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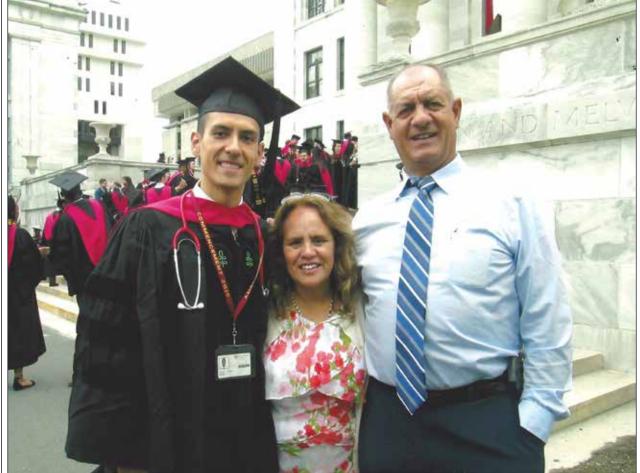


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## **CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!**



# Bright Future for Harvard Med School Grad



Fresh out of Harvard Medical School, Dr. Curiel celebrates his graduation and accomplishments with his family. Pictured left to right: Dr. Daniel Curiel, his mother Maclovia Curiel and father, Ignacio Curiel. Photo provided by Maclovia Curiel

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Our tight-knit community loves to hear success stories of those who have come from our flock and have moved on to do great is doing just that, blazing a course Reconstructive Surgery.

mother, Maclovia Curiel, shared that ever since a young age, Daniel had wanted to become a doctor. He would find willing subjects to practice on, such as his father, Ignacio Curiel, administering simple allergy shots.

His love for the medical field grew, and upon receiving his GED, Daniel took the first steps towards achieving his dream of practicing medicine by studying at Butte College.

He then transferred to UC Davis on scholarship, where he studied biochemistry and molecular biology. It was at Davis that he was awarded special honors. He received a medal from the College of Biological things out in the world. Daniel Curiel Sciences in recognition of his flawless 4.0 GPA and scientific research towards a brilliant career in Pediatric on protein signaling in breast and reconstructive surgeon one day," he brain cancers. The prestigious award Daniel grew up in Gridley sur- is only given to one of the several rounded by his loving family. His hundred students who graduate from the College of Biological Sciences each year.

Upon his graduation in 2014 from UC Davis, he went on to attend Harvard Medical School in Boston where he researched clinical outcomes relating to reconstructive surgery – his future field. On May 30th of this year, Curiel graduated with his MD degree from Harvard Med. His loving family and fiancé His help."

were in attendance and Dr. Curiel said, "It was a wonderful day to share with my family!"

Dr. Curiel has already started his residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota. It is there that he will train in plastic and reconstructive surgery. "I hope to be a pediatric said. His residency at the Mayo Clinic will keep him busy for up to 6 years.

As he continues his path towards realizing his dream in far-away Minnesota, his proud family cheers him on from home. On behalf of the entire family, his mother Maclovia expressed her thanks to the Lord: "We are very grateful to God for the many opportunities and blessings that he has bestowed on our son! The Lord has always been there for our family. We all couldn't have done it without

## No Vacancy-**Council Looks to Fill Positions**

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - With a rather light agenda, Gridley City Council made quick work of the July 1st meeting, cancelling the July 15th session and adjourning until the next scheduled meeting on August 5th.

Items of action included the appointment of City Administrator Paul Eckert as Finance Director. The position has been vacant since April 5th, 2019, when previous Finance Director Juan Solis left the city department. Eckert's additional role as city Finance Director is retroactive, starting April 6th, 2019.

At the June 17th meeting, councilmembers came to a standstill when a 2-0 and 2-0 vote was cast for potential councilmembers Quintin Crye and Britany Fagundes. The tie was broken Monday when the item was revisited. Councilman Burges again nominated Crye, with Mayor Johnson seconding the motion to take the nomination to vote as in the last meeting. Again, councilmember Torres voted no, presumably to nominate Fagundes as before with Vice Mayor Williams' support. In a surprise change of position, Vice Mayor Williams voted for Crye. The motion passed 3-1, and Quintin Crye will be filling the last vacancy on the city council.

The city council has not had a full council for months now, with vacancies due to the passing of councilmember Frank Hall and the resignation of Councilmember Todd Farr due to a conflict of interest with his position on the GBPD force.

New Councilman Crye was not in attendance at the meeting and is anticipated to be introduced publicly at the August 5th meeting.

Continuing the forward momentum of plugging holes in the city council and commissions' groups, councilmembers invited the three applicants for the Gridley Planning Commission to introduce themselves and say a few words about their desires to be a part of the planning commission. Two seats currently are open, one due to advancement -Zach Torres moved from Planning Commission to City Council, and the other due to resignation. The three potential candidates for the seats included husband and wife duo, Sumran Khan and Rukhsana Khan, and relative Rizwan Khan. When asked why they'd like to be on the planning commission,

SEE NO VACANCY PAGE 6

# The Super-Tens Paradox

By Seti Long and Zach Torres

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Whether it is loads of debris being shipped to one of four designated dump sites or construction machinery being transported to developments and cleaning sites, the impact of the Paradise cleanup on valley communities is undeniable.

The cleanup effort relies heavily on the use of semitrucks in the form of ten wheelers and super -tens, which have a 3rd stabilizing axel. FEMA has contracted with disaster cleanup specialists Ceres Environmental and Environmental Chemical Corporation, who broker with smaller corporations, local businesses and owner/ operators, in order to utilize their trucking services for debris removal. This "food chain" of command is currently operating on a 10-12 hour schedule dispatching



Two Super-Ten semi-trucks with their 3rd axle up at Gridley's Fastrack gas station, one of the only stations that carries diesel and is easy-entrance for the trucks. Photo by Zach Torres

assigned addresses for debris pick up.

According to Ricki Donnahoe, who works with the debris removal company Black Knight Fire Support and Trucking, a disabled veteran's business, debris is sorted by

thousands of drivers to class-metal, concrete but a Super-Ten, with the and ash/debris. Each tenwheeler fully loaded can weigh up to 50,000 tons,

3rd stabilizing axle, can wheeler only transports max out at 56,000 tons. sorted materials which are These loaded trucks then wrapped tightly in plastic hit the highways to transliners placed inside truck port sorted debris materials beds to contain the toxic to designated dump sites as materials. A regular ten- far away as Anderson and

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## The New Pi-Line



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

To all of the community organizers in Biggs - Thank you for a tremendous 4th of July Fireworks show. We watched from an empty field on J street.

I saw an awarenessraising ad for diabetes. I have never recovered from the time I sent my boss Omer Barrow into a diabetic coma by handing him a couple of Root Beers when he came to check up on me as I was planing walnut trees for him in Live Oak. The next day I showed up at the house and Betty met me at the door and said he was in the hospital and asked me if I "knew what we ate for lunch" the day before. I felt so bad I almost cried, I was 16 at the time, and I am still very aware of diabetes. The ads perpetually make me feel bad. Omer recovered, and he and I both got a stern talking from Betty and some doctors at the hospital when he came to and woke up.

Church of Jesus Christ

Church HQ in Utah, then he got replaced by Justin Tolman (lay leaders swap out every decade or so). So now Justin gets 64 pallets of food to send to Oroville the ridge are still in need of food after the fire. The churches are the main people helpers up there. Nice to see various faiths working together. Pastor Kevin from Magalia Pines of food. There is a lot Hue of poverty in the hills, and the fire/floods made it worse. Many people sell their logs that have been cut down on their property after the fire for cash, but scores of people lost their jobs when their employers burnt down. County Supervisor Teeter and his wife Pam report they have plans drawn up to rebuild their house and

When I enlisted the in 2009, I got a picmy oath of enlistment at the National Guard HQ. I sent it to Bob Mulholland told him I signed up day.

he will be running for

re-election. Hopefully,

some voters move back

of Latter Day Saints because I was tired of operative Ben Payne him torturing every ordered another truck- Republican politiload of food from the cal operative who had not served in the military. Bob is from Chico, but he is a National level Democratic Party leader (he single-handedly elected Barbara Boxer US Senator) and Hope Center and then as a youth, he got shot onto the Baptist Church serving in the 101st in Magalia. People on Airborne in Vietnam. I was a Staff Sergeant -Chaplain Assistant to a Jewish Rabbi Chaplain. Bob sent me a wonderful article about Father MAJ. Aloysius McGonigal. Chaplain McGonigal was born Church has become the 6th of 12 children the de facto Mayor for in Philadelphia and was Magalia and Paradise ordained in the Jesuit Pines. He has handed Order. He was shot and out thousands of pounds killed at the battle of

> Citadel. He was a central figure in deliberations of the Military Doctrine related to whether Chaplains should be close to combat - or safe on the base. Following the McGonigal model, the

US still sends Chaplains with the troops. I served with a few Chaplains who rode with their units

to combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you pray the Rosary, remember Fr. McGonigal and all

Vietnam era veterans, ture of myself taking even the ones whose religion or politics don't line up with yours. Some

things should tranand scend the politics of the

## **Calling All Superheroes!**

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Grace Lutheran Church is preparing to host their yearly Vacation Bible School with a fun twist - Spiritual Superheroes! Children ages 4 and up are invited to join them July 16-19, from 10:00 am -12:00 pm to learn about stories of courage, strength and faith from spiritual superheroes featured in the Bible.

Children will open the day with singing in a group gathering at the worship center, then be split into groups by age to rotate through

classes, activities and crafts all focused on superhero stories, such as David and Goliath.

'This is the first year that the VBS will be held during day-time hours," explains Pastor Gary Pippitt. "Usually we have it in the evening, but we decided to try something new this year."

Snacks will be provided for those in attendance.

Grace Lutheran's VBS is free, open to all members of the community and requires no prior registration. Please join them at 150 Ford Ave. in Gridley for this fun event!

## Abuelita's Home Remedies



By Irene Gonzales

GRIDLEY. CA (MPG) -There I was (it felt like hours), stuck in the University of Texas Student Health Center. I was feeling pretty ill thinking I had the flu. As I was waiting to see the doctor I thought, "If only Abuelita was still alive she would cure me right away."

Antonio, Texas on the west side of town where all the Mexican-American families lived in the 1940s. My mother and I lived with my grandparents (the Trevino's) in a big white house. My father was in the Pacific – A Marine during World War II. I was well cared for with a love of love and attention but occasionally I got sick like any normal kid with coughs and colds and other childhood aches and pains.

besides, Grandma knew about old remedies and used them when they were needed.

I remember that Vicks Vapor Rub was one of the main ointments Grandma used. She would put the entire jar of Vicks into a pan of water to warm it up. Then she would proceed to rub it all over my body where I hurt. It was very soothing, and my pains faded away.

If no Vicks was available, olive oil was the next main ingredient to be used. I remember it came in a small bottle with a picture of a pyramid on the front I grew up in San it - It was also rubbed into my sore spots, such as my stomach, when it ached.

One of my favorite cures was what I called the tomato cure, which Grandma would use if I came down with a sore throat, cold and or, fever.

She would boil several tomatoes until they were nice and mushy soft. Then she would get out her old white sheets and cut them up into bandages and place the boiled mushy tomatoes inside the cut-up sheets. My family didn't believe Next, she would wrap

in doctors at this time and them around my throat and both feet as I lay in my warm bed. She would also boil up some canella sticks (cinnamon sticks) and make a good, sweet tea. I felt comforted and very special.

I remember the time my little sister Rosa was given the evil eye. She had bad stomach problems and got very sick. Abuelita cured her. She took an egg from the refrigerator and rubbed it all over her little body, praying all the while. She then broke the egg into a special glass cup that had an eye on it and placed it under the baby's bed. In the morning, my baby sister was well, and the egg was black as pitch because the evil spirit had gone into the egg. At least, that's what Abuelita said.

Flashing back to reality, I heard the nurse calling my name. Finally, I was admitted to the doctor's office. I was so bored and disappointed when he said, "Go home and drink plenty of liquids and get some rest."

I left the doctor's office remembering all of Abuelita's wonderful cures and wished she was here

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## SAT., JULY 13 **MEDICAL FUND RAISER**

FOR MYRLAI WAITE AND FAMILY Myrlai was transported by ambulance on 4/2 to a hospital in San Jose with acute pancreatitis. This rare condition presented many complications and Myrlai has undergone many surgeries and procedures. Her situation is on a day-by-day basis and there is currently no date when she might be well enough to return home. She is blessed to have family members stay at local hotels to be with her through this medical nightmare. All proceeds from any fund raisers will go directly to support Myrlai's overwhelming medical expenses. Those who would like to make a monetary donation can do so at the Bank of the West to the Waite Family Medical Fund Account. Thank you so much for your support!



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## MEMORIAL NOTICE



Graveside services for Rodney Lee Owen will be held on Thursday July 11th at 10:00 at Biggs/Gridley

Rod passed away Friday July 5th at his home in Biggs with his family near. Rod was born on December 18, 1938 to Delbert and Mildred Owen of Modesto, Ca. Rod had one brother Ken (deceased) two sisters Ilene and Ladine. Predeceased by his parents. brother, Ken and grandson, Joshua Atteberry. Growing up in the area as a young man, he met the love of

his life Marilynne Perry from Gustine. Shortly after meeting, he knew she was the one. They were married April 5th 1959, a true love lasting over 60 years--he was right again.

The newlyweds ventured north settling in Butte County. Five children would follow and were raised in Biggs: a son, Brent (Linda) and children Justin and Amy; a daughter, Melissa (Jack Atteberry) and children Joshua (deceased) Matt, and Taylor; a son, Todd (Melanie) and children Brandi, Clint, Nicole, and Cody; a daughter Candace, and children Ashley, T.C.,



Lacie, Trevor, and Jacob; and a son Brad and children Lizzy, Rodney, Brad, and Nick. Many more children called him Grandpa. He loved being a Grandpa and Great Grandpa "Papa"

Rod believed in hard work, honesty, integrity, doing what you can for others, family and love. Rod believed in God, but found God in a duck blind or a mountain side, rather than a building. He was skilled in many areas--there wasn't a lot

he didn't know. He shared stories of building hot rod motors and winning races as a young man. An avid hunter and fisherman spending time with those he loved while teaching his ways. Many memories were made around a campfire either in the mountains or on the coast. He loved the time he spent in Alaska with one of his best friends, Monte Ford. This was a great man, husband, father, grandfather, Papa and friend. who will be missed deeply. The mountains were calling his name and called him home.



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## The Super-Tens Paradox

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Wheatland, CA.

The exact number of tenwheelers has proven difficult to pin down but is thought to be in the thousands. The "Man Camp" located near the Tuscan Ridge golf course, a facility built to house drivers due to lack of lodging in the area, has approximately 1,500 drivers in residence. This is just one of many camps housing drivers in the area.

The cleanup effort has created a boon in work for drivers with Class A licenses, drawing many from out of state and even from out of the country. In her experience on cleanup sites, Donnahoe estimates that 60% of the drivers are from India and have come solely for this opportunity. Zach Torres of Butte Auto agrees with this, stating that many drivers he has spoken with have purchased trucks in order to work this

hourly or by load. To get an idea of what some drivers are earning, Torres has said that drivers he's spoken with that have the 3rd axle earn a higher pay rate than their 2-axled siblings. A 10-hour day will earn a driver approximately \$1,400. Due to the higher capacity for tonnage, brokers are favoring the Super-tens.

Torres has observed some issues of concern with the semis. In addition to the obvious, rushed and tired drivers, he has noted serious damage to SR-99 in Gridley, especially approaching Spruce St. The heavy trucks have started to wear down the roadway, creating a speed-bump curve down the center of the road. He has also witnessed Super-Tens driving with their 3rd axle raised, which is against safety protocol and fails to stabilize the loaded trucks.

And then, there is one more issue that many may not have thought about. In Pay is designated by the his experience, Torres states

between 4-6 mpg and dump trips from Paradise to Marysville can be 50 miles one way. Torres brings up a good point, citing concerns of carbon emissions damage and air quality impact, both by the trucks and other equipment used to remove debris that are constantly running up and down the highways of the North State. When he has asked drivers from out of state how their rigs are managing with California's tough emission laws, the drivers were tight-lipped.

Herein lies the paradox. While well-meaning clean up and construction crews attempt to restore devastated Paradise, other less-obvious damages are being sustained by neighboring communities. Whether through elevated levels of carbon emissions impacting air quality, increased traffic hazards or toxic materials that are passing through our community on an hourly basis, one has to question how "clean" the broker and can either be that the big-rigs average cleanup process really is. ★

## **Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Wait List:**

The Housing Authority of the County of Butte (HACB) will open its Butte/Glenn Section 8 Housing Choice **Voucher program Wait List to qualifying households** between July 22 - August 5. Lottery Applications and instructions are available through the HACB website at www.butte-housing.com. For more information call 530-717-2121, TDD (800) 735-2929.

> Applications limited to one per household. **Equal Opportunity Housing Provider.**





## Wildfire Legislation Ensures Payment to Victims and Protects Ratepayers

By Nghia Nguyen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With Camp Fire survivors at the forefront of his mind, Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama) pushed for the passage of Assembly Bill 1054, a bill to secure compensation for fire victims and protection for utility ratepayers.

"Eighty-five lives lost. 14,000 homes burned. Camp Fire survivors lost evervthing," said Senator Nielsen. "Eight months after the state's most destructive wildfire, many residents are still without homes-living in limbo."

Senator Nielsen added, "This measure will give Paradise residents and those living on the Ridge hope to rebuild. With strong bipartisan support, lawmakers are rallying together to help our fellow Californians rebuild their homes and their communities."

Specifically, AB 1054 would provide

quicker payments and greater legal protection to wildfire victims, create more safety regulations for utilities and protect ratepayers from rate increases.

The measure establishes performance requirements for utility companies on the safety of their infrastructure. They will also be required to develop a compliance process for their wildfire mitigation plans. These are important provisions in making these corporations accountable and ensuring ratepayers' monies are being used to reduce wildfire risk and keep the public safe.

Assembly Bill 1054 passed the Senate on Monday evening with a vote of 31 to 7. It heads to the Assembly, where it is expected to pass with bipartisan support.

The Governor has worked closely with legislators to craft this critical measure, and he hopes to have it on his desk by

Source: Office of Senator Jim Nielsen ★



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## MEMORIAL NOTICE Sally Ann Lorraine Waller

December 26, 1942 to June 28, 2019

A private family service was held for Sally Ann Lorraine Waller, 76 of Gridley. She passed away on Friday June 28, 2019 in Chico. She was born December 26, 1942, the oldest born to David and Marion Waller in Kettleman City, California.

She was a lifetime resident of Gridley and Manzanita area. She attended local schools, graduating from Gridley high School, class of 1961. She worked many years as an LVN in area hospitals, and the Butte County Jail where she retired. She enjoyed astronomy, chemistry and politics. She was a former member

of the Manzanita 4H and Gridley Rainbow Girls.

She was preceded in death by her

She is survived by her brothers, David Jack Waller of Vacaville, CA, Don Aaron Waller of Gardnerville, NV, and her sister Nancy Diane Korling, of Gridley, CA, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests contributions to the Gridley Animal Haven. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel. Inurnment in Gridley Biggs Cemetery.

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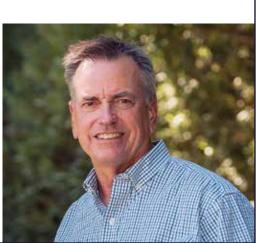
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# SPORTS

## Gridley Little League Succeeds in All-Stars Juniors Baseball



Gridley's Joel Garcia receives the Todd Hunter Stewart "Respect the Game" award after Gridley's victory over Paradise in the District 47 juniors baseball All-Star tournament in Orland on June 27, 2019. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

### By Joshua Porcayo

ORLAND, CA (MPG) - Despite not having a full squad throughout the entire tournament, Gridley Little League's Juniors baseball team battled in the District 47 All-Star Tournament and concluded a very successful season. For the 13-15 year old age group where a lot of young baseball players call it quits after many years of Little League, this group of athletic and talented young men showed perseverance whenever adversity presented itself.

The Gridley Juniors baseball All-Star team got their tournament play started in Orland on Saturday, June 22nd, against a Durham team which a vast majority of the Gridley team had already faced in the District 47 Tournament of Champions championship game where Gridley fell 18-3. This go around, with a stronger squad, Gridley battled hard and gave Durham a better run for their money. Although they fell again to Durham 13-7, their hopes of success were still alive knowing they played better against a worthy opponent.

After a few days rest Gridley Juniors baseball got back on the field in Orland on Tuesday, June 25th, this time against

previously lost to Lake Oroville. For six strong innings both teams battled back and forth before Gridley proved to be victorious with a 3-2 score, advancing in the loser's bracket, and knocking Chico out of the tournament.

Two days later, Thursday, June 27th, Gridley took to the diamond again in Orland, this time against Paradise. Joel Garcia pitched the entire game in dominating fashion, giving up zero runs scored behind an electric offense that was missing a number of players. Gridley eliminated Paradise from the tournament with a score of 11-0 to see another day in the All-Star tournament.

The next day, Gridley faced off against Lake Oroville, in a game to determine who would play in the championship round against Durham. Again, down players, and without Garcia to pitch due to Little League rest days rule, Gridley fought hard despite the adversity, and jumped out to a 5-0 lead early in the game. A late surge by Lake Oroville was too much for Gridley, and they fell by a score of 15-5 to end their tournament run.

The Gridley Juniors baseball players had a great run in the Tournament of Champions and throughout All-Stars this year. Congratulations to all the coaches

## 530 Sports Kicks Off With Adult Slow Pitch Softball



Arthur Garcia delivers a pitch to Katie Parades during opening week of 530 Sports' adult slow pitch softball league in Gridley on July 8, 2019. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

### By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The newly established adult sports organization in Gridley, 530 Sports, is bringing sports and recreation fun to the community. The organization's lead- years to participate in slow ers realized over the past pitch softball. few years that there wasn't much of an offering for adult sports and recreation in the community, and with their passion for sports, they had to offer this.

Over the past few years the two organizers have put together seasons of slow pitch softball and one season of kickball, and each year the number of exponentially. Maybe two years ago, there were about sixty participants. Last year, the numbers games will be played on entertainment.

increased to about one hundred participants. This year, the projected participants are close to one hundred and forty. Adult athletes from all over the 530 area code have come to Gridley in the past few

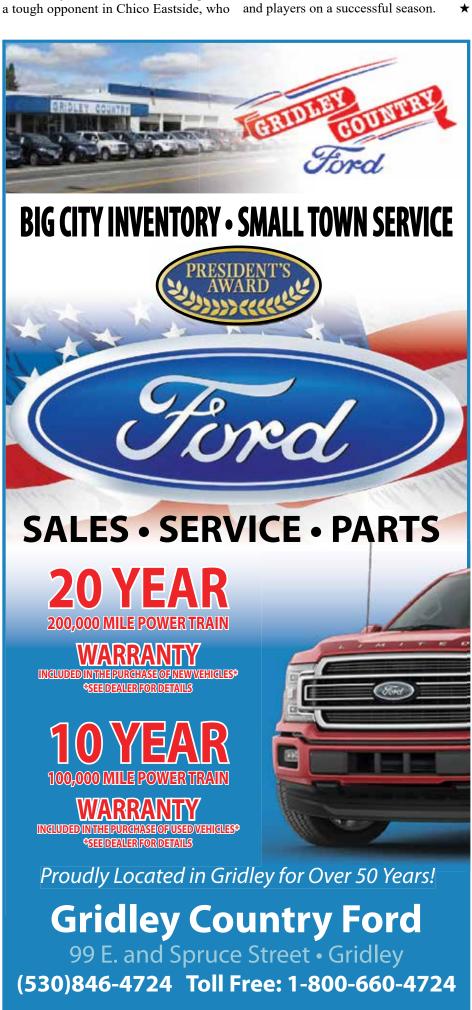
Each sports season will run for eight weeks with an additional week of playoffs to determine a season champion. This summer's slow pitch softball season will run from July 8th - September 17th, with a two week break in between during the first two weeks of August.

There are two difcompetitive league and a non-competitive league.

Monday evenings with start times at 6:30 pm, 7:40pm, and 8:50pm. With more teams in the noncompetitive league, the games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings with start times at 7:00 pm and 8:15 pm.

Last year's champions, Sons of Pitches, look to keep their title intact as they set to face off against last year's runner up, Ball Busters, on Monday, July 8th, at 7:40 PM. The noncompetitive league will have a new champion at the end of the season since there was only one league last year.

Come on out to participants has increased ferent leagues: a Kawasaki field at Vierra Park Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings to The competitive league enjoy some adult sports





## Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain Prepares for Fall Opening

Story by Shaunna Boyd

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Opening this fall as Hard Rock's first Vegasstyle casino in California, Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain recently announced its top-tier executives. "I'm very impressed with the caliber of experience of our over 200 years of combined gaming experience," said Mark Birtha, president of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain. "We attracted very capable individuals from around the country."

"This is the best team I've ever been a part of in my entire career. They are all experts in their fields," said Birtha. "We're a beacon for the area. Wheatland might not have been on their radar, but now they are excited to build longterm interaction with the community." The executives will all be relocating to the Greater Sacramento Region and will be working on site in Wheatland every day.

vice president of finance, has an MBA and over 20 years of gaming experience in Las Vegas, Florida, and the Bahamas. In addition to prior VP of finance roles, he led hotel and food and beverage operations, giving him a diverse operational background.

Ryan Flieger, vice president of human resources,



Chris Balaban

executive team. They have has worked with Hard Rock since 2012. He held leadership roles at hotels in San Diego and Las Vegas, and he worked on several



Ryan Flieger

Hard Rock expansions. Flieger has experience in talent acquisition and retention, training, and culture setting.

Anika Gaskins, vice Christopher Balaban, president of marketing, has an MBA and was recently the VP of national marketing for MGM Resorts as they opened a new \$1 billion casino property. Gaskins has worked in various marketing roles in casinos from Canada to Las Vegas, developing marketing initiatives and

increasing revenue. Paul Mollo, vice



was unveiled to the public. Image provided by Zimmerman Agency.

president of table games, has almost 40 years of gaming experience and has been working with Hard Rock for more than a decade. Mollo used his expertise to help HBO Productions create authentic scenes of casino gaming on "The Sopranos".

Matthew Morgan, vice president of information technology, has more than 20 years of experience in gaming technology. He has an MBA, and he has worked in Las Vegas and in local casinos Red Hawk and Thunder Valley. Morgan focuses on bringing mobile products to the casino market.

Will Provance, vice president of slot operations, has more than 20 years of leadership experience in restaurants, entertainment, hotel operations, and casino gaming. He has an

tomer-driven marketing, an MBA in international hotel and tourism management, and a Master of Science in hotel administration with a concentration on gaming.

Kaywan Samadani, vice president of hospitality, has worked at casinos in Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas, Missouri, and Ohio. Samadani has extensive restaurant and casino hospitality experience of food and beverages, VP of casino services.

Birtha said they will be taking occupancy of the administrative offices, kitchens, security offices, and surveillance and storage areas in early July. Then they'll start moving in the furniture, equipment, and gaming tables. "Everything is on schedule

Birtha. "Our company has had that vision to stay focused."

Hard Rock also just launched a social gaming app: Hard Rock Social Casino. "It's a way to engage loyal Hard Rock followers and allow them to interface with the casino before it opens," said Birtha. The free "social casino" will give people a taste of the gamworking as a chef, director ing experience on their smart phones, tablets, director of hospitality, and or computers. Payment is not required to play, and winners earn virtual credits. Players can select Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain as their casino for the chance to win real-world prizes and promotions to use when the casino opens this fall.

The Hard Rock Hotel

executive certificate in cus- and on budget," said & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain advertising campaign is also launching soon, with large outdoor billboards, social and digital marketing, and TV and radio ads. Birtha said, "This will be our formal introduction to the region, from Tahoe to San Francisco." Birtha was also proud to announce some of Hard Rock's local partners: Toyota Amphitheatre, Sacramento River Cats, Sac Republic FC, and Golden 1 Center.

> Birtha said that Hard Rock has a "philanthropy of social engagement" and is committed to hiring local people and building partnerships with local vendors to bring in produce, wine, and art. For information about upcoming hiring and vendor fairs. visit www.hardrockhotelsacramento.com.

## **No Vacancy - Council Looks to Fill Positions**

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Sumran said, "To help better our environment, better our living and help our community." In regard to why

the family had taken interest commission would be a good in the planning commission, Rukhsana said, "We all wanted to be involved in the city and activities, so with our limited schedules, we felt the planning commission seat.

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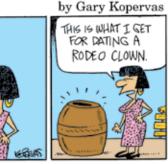
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BY AL SCADUTO







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by Dave T. Phipps





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## Crime Reports



## **Gridley- Biggs Police Report**

June 29th - July 7th

6-29-2019: At 12:40 am on Magnolia and Haskel Streets in Gridley Ca, Julia Opal Brown, 28 was arrested on an outside Felony Warrant.

**6-30-2019:** At 12:04 am on the 1500 block of SR-99 in Gridley, Ca, Manuel Manriquez, 35, was arrests on an outside Misdemeanor warrant and issued a citation.

**7-01-2019:** At 1:55 pm in the 100 block of California Street, Gridley, CA, Jacob Dennis Peterson, 24, was arrested for violating parole (3056 PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**7-2-2019:** At 8:20 pm in the 300 block of Locust Street, Gridley, CA, Christopher Wayne Fizer JR, 25 was arrested on petty theft charges (488 PC) and cited.

**7-4-2019:** At 11:39 pm on 2nd and Aluet Streets in Biggs, CA, Amber Nicole Hines was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia (11364 (a) H&S) and on a misdemeanor warrant from an outside agency. She was booked into Butte County Jail.

**7-5-2019:** At 10:24 PM in the 600 block of Vermont Street in Gridley, CA, Johnny Ram Singh Janda, 33, was arrested on charges of public intoxication (647 (F) PC) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**7-6-2019:** At 7:44 pm at Hazel and Washington Streets in Gridley, CA, Jesse Joe Muniz, 22, was arrested on charges of public intoxications (647 (f)PC) and possession of an open container 25620 (a) BP) and booked into Butte County Jail.

**7-6-2019:** At 7:44 PM at Hazel St and Washington Streets in Gridley, CA, Keith Gary Barker, 18, was arrested on charges of disobeying a court order (166 (a)(4) PC) and petty theft (484 PC). Subject was cited.

**7-7-2019:** At 8:53 pm in the 300 block of Ohio Street, Gridley CA, Stephanie Gail Lolmaugh, 32, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (11377 (a) H&S) and on a local misdemeanor bench warrant and booked into Butte County Jail.

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## **Gridley Thumbs and Roots**



By Barbara Ott

Gardening can provide many levels of satisfaction and happiness to those who make them, grow them, and tend them. A garden might be an edible garden that provides fresh food. In Gridley an edible garden can be grown all year long, a gift that many do not have where they live. I've held the opinion for a long time that if housing is built upon rich agricultural soil it should be required that the residents raise food for themselves and/or others.

for the family food, helping keep bugs at bay and encourage the veges to grow. Now as retired folk my husband claims the edible garden and he chooses

and/or others.

We live in a free society so that type of rule will never happen but I still encourage it whenever the subject arises. Maybe you like myself and many friends like to grow flowers. Some are edible but most are there as eye candy, food for the soul. Then there are the ambitious people who have edibles and flowers together.

In the past when I did the vegetable gardening for our growing family, I always had an abundance of flowers mixed into the vegetables. They looked beautiful and many were

great companion plants

ing keep bugs at bay and encourage the veges to grow. Now as retired folk my husband claims the edible garden and he chooses not to have flowers. I did notice that he left sunflowers this year. They are the result of picky birds casting out sunflower seeds from the birdfeeders. Thanks to the birdies we have both black seed and grey stripe sunflowers. Some are big and robust and others are short and dainty. So beautiful. It makes me happy every day to see them rotating their golden heads toward the sun. The flower garden makes me wax eternally grateful words in

mind and spirit every day.

Many happy flowers to vou.

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## **Thoughts to Ponder**



We all have choices to make that will alter, change or make our lives.

If you don't like a certain food—don't eat it.

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If you don't like a type of

music—don't listen.
If you don't like a TV pro-

gram—don't watch it.

If you don't like a group of

people—don't join in.

If you don't like a certain view of life—don't be

Ever wonder what would have happened if Noah had chosen not to build a big

involved.

If you don't like a piece of art—don't look at it.

If you don't like a political party—go to another.

If you don't like a religious organization—select another.

We you and I have choices to make so that we are content and useful. We do not have to impose our wishes on the rest of the world.

What would our world be like if we all recognized and honored the choices of others and supported the right to own those choices. We can as God offered, choose blessings or curses, obey or disobey, live or die and accept the consequences.

Everyone has heard the statement, "We all have free will." Yep! And some of those choices have been "doozies." Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit of the forbidden tree and lost paradise. Hey –Thanks a lot!

Ever wonder what would have happened if Noah had chosen not to build a big boat. No, 2x2 caravan. No, family to start over. Yep! none of can tread water for that long.

God gave His people a list of ten items to accept and obey and thus live to eternity. What could go wrong? Just choose and obey and live. Nope. That ole free will thing came into play and 2 million Hebrews wandered

in the Sinai wilderness for forty years. NOT such a good choice.

We as modern-day humans face the same decisions every day. Do what is lawful and moral or find ourselves walking around that mountain time after time until we learn and correct our way.

We do not need to impose our choices on others or belittle those who have made different choices. We will all answer for our actions when we stand before the heavenly throne during the last days. That's why our free will depends upon our beliefs and faith in a living heavenly Father and His Son.

Be careful what choices you make they just may be some of the last ones you choose.

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# PARENT'S SAFETY TIPS YOUNG FIRE SETTERS

Children playing with fire cause hundreds of deaths and injuries each year. Preschoolers and kindergartners are most likely to start these fires, typically by playing with matches and lighters, and are most likely to die in them.

Young children and fire are a deadly combination. Some children play with fire out of curiosity, not realizing its danger. Troubled children may set a fire as a way of acting out their anger, disappointment or frustration.

Important! If you suspect your child is intentionally setting fires or unusually fascinated with fire, get help. Your local fire department, school, or community counseling agency can put you in touch with trained experts who know how to teach children about fire in an appropriate way.

- Children experience fire interest. They may ask questions such as how hot is fire or show an interest in fire through playing with fire trucks or cooking on a play stove. This is healthy, and it is time to begin educating about fire.
- Fire starting happens when children begin to experiment with fire using matches and lighters. Many fires happen when young children are left alone, even for a short period of time, and have access to matches and lighters. Parents must have clear rules and consequences about fire misuse.
- Grown-ups can help keep fire out of the hands of children.
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, up high, preferably in a locked cabinet or container
- Never leave matches or lighters in a bedroom or any place where children may go without supervision.
- Teach young children and school-age children to tell a grown-up if they see matches or lighters. Children need to understand that fire is difficult to control; it is fast and can hurt as soon as it touches you.
- A child with an interest in fire can lead to fire starting and result in repeated fire setting behavior.
- It is important for grown-ups to discourage unsupervised fire starts.
- Never use lighters or matches as a source of amusement for children; they may imitate you.
- Never assign a young child any tasks that involve the use of a lighter or matches (lighting candles, bringing a lighter to an adult to light a cigarette or the fireplace, etc.)
- If your child expresses curiosity about fire or has been playing with fire, calmly but firmly explain that matches and lighters are tools for adults only.

• Use only lighters designed with childresistant features. Remember, child-resistant does not mean child-proof.



## Religi-Phobic Radicals Take Aim on Day One

Commentary by Senator Brian Dahle

I enjoy a five-hour commute to get from my farm to the State Capitol. As I make that commute today (June 17, 2019) I'm reflecting upon the fact that in my first week as a State Senator I've had three ethics complaints filed against me at the Senate Ethics office, someone called my home and threatened me (and my family), and I made national news; all because I attended a meeting for Christians at the Little Country Church (that is its name) in Redding on my way home last week.

Literally, I've attended Jewish prayer services as part of the Holocaust remembrance. I have spoken at the Mosque with the Muslims in Redding. I do the short prayer and thought with our Buddhist Chaplain before each session of the State Assembly, and I annually attend the Legislative prayer service at the Catholic Cathedral. No one has ever filed a complaint against me for going to those meetings. Only when I showed up to a meeting in which "Christians" were invited did I garner the wrath of the religi-phobic radicals.

It is clear to me the toxic political environment we live in today is causing people to forget the Constitution allows for freedom of speech and freedom of association. I want to take this opportunity to let my constituents know that I have not forgotten.

I believe that it's best if we live in a pluralistic society where people are allowed to believe what they want to. You don't have to look far in this world to see places where religious minorities live every day with persecution, coercion, bullying,

violence, and discrimination for just being who they are.

The principles of having legal protections for religious people are spelled out clearly in the United Nations Charter on Human Rights and in American Civil Rights law. Treating people with dignity and respect is something that is a part of my faith. It is also required of me because when I put my hand on the Bible and took the oath of office, I said I would defend the Constitution which means I will ask for fairness for all when religious ideals somehow conflict with other rights and

As a State Senator, I do not discriminate based on race, color, religious identity (creed), gender, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status. I do so because that is the law in California, and it is the right thing to do. My faith calls me to love everyone, and I try to. The law is on my side as well.

If people of faith want to meet with me, I will meet with them. To those of you who think you can intimidate me or religious people in my district who identify as religious, I want you to know I will not stand down. Indeed seeing this vile reaction to a meeting of "Christians" has inspired me to go meet with more religious people to make sure they know they have the right to be in the public square, to share their feelings about public policy, and to be fully participatory in their own government.

> Senator Brian Dahle 1st Senate District Dated: June 17, 2019

## Dear Dietitian

## Coffee



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

For many of us, it's a morning must-have, almost a medical necessity. We just aren't functional until we've had that goodto-the-last-drop cup of coffee. Coffee has hit the news lately. Is it good for you or is it not? Studies are conflicting, which is no surprise. Some reports estimate that Americans spend about \$20 a week on coffee and drink an average of 3.6 cups per day. That's over \$1,000 a year and more than 1,300 cups of coffee!

A study led by Steffen Petersen from the Queen Mary University of London found that those

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who drank five cups of coffee each day had no greater risk of developing hardening of the arteries than those who drank less than one cup per day. This study measured arteriosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. Although arteriosclerosis and atherosclerosis are sometimes used interchangeably, there is a difference. Atherosclerosis is the narrowing of the arteries caused by plaque buildup. Both are risk factors for cardiovascular disease (heart attack and stroke), commonly abbreviated as

In a study published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, participants who drank more than five cups of coffee a day had a 22% greater risk of developing CVD compared to those who drank one to two cups a day. Interestingly, the study found a 7% higher risk of CVD in people who did not drink coffee at all and an 11% greater risk in those who drank decaf compared to those who drank one to two cups of regular coffee a day. Coffee contains antioxidants which help prevent cell damage that may lead to disease, but this does not explain the 11% greater risk in decaf drinkers, as decaffeinated coffee still contains antioxidants. Every study has limitations, and an error in study methods may be to blame.

Remember that these studies are observational, which do not show cause. The take-away from this is balance. A little or a moderate amount of coffee is fine, and as with most things, too much is not a good idea. But you probably already knew that.

Good health to you! Dear Dietitian

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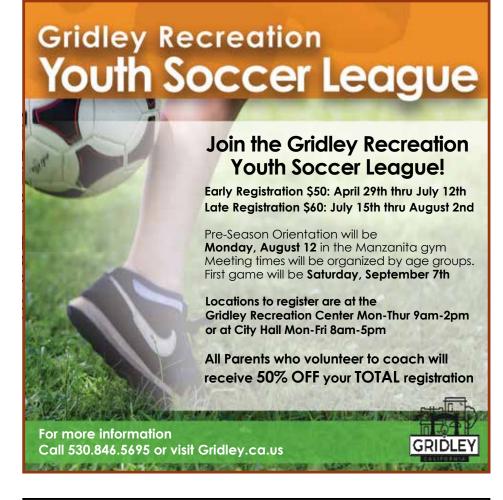
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# Fireworks Show in Biggs Draws Large Attendance, Patriots

By Joshua Porcayo

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Project Biggs and Biggs Festival Events, non-profit organizations, really brought the small community of Biggs, California to the big stage feeling of comfort, family, and patriotism.

This year's festivities kicked off with the annual pancake breakfast in the early morning hours of the nation's day of independence. With over 350 people in attendance, people of all ages from the surrounding communities sat down for some delicious sweet cream pancakes with syrup, some coffee, and juice donated to the event by Steve Andrews, owner of Black Bear Diner in Gridley.

In attendance serving the pancake breakfast were Biggs' city council members with transcending help from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, Gridley First Ward. Biggs Festival Events organizer, Brian Bassett, said, "I couldn't have done it without them." Bassett is hoping this to be the beginning of a new standing tradition with Fourth of July events where Biggs' city council members help with serving the pancake breakfast with additional help from local organizations.

During the late morning, Marci Shadd with Project Biggs, helped organize a fantastic annual Independence Day parade in downtown Biggs. With downtown B Street lined with American flags, spectators gathered in chairs or on curbs wearing the pride of red, white, and blue and

waving small American to proceed. Once again, flags handed out by Project Biggs organizers.

Those in attendance saw the spectacle of a parade filled with local sports organizations, local businesses, participants of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program, and this year's Grand Marshal, Raymie Valverde, who rode through the parade in Roger and Lisa VanDeHey's 1957 Chevy convertible. The national anthem was sung by Valerie Hopkins with the colors presented by the American Legion South Butte Post 210.

Festivities continued in the evening hours of the day with an array of events at Biggs High School. Due to ongoing construction of the press box and stadium at the football field, festivities were moved to the softball complex where most spectators have sat to watch the fireworks in years past. Merchant vendors, food vendors, water slides for the kids, and a giant stage for live music were set up as entertainment and leisure for those in attendance. Kids played frisbee, others played wiffle ball, some people threw a football around as others lounged in chairs and on blankets enjoying the live music performed by local bands Amahjra (Biggsbased) and Off the Record (Chico-based).

As the night grew darker, more and more people congregated at Biggs High School and the surrounding area in anticipation of the amazing fireworks show. Biggs' mayor, Nate Wilkerson, welcomed everyone to the show that was about

the American Legion South Butte Post 210 presented the colors as Deryk Bissell of Amahjra played the national anthem on the guitar.

Gridley's Edson Smith, who has been the pyrotechnician for the fireworks show in Biggs since its inception in 2001, got to work with J&M Displays West fireworks. The night sky filled up one by one with colorful displays of light and sound as the crowd watched in amazement. Ones, twos, threes went off at a time, 200 hundred in total, before the grand finale of 200 more fireworks filled the night sky.

And just like that, it was over. The crowds went their separate ways feeling a sense of joy; some already talking about coming back next year to such a great event.

And a great event it is. But one downside to having such a grandiose event is funding. In total, the fireworks, to include liability insurance, and additional costs like the water slides, costs were over \$13,000. The entire event is dependent upon the generous donations of local organizations, businesses, and individuals. A special thank you is extended to businesses like Sunwest Milling and CEO Galo Williams, for their continued support each year with their large donations which help cover the cost of about 50 percent of the fireworks.

Without the help of the organizations and individuals the event would not be a success; And with the ever increasing costs, the event might not be able to go on free of charge in future years. If the non-profit organizations are short of funds next year like they were this year, they are considering charging \$2 for adults and kids over 12 years of age to make the show go on. A show that has been going on for 18 years needs the financial support of the local communities in Butte County to keep the spectacle alive.

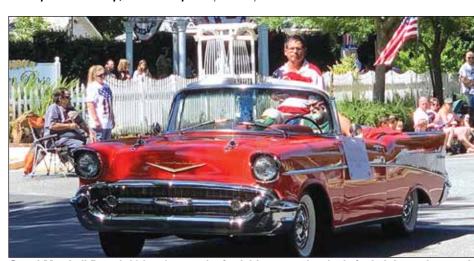
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American Legion Post 210 lead the parade hoisting America's colors high and proud. Photo provided by Marci Shadd



Butte County beauties shine Red, White and Blue! Pictured left to right: Back: Missette Butte County, Allie Little: Missette Butte County 1st Runner Up, Addy Andes: Missette Butte County 2nd Runner UP, Addie Scott. Front: Miss Butte County 2nd Runner Up, Mallory Lavy, Miss Butte County, Kirsten Grace Baker, Miss Teen Butte County, Hannah Norton, and Miss Teen Butte County 1st Runner Up, Lauren Kelly. Photo provided by Kari Wheele



Grand Marshall Raymie Valverde gets the festivities started as he is ferried down the parade route in style by Roger Van De Hey's 57 Chevy Convertible. Photo provided by Marci Shadd

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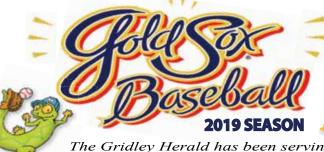


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