-books.com.* ★



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Crime Reports



Gridley- Biggs Police Report

September 19th - September 23rd

9/19/2019: At 12:09 AM at Hwy 99 and Obermeyer Ave. in Gridley, CA, Francisco Ivan Burgosavila, 36, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S), drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and violation of probation (1203.2 (a0 PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.


9/19/2019: At 5:43 PM on the 1500 block of Hazel St. in Gridley, CA, Roman Domingo Garcia, 37, was arrested for trespassing after police admonishment (602 (o)PC) and disobeying a court order (166 (a)(4) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

9/21/2019: At 10:03 AM on Randolph Ave and Bayberry Way in Gridley, CA, Adam Joseph Norton, 41, was cited for possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S) and arrested on local misdemeanor bench warrant and a local felony warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.w

9/23/2019: At 9:50 AM on the 200 block of Spruce St. in Gridley, CA, William Fredric Casaulong, 5, was arrested on local misdemeanor bench warrant, cited and released.

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Butte County Sheriff Report



September 6th - September 21st

Case #	Date of Crime	Date Reported	Crime /Type/Classification	Location
19-06407	9/6/2019 21:32-00:15	9/6/2019 21:32	Burglary/Burglary/Felony/6500	BANGOR
19-06419	9/7/2019 10:19	9/7/2019 10:19	Larceny Theft/Petty Theft	CHICO
19-06423	9/7/2019 12:19	9/7/2019 12:19	Stolen Vehicle/Stolen Vehicle - Felony/Felony	BANGOR
19-06435	9/7/2019 12:47	9/8/2019 12:47	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-06510	9/7/2019 14:00-12:00	9/11/2019 15:34	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	CONCOW
19-06436	9/8/2019 13:56	9/8/2019 13:56	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	OROVILLE
19-06482	9/8/2019 09:00-22:00	9/10/2019 14:38	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	CHICO
19-06461	9/9/2019 14:11	9/9/2019 14:11	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	CHICO
19-06500	9/11/2019 07:04	9/11/2019 07:04	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	BANGOR
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19-06642	9/11/2019 08:00-21:00	9/16/2019 10:38	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	PALERMO
19-06561	9/12/2019 20:29	9/12/2019 20:29	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	CHICO
19-06603	9/13/2019 17:00-07:30	9/14/2019 09:29	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	PALERMO
19-06599	9/14/2019 06:50	9/14/2019 06:50	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	DURHAM
19-06608	9/14/2019 13:30	9/14/2019 13:30	Rape/Rape:Vict Incapable Of Consent - Fel/Felony	MAGALIA
19-06629	9/14/2019 13:30-19:22	9/15/2019 19:42	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	BANGOR
19-06640	9/14/2019 12:00-09:00	9/16/2019 09:35	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	OROVILLE
19-06653	9/16/2019 19:23	9/16/2019 19:23	Assault/Battery Spouse/Ex-Spouse/Etc	OROVILLE
19-06700	9/18/2019 22:34	9/18/2019 22:34	Assault/Battery Spouse/Ex-Spouse/Etc	MAGALIA
19-06729	9/19/2019 23:29	9/19/2019 23:29	Assault/Battery On Person - Misd/Misdemeanor	PALERMO
19-06750	9/20/2019 11:00-15:00	9/20/2019 15:02	Burglary/Burglary/Felony	OROVILLE
19-06752	9/20/2019 17:00-18:00	9/20/2019 17:30	Assault/Battery Spouse/Ex-Spouse/Etc/Misdemeanor	MAGALIA
19-06788	9/21/2019 20:01-22:59	9/21/2019 20:01	Assault/Obstruct/Resist Peace Officer/Felony	OROVILLE

SPARKY'S CORNER



Hoarding and Fires

Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fills the home and prevents the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional Health concerns.

Why Hoarding Increases Fire Risks

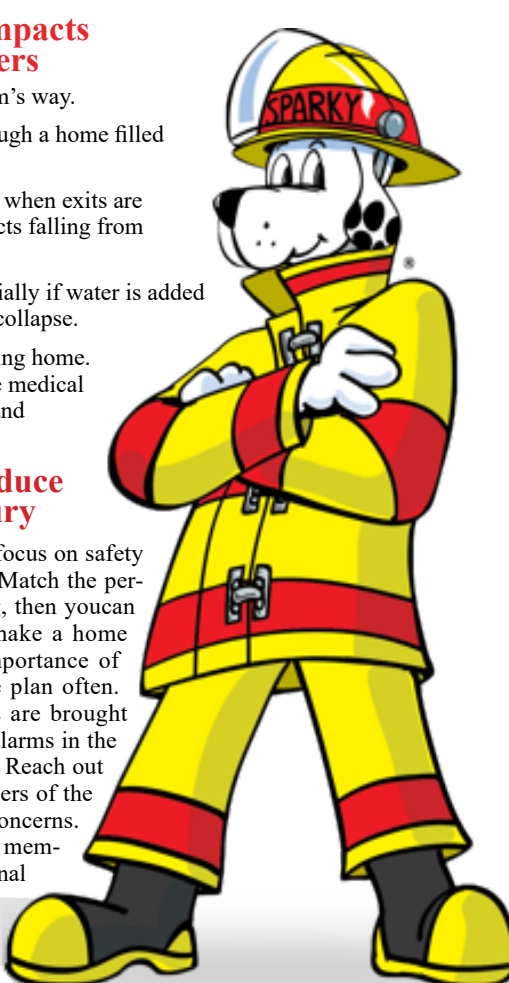
- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

How Hoarding Impacts First Responders

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

When talking a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding. Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home. Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month. Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help. ★



Bulldogs Football Reaps at Annual Harvest Bowl

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 11th annual Harvest Bowl between Gridley and Live Oak high school football teams lived up to all the hype this year. Team spirit was high as the Dog Pound and Lion Pride filled the home and visitor stands. Both varsity teams just came off huge victories the week before and looked to keep the momentum alive early in their seasons.

In the first quarter both defenses kept the other team's offense at bay, even when the Lions offense began marching down the field on the legs of Odin Moody. On 4th down and 9-yards to go inside the Bulldogs 30 yard line, Gridley cornerback, Cameron Carr, came up big with a deflected pass ending the Lions threat of a touchdown.

Early in the second quarter, Lions fullback, Hayden Langley, scored from inside the 5-yard line for the first score of the game. The Bulldogs couldn't seem to get much going and another great defensive stop by the Lions forced the Bulldogs to punt. Gridley punter, Arden Anderson, showcased his leg and accuracy with the football and pinned the Lions inside the 10-yard line with a little over 5:00 to go in the half. Again both defenses stayed strong and a late pass attempt by Carr ended with an interception by Moody. After two quarters of football, the Lions had the momentum and lead with a score of 7-0.

Gridley linebacker, Chris Richins, said after the game that Coach Matt Kemmis told the team



Gridley Varsity head coach, Matt Kemmis, celebrates with Coach Hall and team by raising the Harvest Bowl trophy after winning 30-7 on Friday, September 20, 2019. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

during halftime, “in order to win the game, we needed to stop shooting ourselves in the foot and to eliminate the bad plays.” Early into the third quarter, the bad plays started for Live Oak. A bad snap on fourth down gave the Bulldogs the ball on the Lions 25-yard line. Senior running back, Selso McTygue, carried the ball down to the 1-yard line before punching it in on the next play. McTygue then put the Bulldogs up 8-7 after converting the 2-point conversion. Later in the quarter, Anderson once again put his defense

in great position for a big turnover when he pinned the Lions inside their 5-yard line. Bulldogs sophomore standout, Ryan Smith, took advantage of the short field and forced a fumble on a completed pass to Lions wide receiver, Ta Jon Bloomer, before Bulldogs senior, Max Nicolson scooped it up and took it down inside the 5-yard line. Smith then punched it in from 4-yards out to put the Bulldogs up 16-7 after the 2-point conversion was good.

In the fourth quarter, Gridley senior, Colby

Norton, came up with a huge sack to force another Lions punt. Another bad snap gave the Bulldogs the ball on the Lions 40-yard line. After driving down to the 2-yard line, McTygue crossed the goal line again putting the Bulldogs up 22-7. On the ensuing kickoff, Bulldogs senior, Dylan Terry, recovered an Anderson onside kick to give the Bulldogs possession with 4:03 left in the game. On the very next play, Smith put the game away for good with a 32-yard touchdown run along the right

sideline. Gridley went on to win their seventh straight Harvest Bowl 30-7.

After the game I had an opportunity to speak with Selso McTygue to capture his feelings on the win. “Overall it’s a great feeling with the victory,” he said. He felt the turning point was after the first Lions bad snap and he scored the go-ahead touchdown. “It was great momentum. It got everyone going. It was a great turning point in the game.” When asked how it felt to put the game away for good, Ryan Smith said,

“I was kind of in shock. I thought I was going to go down, but I kept my legs going and scored. Coach has given me an opportunity to be a leader as a sophomore and I’m very thankful for it.”

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SPORTS

530 Sports: Ball Busters/Team H&H Softball Champions

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Monday and Tuesday night slow pitch softball playoffs lived up to all the hype from throughout the regular season. The Ball Busters entered the play-off evening of Monday, September 16th, as the number one seed with a 6-2 record. Their only two losses came from Pitches Be Crazy and All About That Base, who they faced off against in their first game of the evening. The Ball Busters jumped out to an early 8-0 lead in the first inning and took a 13-3 lead after four innings. But All About That Base was in the playoffs for a reason and tied the game up at 13-13 in the top of the sixth. In the bottom of the seventh inning, two outs and a runner on base, Jace Villapania stepped into the batter's box and launched the ball over the left field fence for the walk-off 15-13 victory to move onto the championship game against Sons of Pitches.

Sons of Pitches also walked off for the win against the Dirty Birds when Jordan LaRose hit a single up the middle driving in the winning run from third base to move onto the championship game. In a matchup of last year's championship, one in which the Ball Busters



Ball Busters pose after winning the 530 Sports Summer slow pitch softball league on Monday, September 16, 2019. Back row left to right: Hannah Patane, Megan Anthony, Katie Paredes, Wyatt Swinney, Shelby Benish, Trevor Anthony, Kevin Knipe, Austin Knipe, and Ariel Ingram. Front row: Jace Villapania and Garet Knipe. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

fell short of winning, they kept their momentum going and won the league with an 18-8 victory. The Ball Busters ended their season with an 8-2 record.

On Tuesday, September 17th, Team H&H con-

tinued their season of the regular season. All tied at 4-4 in the bottom of the fourth inning, Team H&H opened up the game with seven runs and would go on to win the championship by a score of 15-7.



Team H&H pose after winning the 530 Sports Summer slow pitch softball league on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. Back row left to right: Lalo Ayala, Marcie Rogers, Wyatt Swinney, Randy Roesch, Jose Mota, Martin Ibarra, and Juan Herrera. Front row: Jesus Ayala, Kayla Nelson, Jaquelyn Caro-Sena, and Selina Bond. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

tinued their season dominance toward a championship, facing off against Pitch Please, who beat them in the last week

The championship teams were rewarded with "530 Sports Summer 2019 Champions" sports shirts. ★

Gridley Titans Football Hosts Pleasant Valley Junior Vikings



Gridley Titans 8U running back, Chandler Dixon, runs the ball before breaking free for a 65 yard touchdown run on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Titans youth football hosted tough opponents from Chico and Natomas on Saturday, September 21st. With the dew still fresh on the field, the 6U Titans team took on Natomas since the Junior Vikings don't have a 6U football team. The players are in the early developmental stages of the game, but looked great on both sides of the ball in their third official game of the season.

The 8U took on PV in the second game of the day in a close battle from beginning to end. The first half was a spectacle of a defensive battle with neither team scoring. Titans running back, Chandler Dixon, broke up the scoreless game in the third quarter when he got loose for a 65-yard touchdown run. With the 2-point conversion good, the Titans led 7-0 before PV got a long touchdown run of their own. At the end of the third quarter, the Titans had a 7-6 lead. Dixon once again saw the endzone in the fourth quarter to help solidify the Titans victory 14-6.

For the fourth game of the day, the 12U Titans team took on a big and fast Junior Vikings team. In the first quarter Nathan Zumwalt picked a loose ball out of the air and took it to the house 46 yards for a touchdown to make it a 6-6 ballgame. In the second quarter, Jack Sannar jumped on a loose ball on the ground for the fumble recovery. In the third quarter, quarterback Gus Stogsdill completed a



Gridley Titans 6U offense sets up against Natomas during their game on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo



Gridley Titans 6U defensive back, Boss Davis, attempts to tackle a Natomas running back during their game on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

nice pass to Luis Murillo for 15-yards. A few plays later Stogsdill rushed in for the Titans only offensive score.

In the final game of the evening, the 14U Titans played a fantastic game against the Pleasant Valley Junior Vikings. Titans running back, Hector Perreda-Fierro, got things going early for the offense when he broke

free for a 60-yard touchdown run. On the next play of offense, Perreda-Fierro broke free again along the right side for a 65-yard touchdown run to put the Titans up 12-6. Tim Felkins jumped on a loose ball in the first quarter for the fumble recovery. Late in the fourth quarter, Eddie Ayala blocked the PAT try after the Junior Vikings touchdown. ★

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HEMP: Not Just Another Four Letter Word

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A lot of buzz has circulated throughout Gridley regarding the hemp field planted north of town near Heron Landing and the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. On August 6th, the City of Gridley submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking that the grow be stopped and just recently, the Biggs/Gridley Neighborhood Watch has also taken a stance on the grow.

There seems to be a lot of misconceptions about hemp and its history floating around our community. Hemp was farmed by the Founding Fathers of the United States and apparently, was widely farmed in the north state in the early 1900s. According to the website www.vote-hemp.com, which provides a history of hemp's production in California, the 1903 yearbook of the United States Department of Agriculture reported that "hemp grown at Gridley in Butte County was well over 10 feet tall" and "a hemp mill was built in the Rio Bonito District near Ord Ranch east of Biggs and Gridley in 1905". Hemp was grown on a commercial scale in Gridley by Mr. John Heaney, with other farmers quickly jumping on board, due to its profitable sale for use in rope and other fibers.

The Farm Bill passed in December of 2018 has legalized the growth of hemp, and since then, farmers across the nation are jumping on board to produce this sustainable crop. According to Butte County Ag Commissioner Louie



Grower, Steve Samra, was happy to inform on the many benefits of Hemp and the growing trend of farmers switching to growing the crop. "It's a way for farmers to diversify and get out from under the banks." Samra grows tomatoes, rice and other crops throughout the north state but sees a big future for Hemp in the north state. "It's not going away." Photo by Seti Long

Mendoza, the area north of town where the hemp farm is located is zoned for agriculture and the grower, Steve Samra, has met every state and county requirement in order to receive the permits allowing him to farm hemp on the property. He has the right to grow.

Samra shares that he isn't just a hemp farmer. He grows multiple crops throughout the valley and is diversifying with Hemp. Hemp is a sustainable crop, and profit margins from the crop greatly offset those compared with the production of almonds, pistachios, prunes and

rice—other valley staple crops. "I believe that it will allow for a lot more farmers to become financially sustainable and independent—not dependent on borrowing from the bank," says Samra.

He also pointed out some facts that the community may not have been aware of. When he first arrived on the leased property, he and his workers found a crack pipes, heroin needles, a large homeless camp and the inhabitants were a menace to the cemetery. Samra and his crew cleaned it up and tried to chase out the drug element. He says

some were "really good people and just displaced by the Camp Fire" and have been allowed to camp near the railroad tracks.

He also shares that in discussions with the Butte County Ag Commissioner, Louie Mendoza, he promised to create a barrier around the perimeter of the field to mitigate any unpleasant smell from the hemp. He has created a buffer zone of about 40-60 feet with nothing planted, followed by roughly 30 acres planted with squash and pumpkins between the Hemp field and residential areas. As for the noxious

odor he says, "It's not going to smell like 1,000 skunks sprayed your backyard" that is in reference to a comment made in the letter written by the city to the supervisors – "It will be a faint smell – more of a pine smell, much more pleasing to the nose." Once the plant is fully matured, the whole plant is removed, which means that the smell should only be noticeable for a very short amount of time "one to two weeks, if that."

He has also put locals to work. During the planting season he had 20-40 workers in the fields and expects around 60 workers at

harvest. He has been working with locals and their companies to get things done as well – Jon Justeson, Nathan Ries Hay/Liquid Supplements, Steve Schohr and more. He expresses that he wants to "foster good relationships with the town," and is "here to better the community – anything we can do to support the community we'd like to be able to do it." That includes donations or sponsorship of sports teams if his budget allows. "We need to build a bridge between the hemp world and the mainstream – it's different than marijuana!" ★

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