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### **GRIDLEY LITTLE LEAGUE REGULAR SEASON COMES** TO AN END



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# Hold on to Your Red Suspenders!



Last year's beauties ride along in a patriotic float in the Red Suspenders Day parade. Gridley Herald file photo

#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The countdown is on and we are just hours away from the kick off of the 58th annual Red Suspenders Days! The Chamber of Commerce, which hosts the event each year, has organized with the Gridley Fire Department, Police Department, Gridley Lions International Club and more to bring us another fun-filled weekend celebrating our area's Fire Fighters.

Unjustice Court will usher in the gets underway. Red Suspenders weekend. Warrants

required to do time behind bars in Rotary Park, feasting on pizza and soda until their bail is paid and they are released.

Under the lights of the Little League baseball diamond at Vierra Park, the Gridley Police Department and the Gridley Fire Departments will battle it out in the annual "Guns and Hoses" game. First pitch will cross home plate at 6:00 p.m. as the game Pancake Breakfast. Tickets are \$5.00

The game is all in fun between

be sentenced to a good time by Judge prepare to retain their title as cham-Police Chief Al Byers. They will be pion. Gridley's Fire Captain Mike Conaty jokes, "The looser gets to wash the engine!" and continues to jest with "We are still looking for our Trophy from last year."

> Saturday morning, the focus of the Red Suspenders Days activities will move downtown. At 7:00 am, the smell of butter and syrup will waft through Daddow Park as the Gridley Little League holds its traditional a person and are sold at the event cash only please.

# **FEMA** on Site at Industrial Park

#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - For months now, the City of Gridley Industrial Park, future home of the FEMA Camp Fire Community, has seen little action in the way of construction. That will all change this week.

FEMA administrative trailers, MLU construction trailers, and equipment are beginning to work at Industrial Park this week. Since the park is relatively green space now, the focus of construction will begin with infrastructure elements, mainly the roads and access to sewer, water and electricity. In an effort to expedite the placement of not 350, but 400 Modular Housing Units, work at the site will be almost continuous, with contractors working 20 hour shifts, 7 days a week.

Both FEMA and the City of Gridley have expressed that they will do everything in their power to keep noise at acceptable levels and to reduce disturbances that neighbors in the area may experience during construction hours. With the shortened timeline and a renewed urgency to get the community in place, the Modular Housing Units are set to arrive in early July. As inspections on the units and facility are completed, the City of Gridley will then issue Certificates of Occupancy, which will begin the process of survivor placement. Potential residents will be contacted by FEMA, who will set appointments for them to visit the units, tour the facility and ultimately, take up residence. Each unit will be fully outfitted with the basics from furniture, to appliances necessary for daily living. Kelly explained that FEMA covers the cost of the MHU's lease, electricity and water, but does not pay for luxury items like cell phones, cable or internet services. Additionally, each unit will be outfitted with a large white outbuilding attached to the main body of the MHU's, which is comparable in looks to a "large white port-a-potty" says FEMA Media Relations Specialist, Rebecca Kelly. This is a mandatory fire suppression system. After going through such a traumatic fire event, "We want survivors to recognize that their security and safety is paramount," says Kelly. As with the onset of any sort of construction project, an increase in traffic, especially heavy truck and machinery traffic, should be

### ASSEMBLYMAN **GALLAGHER NAMED 'GUARDIAN OF** SMALL BUSINESS



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"unlucky" enough to be arrested will are taking this year seriously as they

for arrest have already gone out; those the two departments, but the Hoses

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**Daddow's Deadora Trees Come Down for Safety** 

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The section of Virginia Street that borders downtown's Daddow Park was barricaded last Tuesday as a safety precaution when About Trees tree service of Chico began the process of removing the dead deadora cedar trees in the park. The towering deadoras have stood as landmarks of the historic Gridley park, silently bearing witness to decades of Red Suspenders Day activities, farmers markets and community gatherings.

The trees are believed to have been purchased and planted by Dr. Thompson, whose practice was located in the Veatch Building in downtown Gridley, now home to the Gridley Museum. The deadoras, selected possibly for their great drought tolerance, were planted circa 1900, making them just shy of 120 years old.

Speculation about the cause of death of the trees has circulated throughout type of trees as those at the downtown community. In years previous, a deador located at the north end of the park had succumbed to illness, suggesting that it could be disease that took



Daddow Park lost 4 of its large deadora cedar trees recently. The trees' removal was necessary as the town prepares to hold the annual Red Suspenders Days in the park. Photo by Seti Long

the recent loss of 4 massive trees to trauma to the root systems sustained during the repositioning of the park's palm trees when Daddow Park received a facelift a few years ago.

Another theory is that the trees got too much water. The deadoras located at Daddow Park are the same Gridley Cemetery. Kristen Vrayblick who works at the cemetery office said, "We keep our trees on a strict water regimen. I have heard that they are sensitive

are over 150 years old." In regards to the loss of the deadoras at Daddow Park, she said "It is odd to lose that many all at once. Usually it is just one at a time."

City administrator Paul Eckert said that the city and its crews attempted to nurse the trees back to health, but to no avail. Ultimately, the reason for their demise remains unknown.

With this weekend's festivities and crowds of Red

the trees. Some attribute to water - they are great Suspenders Days reveldrought resistant trees. Ours ers expected throughout the park and the downtown area, removal of the trees became necessary for public safety. Due to their large size, the trees were brought down in sections and immediately chipped by the tree crews so no debris was left behind.

The deadoras have providing special care, ade- already been replaced by quate water and fertilizer, newly planted trees. While the park doesn't look bad bathed in sunlight, it will take years for the new trees to live up to the park's pleasantly shady legacy!  $\star$ 

SEE FEMA UPDATES PAGE 6

# **The New Pi-Line**



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

More than 4000 burnt out cars have been dragged from Paradise to Oroville. At the Oroville site each car has to be identified by the Highway Patrol and a report filled out, then crushed into a cube and hauled off. They estimate another 12,000 more cars to go. Insurance claims are over\$12 billion for the November fire. Just for context, the State budget is \$200 a year (give or take a few hundred million).

June 1st is the Orchard (Formerly Biggs-Gridley) Hospital Foundation Sporting Clay shooting event. It is a fundraiser for the hospital foundation. You should go. So much more fun to go and shoot things than have a boring raffle or a bake sale. Call Brit Basset for a ticket 846-9001.

Superintendent of the Biggs

is Coach Kaelin, always things that have to be will be, no matter how high he moves up in the world and whatever other title he achieves. Same is true for Coach Anderson, Coach Brown, Coach Hughes, Coach Tull, Coach Wingo, Coach Rolls, Coach Severens. Once vou are a High School Coach no other title ever matters, and etiquette and decorum dictate that polite people call the coach, "Coach" for the rest of their lives. I hope the Biggs school board s in upcoming agendas and minutes. Try perhaps, Superintendent Coach Doug Kaelin, and instead of Superintendent's Report

- try Coach School Update. Speaking of great retired Coaches, Coach Brock (as he is known to hundreds of women athletes he mentored) is the current City Champion in the best tree in Gridley division. On the corner of Spruce and Jackson streets you cannot miss his tree; takes up the space of three people's back yards. We could have him enter the tree in the County Fair, but they have no "tree in a yard division" for some reason. He would win a blue ribbon. Live Oak has the Oak as their best tree, Elmer Brock is the Gridley best tree designee.

The Gridley City gov-Doug Kaelin is not the ernment meeting agenda looked so full that Manager Unified School district. He P. Eckert made a list of cans and a string.

worked on later agendas. Coming soon, within 60-90 days; approval of new playground equipment for Vierra Park, select Planning Commissioners, appoint Planning Commissioners, adopt a Budget, CAL Fire Contract to add additional Firefighters, potential ending of Net Metering Program, and picking a new Finance Director. Good luck being the new guy on the council keeping up with all of that.

From the Bill Burleson Pi-Line of February 8, 1978, his words in italics. The first phone company here was a local endeavor. Numbers were easier to remember, not that you needed them... the operator knew where everyone was. Automation sure has taken the local element out of the telephone. These days when you dial operator, and one finally comes on, she, or he, is in Marysville or Chico, and they can't find answers to simple questions like "Anything happen in town last night that is suspect?"

Today all they want to know is your number to get the billing right in the computer... and even that is automatic in cities with more modern phone equipment. Yesterday we would've settled for two tin

# Assemblyman Gallagher Named 'Guardian of Small Business'

#### By Curtis Grima

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- In recognition of his staunch advocacy of small businesses, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) presented Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) with the Guardian of Small Business Award today at the State Capitol.

"Small businesses play a vital role in creating jobs and stimulating the economy," said Gallagher. "That is why I fight so hard to protect them from the constant barrage of regulations and taxes here in California. I am honored to be named Guardian of Small Businesses and will continue to show my



James Gallagher (R-Yuba City)

working business owners and entrepreneurs in our community."

In California, small businesses employ seven million people. More than 20,000 businesses in the state are represented by the National Federation of Independent Business, the leading voice for small and independent businesses. For 75 support for all the hard years, NFIB has been in

the forefront of advocating on the most pressing small business issues, such as taxes, healthcare, and regulations.

John Kabateck, State Director for NFIB in California, thanked Assemblyman Gallagher for his unwavering commitment to small business and entrepreneurial success in California.

For more information on Assemblyman Gallagher, and to track legislation visit www.assembly.ca.gov/ Gallagher

Assemblyman James Gallagher represents the 3rd Assembly District, which encompasses all of Glenn, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties as well as portions of Butte and Colusa counties.

# **Bill to Protect Minors on Social Media Passes Committee**

#### By Curtis Grima,

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Today, Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) fought to help parents educate their children on social media use in a committee hearing for Assembly Bill 1138. Assembly Bill 1138 would ensure parents have the opportunity to educate their children on safe social media use by requiring parental consent for minors under age 13 to create social media accounts.

During the hearing, Assemblyman Gallagher

targeted for harassment and predatory practices in increasing numbers, social media companies have failed to effectively educate youth on how to safely use their sites.

Gallagher stated, "Our kids are harassed by bullies and targeted by predators on social media every day. We need to give parents the tools and opportunities they need to educate their kids on safe practices, and social media can adopt practices to ensure that parents are involved."

Recent studies show that roughly 90% of U.S. teens aged 13-17 go online at least noted that while minors are multiple times per day. Of

those minors that go online, 59% have personally experienced an abusive online behavior, which includes receiving unwanted sexual images and having explicit images shared without their consent.

Assembly Bill 1138 passed the committee and earned the support of CommonSense. org and the Consumer Attorneys of California.

For more information on Assemblyman Gallagher, and to track legislation visit www.assembly.ca.gov/ Gallagher

Source office of Assemblyman Gallagher \star





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# **Beginning Adulthood**, Gridley-Biggs Cemetery to Hold **Finishing Schooldays**



Gridley High School's Modern Dance Performance of Please Don't Stop the Music

#### By Sierra Brady

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - "Please Don't Stop the Music" was this year's theme for the annual Gridley High Modern Dance Performance. Since the end of March, dancers have been choreographing, practicing and planning the entire event. The program consisted of fourteen dances and a finale, 80% of which was student choreography.

The big show finally came on May 9th and 10th, and let me tell you, boy was it astounding! Friends and peers that I had no idea danced were killing it on the dance floor. All of the dancers' hard work over the past six to eight weeks really showed and reflected back on how dedicated students can be when they really put their minds to something.

With Gridley High School's 2018-2019 school year ending, seniors can do nothing but to await for what their future has in store. But, even though seniors are looking forward, the fear of the unknown rests inside every student making their way to an unfamiliar part of life-college.

Do you remember your senior year of high school? All the scholarships you applied for. Every day working at a job to earn money for college yet still aware you would have to take out student loans anyway. Knowing what you wanted to major in during college but at the same time doubting yourself because as a naive teenager you thought, "Who in their right mind would ever want to have a boring sit down job?"

Now, adults have the advantage of making it through the most treacherous years that Gridley's seniors are so terrified to step into. Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles have all made it past those first years after high school, whether it be going to a very prestigious college or starting a job right off the bat. And although adults might give college and financial advice to seniors, students still won't know what to expect until they are fully submerged in the experiences of life.

But, it is these genuinely precious years that Gridley High seniors will always remember. Years to come will mark the beginning of adulthood and the end of youth schooldays. So, on the day that this year's seniors walk the stage to accept their diploma of commencement, I think we can all relate in saying that Gridley High has done an amazing job in preparing students to face the world and the future to come.  $\star$ 

# **Memorial Day Services**

#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY. CA (MPG) - The Military Veterans Court of Honor at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery will be draped in stars and stripes this com-

gram is set to begin at 10:00 am and will feature special guest speaker 1st Lt. Brittany Curry, USAF.

Commemorative tributes will be given by the courtesy of Beale A.F.B, ing Memorial Day as the Gridley VFW Post 5731, town gathers to honor our American Legion Post 210 nation's veterans and ser- and the Vietnam Veterans vice men and women. This Organization. Musical Memorial Day.

year's Memorial Day pro- tributes will be provided by the Gridley High School Band, performing alongside Kari Wheeler and Barbara Squires.

> Military Honors will be with jets set to do a flyby. Please join the celebration of our nation's heroes this

### **Butte County Hall of Records' New Phone Number**

#### Butte Countv **Special Release**

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) -Candace J. Grubbs, County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar

ing that effective May 15, ber to the Butte County 2019 the Butte County Hall of Records will have a new phone number, (530) 552-3400. This will

of Voters is announc- be the main phone num-Clerk-Recorder Division, Elections Division and Archives Division.

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The City of Biggs is an equal opportunity employer. Employment applications for this position can be obtained at the Biggs City Hall, 465 C Street Biggs, CA or on line at www.biggs-ca.gov. Applications will be accepted at City Hall until May 24, 2019 at 4 p.m.

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# **Manzanita 8th Grade Girls Team are Winners**

By Michelle Cahoon, Manzanita Elementary School

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)



Manzanita 8th grade girls basketball team won the Feather River Recreation and Park District league. They finished league play with a 9 wins and 2 losses. They started the tournament with a convincing win over Palermo. The semifinal game was against Stream who had defeated them in league play in an overtime game. Manzanita came out on top and then had to play against Ishi Hills who have been undefeated all year rebounded well in order to

Front Row L to R: Megan Stewart, Crystalruby Gomez, Estrella Tinoco; Middle Row: Coach Schohr, Elizabeth Eller, Camila De la Torre, Calista Fox; Back Row: Kennison Cota, Ella Sannar, Rylee Hammons, Averyn Jansen.

for the championship. The pull off the upset victory by girls played tough, they 1 point. They worked hard took care of the ball and all year to achieve their goal.



### MEMORIAL NOTICE Marsha Ann Watson November 10, 1954 to April 11, 2019



Longtime Gridley resident Marsha Watson passed away at Enloe Hospital on April 11, 2019 after a long illness. She was preceded in death by her father, Edward Dittner, her mother, Marguerite Dittner, and two brothers, Ronnie Dittner and Ricki Zurbrugg. She is survived by one brother, Lonnie Muller, her husband, Harold

Watson, two daughters, Patrica and Christina Powell and son Harold Watson II, along with 15 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 11:00 am May 25, 2019 at the Gridley Christian Church located on the corner of Hazel and Washington St.



A graveside service will be held Monday, May 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Live Oak Cemetery for Jeanne Rushing, 64, formerly of Yuba County. Jeanne passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2019 in Marysville, California. She was born on December 28, 1954 in Oakland, California, one of three children born to Walter and Peggy Roux. She was raised in San Jose, California, before making her way to Olivehurst.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, her husband, Michael Rushing, and two uncles.

She is survived by one Aunt and four cousins.

A viewing will be held at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Interment will be held at the Live Oak Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

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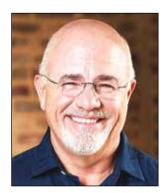
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I'll be retiring in the next couple of years. When I leave my job, we will have a yearly income of \$65,000 through my pension. I don't think we need an emergency fund with such a dependable, steady income stream like that, but my wife disagrees. She says she would feel safer if we had money set aside just for the unexpected. What do you think we should do? -Gary

#### Dear Gary,

A good pension can feel pretty solid, but nothing's perfect. Nothing lasts forever. There's always the possibility of lost income or large, unexpected expenses. What if one of you has a major medical event? Life can bite you at any time, and sometimes it will take a big financial chunk out of you. You need an

### **Dave Ramsey Says**

emergency fund!I recom- of what I make? - Patti mend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Put it in a good money market account with check writing privileges and a decent interest rate. That way, your money will work for you a little bit. With a solid pension like you're talking about, you could probably lean toward the three-month side, if you wanted. Honestly though, I'd save up six months of expenses-just in case. Trust me, a fully funded emergency fund will make you both feel better. Plus, it can turn a disaster into nothing more than an inconvenience! - Dave

#### Above and Beyond Dear Dave,

The school system I work for puts 12 percent of my pay into a public teacher retirement fund, and they match this amount. I've seen where you tell people to put 15 percent of their income toward retirement. If that's the case, should I put three percent into another retirement fund? I have no debt and very little in terms of expenses. Or, what would you think about the idea of opening another retirement account at a full 15 percent DaveRamsey.

Dear Patti,

I wouldn't go as far as to pour an additional 15 percent into a different retirement plan, but I would consider putting maybe eight to 10 percent into a Roth IRA. I want vou to have some money that's separate from the school system account, just in case things go south with their retirement fund.

It sounds like you've got a pretty good pension plan, but you never know what might happen. I'm not predicting bad things, but at the same time there's no way I'd lean on the school system fund as my one and only source of retirement income. You should never put all your financial eggs in one basket !- 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 @



# Dear Dietitian

# Microbiome



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

When I told friends and family that I would be writing about the microbiome this week, there were some raised eyebrows. My friend Ken said, "Of course, the microbiome. What is that?"

The microbiome, sometimes referred to as microbiota, is the collection of microorganisms (think tiny bugs) living in certain areas of the human body. It is made up of bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites. While most of the microbiota reside in the intestines, they are also found on the skin, in the vagina, nasal passages, and in the mouth. We are first introduced to the microbiome in the birth canal and through human breast milk.

The term microbiome was coined by Joshua Lederberg in the 1990s. However, a much earlier discovery that microorganisms live in the human body dates back to the

1880s when Austrian pediatrician Theodor Escherich discovered a certain bacterium in the intestines of both healthy children and those who suffered from a diarrheal illness (Brittanica.com). This bacterium was named for him, and most of us have heard of E. Coli, or Escherichia Coli.

The purpose of the microbiome is to help control digestion, stimulate the immune system and protect us from disease. Perhaps the study of the human microbiome brings more questions than answers at this point, as it is a very new area. Questions like, "Can the microbiome be used to prevent cancer? Can it be manipulated to help prevent obesity?" "Does it help prevent diabetes?" Scientists are working diligently to find answers to these questions.

One practical application of the microbiome involves Clostridium difficile (C. diff), which is an opportunistic bacterium that resides in our intestines. When the immune system is severely weakened, C. diff flourishes and causes a diarrheal illness, which can be serious and, in some cases, life-threatening. To treat this condition, fecal material is taken from healthy

individuals and transplanted into the colon of those suffering from recurrent C. diff colitis. These transplants have produced positive results.

There are ways to increase your microbiome. Simply eat more fiber, including fruits, vegetables, beans, and whole grains, like wheat, oats, and barley. These foods are sometimes called prebiotics because they feed the good microbiota in your gut. In addition, fiber cannot be broken down by the human body. It is metabolized by enzymes and microbiota in the colon.

Short-chain fatty acids are produced in this process, which lowers the pH of the colon. Harmful microorganisms cannot live in an acidic environment, so the end result is a healthier gut. Does a heathier gut bring about a healthier body? Again, more questions than answers.

#### Sincerely Dear Dietitian

Leanne McCrate, RD, LD, CNSC, aka Dear Dietitian, is a Registered Dietitian based in Missouri. Her mission is to educate the public on sound, evidence-based nutrition. Do you have a nutrition question? Email her at DearDietitian411@ gmail.com. ★



#### BY SETI LONG

Looking Back

#### The following are stories that appeared in the Gridley Herald 25, 50, 75, 100 and 125 years ago:

#### 25 Years Ago (1994)

"Gridley Green Line"

A committee appointed by Mayor Frank Cook will be meeting to determine where a "green line" should be drawn around the City of Gridley. The green line will be a feature of the Agricultural Element being drafted for the new Butte County General Plan, reported city administrator Jack Slota. The line will restrict the city's' opportunities for future expansion. Slota has urged that it be drawn far enough out from the present city limits to give Gridley flexibility in its future growth plans. Inside the boundary, there will be a buffer of at least 300 feet in which no development will be allowed. The intent is to prevent conflicts between urban land uses and farming operations.

#### 50 Years Ago (1969) "Queen of The Road"

Mrs. Helen Hall, who has walked across the United States, not once, but twice during the past four years, stopped in Gridley yesterday and was invited to stay during Gridley's Red Suspenders Day. She accepted and will be the in the business districts Friday and Saturday mornings. Mrs. Hall got a ride from the Sutter County line with Sgt. Dick Brush of the Butte County Sheriffs Gridley Substation. She has, and proudly wears, approximately 400 police and sheriff's badges and patches and has credentials from 92 law enforcement agencies in all 48 states. Asked where her home base was, she answered "the highways my home that's why I'm known as the Queen of the Road."

#### 75 Years Ago (1944)

"High School Hosts Concert" The annual "Open House" held at the Gridley High School, in observance of Public Schools Week, drew a large crowd of parents and friends of the school. A splendid band concert was presented in the gymnasium after which the crowd split up into groups to visit the various departments and class rooms where hand work was on display. In several rooms, demonstrations by students were in progress.

#### 100 Years Ago (1919) "Cotton Seed"

Now is the time for the Butte farmer to experiment with cotton by planting patches of five or ten acres, according to F.W. Weaver, superintendent o the Globe cotton gin at Durham. Seed for experimental planting can be procured at the gin until June 1st. Much interested was shown at the demonstration last Sunday with around 75 farmers in attendance. Those wishing to make plantings will be given any desire assistance they ay need by John G. Becker from the Dodge Ranch and Weaver.

#### 125 Years Ago (1894) "Gridley and Biggs Face Off"

Residents of the two towns turned out to watch rival baseball clubs from Gridley and Biggs compete against each other, this last Sunday afternoon. The game took place nearer the town of Gridley. Gridley won. The Score was recorded as 9 to 10. ★

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# Swim Team is Fast Approacing!

#### By Mindy Laviolette

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Gridley Gators 2019 summer swim season is fast approaching! The Gridley Gators Swim Team is comprised of boys and girls, ages 4-18. Our excellent coaches strive to meet the

and levels, from novice PayPal, Venmo, cash or swimmers to strong competitive swimmers.

Gator Registration kicks off Monday May 6th at the Make Up Room in Gridley (860 Hazel St.) from 3pm-6pm. Online registration will be available Friday

needs of all of the ages May 3rd. We accept check. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact the president of the Gridlev Gators organization Misha Rogers at gridleygators@gmail.com or (530) 713-4975.

# Gridley Gators 2019 Summer FEMA on Site at Industrial Park

## FEMA From Page 1

department in conjunction with the CHP plan to monitor the area to and enforce safety where needed. The Highway 99 corridor through Gridley has seen a dramatic increase in dump truck and semi traffic during this initial phase of necessity for MHU comdebris removal.

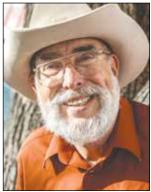
According to FEMA, somewhere around Industrial Park, where sur-600,000 trees still need to vivors can regroup and be removed, followed by

and top-soils. Kelly shared expected. Gridley Police that "If we had 3 trucks coming every minute, all day, every day, it would take another six months," before Paradise would be clean enough where every survivor could move back to safe, habitable land. There-in lies the munities like the Camp Fire Community at the plan for their future return

potentially toxic ground to Paradise, if they so choose.

> FEMA had some kind words to express to the citizens of Gridley. "We are so grateful to the town of Gridley for everything they have done and their willingness to assist us," says Kelly. "It is a loving and thoughtful gesture that they are willing to help their neighbors in this way. We are eternally grateful to be able to place a community in this location."

# **Slim Randles'** HOME COUNTRY



It just happened, you know? One of those serendipitous coincidences that occur when planets line up or you foolishly store oily rags together. It just ... happened.

Ardis Richardson was looking through the Soup 'R Market for an egg beater for her mom. Not the electric kind. The turn-the-handle kind. She picked one up and tried it out, causing the friendly little metallic whir that good egg beaters make. What was serendipitous, however, was Anita Campbell not six

Serendipity just ... happens ... in its own good time

feet away in the next row thumping pumpkins. As Anita thumped and Ardis whirred, they got in time with each other and Sarah McKinley was checking out kitchen timers and gave one a friendly ding. This got the thumper and whirrer going even more enthusiastically and caused the market's owner, Annette George, to walk over to the three percussionists, grin, and pick up a brand-new stainless steel funnel, purse her lips, and begin to blow a blues tune on it. It was okay, since she owned the store.

Annette, it turns out, played trombone back in high school.

While she was bluesing and Anita was thumping and Sarah was dinging and Ardis was whirring, a kind of blissful harmony

began and filled the vegetable aisle with music.

When they finally stopped, and between gales of laughter, Annette said she could put a regular trumpet mouthpiece in the funnel and get a better tone. Anita said not to say anything to her husband, Dud, as he thought his accordion playing was the only music in the family.

They agreed to get together each Wednesday afternoon and practice until they got good enough for a concert.

But they never did.

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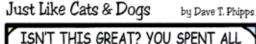




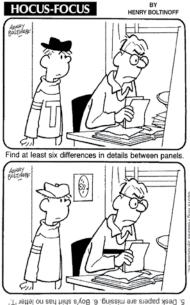
"Just wait 'til the marshal gets home!"

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"Could you make it as soon as possible? My husband is talking of fixing it himself."







added. 3. Blinds are lower. 4. Man's sweater has a stripe 5. Desk papers are missing. 6. Boy's shirt has no letter 'T.'







### May 7 - May 12

5-7-2019: At 11:40 PM at AutoZone on Highway 99 in Gridley, CA, Mark Rod Evans, 34, was arrested on charges of possession of tear gas (22810 (a)pc) and using a false identity (148.9 (b)pc) and booked into Butte County Jail.

5-8-2019: At 7:08 PM on California Street in Gridley CA, Samuel Trevor Patterson, 25, was arrested on charges of domestic battery 243(e) 1 pc) and damaging a communication device (cell phone) in the effort to prevent calling for help (591.5 pc) and was transported to Butte County Jail.

**5-8-2019:** At 9:05 PM at Orchard Hospital on Spruce Street in Gridley, CA, Jesse Lee Burton, 40, was arrested on multiple warrants: Local misdemeanor warrants 18CM00973, 19CM00555 and 19CM00782. Subject was booked into Butte County Jail. At that same time, Charlotte Louise Ehmcke, 45, was arrested on local misdemeanor warrant 19CM00782 and Kings County misdemeanor warrant 18CM5949. Subject was also booked into Butte County Jail.

5-12-2019: At 10:24 PM at Children's Hope Foster Family Agency on Virginia Street, Gridley, CA, Stephanie Gail Lolmaugh, 32, was arrested on local misdemeanor warrant 18CM02616, cited and released.

# MEDICAL OXYGEN SAFETY

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- Keep oxygen cylinders at least five feet from a heat source, open flames or electrical devices.
- Body oil, hand lotion and items containing oil and grease can easily ignite. Keep oil and grease away where oxygen is in use.
- Never use aerosol sprays containing combustible materials near the oxygen.

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# **Gridley Varsity Baseball** Season Comes to an End

#### By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -Gridley's varsity baseball season came to an end Tuesday, May 7th, in a 13-3 loss to Wheatland high school in the first round of the Division III Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation playoffs. The Pirates proved to be too much for the Bulldogs in two previous outings throughout the season and once again were able to capitalize on the mistakes of the Bulldogs' defense.

The Bulldogs offense couldn't get anything started in the top half of the first inning. In the bottom of the first inning the Pirates took advantage and got five runs across to take a commanding lead. Gridley's offense was able

the top of the third inning when Cameron Erickson singled to left field.

In the bottom of the fourth inning the Pirates put the game away for good with four runs to make it an 11-2 game. The Bulldogs got another run on the board in the top of the fifth inning when Collin McKelvey singled to center field driving in Triston Platter who had previously doubled to left field.

The Pirates would bring the game to a close in the bottom of the sixth inning to take the 13-3 victory. Platter and Connor Alexander would help lead the Bulldogs' offense with two hits each. Platter went 2-for-4 with a single and a double and Alexander went 2-for-3 with two singles.

Although the varsity

to manufacture two runs in Bulldogs' baseball season is over, there was a lot accomplished throughout the few months of play. Lance Santerre, Erickson, and Platter led the Bulldogs offense in batting average and hits with a combined .370 batting average on 86 hits. Santerre led the Bulldogs' pitching staff the entire season with a 0.00 earned run average until he surrendered three earned runs in the final game against Wheatland. Santerre finished the 2019 baseball season with a .457 ERA.

The Bulldogs varsity baseball team will be graduating sevens this year: Lance Santerre. Triston Platter, Wyatt Dreesman, Riley Dunning, Connor Alexander, Collin McKelvey, and Dylan Coats. \*

# **Biggs-Richvale Little** League Weekly Honors

#### By Joshua Porcayo

**SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK** BIGGS, CA (MPG) - As the Biggs-Richvale Little League regular season comes to an end, board members, coaches, and community members are still on the lookout for players who go above and beyond. Here are the weeks five through seven Sportsperson of the Week.

Week five, Brayden Martin, was nominated Week. Written on the our Sportsperson nominee from Week 1, Cashten Acosta) after games without being asked. Thank you for helping out

Brayden!!!... and thank you Cashten!"

Week six, Rhegan Jones, was nominated as Sportsperson of the Week. Written on the Biggs-Richvale Little League page, "Rhegan was nominated by the Black A's Minor Girls Softball team, in appreciation for watching and cheering for them at a recent game. After the game was over, Rhegan grabbed the equipment wagon, wheeled it out and as Sportsperson of the rounded up all the bases. She then hauled the wagon Biggs-Richvale Little back to the shed and put League page, "Brayden it away for the team. has jumped in to help This was super awesome, rake our fields (along with helpful, and very much appreciated by the Black A's. Rhegan demonstrated great sportsmanship by supporting, helping, and cheering for the team!!! and showing initiative, Awesome job, Rhegan!!!"

Week seven, Rylan Jones, was nominated as Sportsperson of the Week. Written on the Biggs-Richvale Little League page, "Rylan shows great sportsmanship every time he is at the little league field, from helping rake the fields, helping put equipment away, turning on field lights, and helping umpire minor games. Thank you, Rylan, awesome job!"

Don't forget that at the end of the season board members will nominate and honor a Sportsperson of the Year at closing ceremonies. All Sportsperson of the Week nominees can be seen on the Biggs-Richvale Little League Facebook page found at https://www.facebook. comBiggsRichvaleLittle-League/

# **Gridley Little League Regular Season Conclusion**

#### By Joshua Porcayo

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) Gridley's Little League regular season is coming to a close in the coming weeks. Months of hard work, sweat and tears, maybe a little blood from a scrape a player got from sliding, and definitely a lot of laughs and smiles, is coming to an end for the season. For many young players it was his



played the #3 seed Dodgers (3-7) on Tuesday, May 14th.

Great memories are made every year on the diamond for players, parents, grandparents, coaches, and baseball fans alike. From on the diamond. that first hit, or that first

that shortstop who turned that double play to get her team out of the inning. The hope at the conclusion of the season is for all players to come back out next year and enjoy another season

The winners of each divicatch in the outfield, to sion will get a bid to play in

the District 47 Tournament of Champions in late May and early June. The city tournament bracket and results can be found by going to Gridley Little League Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ GridleyLittleLeague/. ★



or her first year at different divisions of t-ball, farm, minors, majors, and juniors. And for many young players it will be one their young lives.

With all that hard work throughout the season Gridley Little League finishes off its regular season games with a competitive division double elimination tournament.

At the end of twelve scheduled games the A's (9-1) played the winmajors division baseball ner of that contest on

tournament began on Monday, May 13th, between the #2 seed Giants (5-7) and the #3 seed Dodgers (4-6-1) on the majors / minors baseball field at Manuel Vierra Park. The #1 seed



Gridley t-ballers run the bases in excitement. Photo Courtesy of Joshua Porcayo

of the greatest moments in Gridley Angels hitter Sofia Roush waits to hit the pitch. hoto Courtesy of Joshua Porcavo

Tuesday, May 14th.

The minors division baseball tournament also began on Monday, May 13th, between the #4 seed Dodgers (3-7) and the #5 seed Brewers (0-10) on the farm field at Manuel Vierra Park. The #2 seed Giants (5-5) played the #3 seed Angels (6-7) on Tuesday, May 14th, with the #1 seed Rangers (6-6) getting a first round bye to play the winner of the Monday game between the Dodgers and Brewers.

The majors division softball tournament began on Tuesday, May 14th, at the Gridley High School softball field. With two teams in the division, the Huskies faced the Angels in a best of three game tournament.

The minors division softball tournament began Monday, May 13th, between the #1 seed Rangers (10-0) and the #4 seed Braves (1-9) at the softball field at the park. The #2 seed Giants (4-4)

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# The Story of Red Suspenders Day

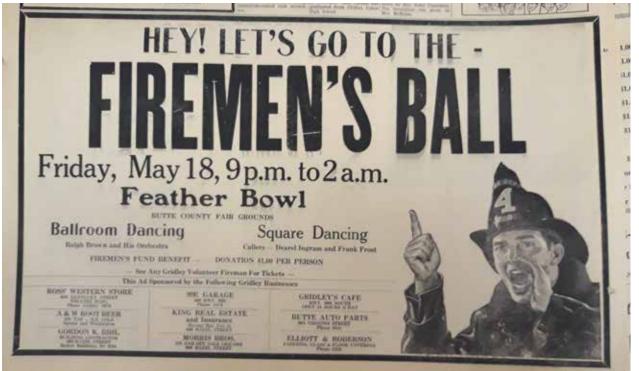
#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - As the calendar rolls around to the third week in May, you can find most of Gridley getting ready for one of the biggest events of the year, Red Suspenders Days! The celebration, which was rumored to have started on May 20th, 1961, began as a way to locally celebrate our firefighters. Delving through the aging pages of The Gridley Herald's yearly annuals, it was discovered that Red Suspenders Days in fact, did not start in 1961.

Published by

On the weekend of May 20th, 1961, Gridley hosted quite a party in its downtown corridor but it was not Red Suspenders Days - It was the first Sidewalk Days Sale. The Sidewalks Days Sale was one of the biggest cooperative merchant promotions that the town had attempted in several years, organized in hopes to give the local economy a much needed boost.

Not only did local stores pedal their goods on the sidewalks at discounted prices, the event featured dance demonstrations, local artist Mrs. Hilda Winchester held watercolors demonstrations painting the sales activities, car dealers showcased their top cars, the band boosters set up a sarsaparilla shop near the post office, local dignitaries were



#### The original advertisement from The Gridley Herald. Gridley Herald file photo

interviewed and broadcasted on Radio KPAY and free balloons were to be had by all.

Don Giles, Committee Chairman of the event said "Since this is our first attempt at a promotion such as this, we are happy with the cooperative attitudes of everyone. We hope to make it an annual affair and to have more added attractions each year." Little did he know what the future planned.

Fast forward to May of 1962 and once again, you will find Gridley gearing up for

celebration. Friday May 18th would see the revival of the Fireman's Ball, which had last been held 20 years prior. The dance was a big success, held at the Butte County Fair Grounds in the Feather Bowl building from 9:00 p.m. - 2:00a.m. Under the Chairmanship of Dutch Thayer, the dance would raise funds for the Firemen, with tickets costing a \$1.00 donation apiece. The dance included Ballroom dancing to the accompaniment of Ralph Browns Orchestra, and the intermissions were filled with Square dancing called by Frank Frost and Dearel Ingram.

Over \$500 dollars was raised, which the firemen planned to use to purchase a new piece of firefighting equipment. Chairman Thayer announced that "plans are already in the making for a bigger and better event next year, possibly a cooperative event with the businessmen, baseball breakfast, and a parade."

Thayer lived up to that promise, and the next year, May 31 and June 1st of 1963, Gridley hosted its first Red Suspenders Days. In honor of the event, The Gridley Herald was printed entirely in red ink and sported an article on the front page advertising what would turn out to be a history making event.

It read "Banners heralding the first annual Red Suspenders Days, in conjunction with Sidewalk Days, were unfurled across Gridley intersections...Through

the combined efforts of the Gridley Volunteer Firemen,

the Gridley Merchant Committee, and the Gridley Boys Baseball Committee, the town will take on a carnivallike atmosphere this Friday and Saturday."

Merchants again sold their wares outside their businesses and wore turn-of-the-century costumes, including red suspenders, with prizes awarded to the best dressed. On Saturday, Gridley Boys Baseball held their pancake breakfast in the city plaza (Daddow Park) and a 60-piece band performed to entertain customers as they shopped at the downtown district.

The highlight of the day was, of course, the Fireman's Parade, with Grand Marshal Charlie Vance sounding the siren on the old American La-France fire truck to signal its start. The parade saw over 80 entries, including the schools' marching bands. It went down in history as a huge success.

Not much, except maybe the faces in the crowd, has changed since that first Red Suspenders Day. As tradition dictates, the day still begins with the Little League Pancake Breakfast, followed by the Bed Races, the Parade and all the while celebrating our beloved area Firefighters. It remains an event unique to the town of Gridley, a special part of its history and future.

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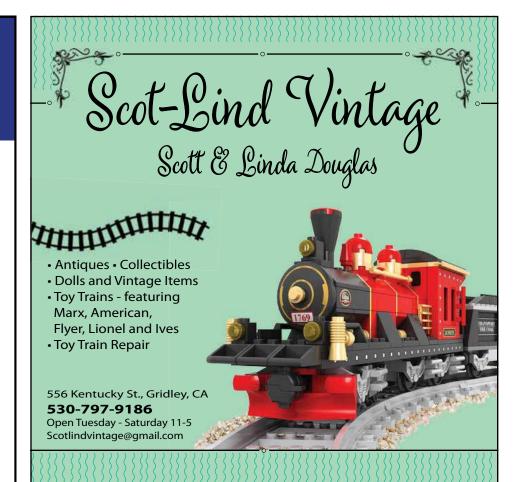


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# **Championship Racing** at Red Suspenders Days

#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -Gridley's Boy Scouts Troop 22 has big plans for Red Suspenders Days this year. After their providing color guard service in the parade, they will take over the majority of Daddow Park to showcase what scouting is all about and to host their first annual Pinewood Derby District Championships.

From the gazebo south to Sycamore Street, the park will be filled with activities, including a 30-foot climbing wall with 4 climbing lanes, safety gear and instructors on hand to assist the climbers. Post 414, Boy Scout Explorer will be there, representing the fire explorer program which teams with CalFire and scouts who are interested in preparing for the Fire Academy.

Troop 26, the cub scouts, will be manning the lemonade stand and bake sale, while the Boy Scouts prepare to host the Pinewood Derby Championships.

This year the Scouts opened the derby to the public with derby cars made available through Gridley's Parks and Recreation Department. The open-entry competition pinewood derby cars are set to compete on their own track at 1:00, but at 1:30 all four tracks will be utilized as the Rancho-West District Championship gets underway.

This will be the first District Championship held in the last 6 years.



Cub Scout racers showcase their derby cars, showing the progression from raw pinewood fresh from the box, to finished product. Pictured left to right: Preston Thompson (Bear), Alex Bedortha (Lion) and Hayes Wasser (Wolf). Photo by Seti Long

program's restructuring movement underway in the area, Gridley Troop 22 wanted to revive the championship derby, previously always held in Chico. The Gridley scouts plan to host over 50 scouts and cub scouts from four area troops -1 from Paradise, 2 from Chico and 1 from Oroville, and hope that Gridley will be the new home of the championship derby.

Scouts begin working on their cars weeks before the event and can decorate them anyway they choose as long as the cars meet pinewood derby specifications. The cars must weigh no more than 5 ounces, be no longer than 7", no wider than 2.75", have 1.75" clearance between As part of the scouting an inch clearance so they Gridley Country Ford,

don't run on the tracks.

This year the scouts plan to have one practice track, and 3 competition tracks. The main track has an electronic eye, which will track which cars cross the finish line and in which order. The other tracks will require judges, 6 of whom will be paired and assigned to watch each car for the most accurate results. The head judge of the event is Timothy Mata, Assistant Cub Scout Master. The races will be double-elimination, and each entry will race 3 to 4 times, to ensure that the winning car moves on to final rounds.

The stakes are high. This year's grand prize is a 3-foot tall trophy created by Recognition Products the wheels, and 3/8th of of Chico and courtesy of

the Championship's sponsor. Gridley Country Ford is kindly providing the banner for the championship derby and all of the trophies for the event. There on behalf of Gridley Country, Jeffery Unck will announce the winners of the derby and award the winners' trophies at the ceremonies.

In the event that the weather becomes uncooperative and it does rain, the Scouts have made backup plans. The race tracks themselves are expensive and exposure to rain would certainly ruin them. Troop 22 will be forced to reschedule the derby if it rains, and plans to hold it at the Masonic Lodge in Gridlev two weeks from Saturday, along with refreshments.

# **Chamber of Commerce** is Integral to Gridley

#### By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Chamber of Commerce has been an integral part of the Gridley, Biggs, Richvale and surrounding area's economic vitality since 1946. The board of 12 members works to promote local businesses, along with the City of Gridley, through events like Red Suspenders Days, Tuesday Night Farmers Market, Winter Wonderland Parade, through social media and the chamber webpage. It is their mission to foster opportunities for collaboration, partnerships, networking, professional growth and education.

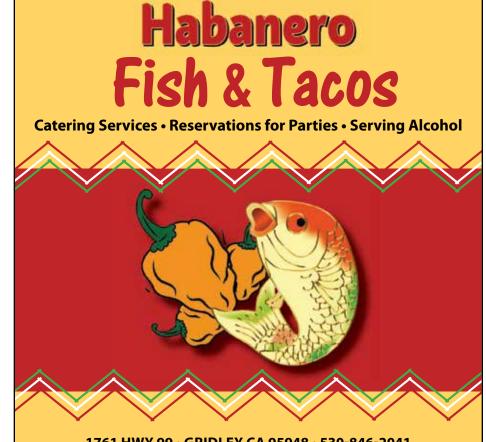
The Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to join their network of 85 locally owned businesses looking to grow the economy surrounding Gridley. Take advantage of the opportunity to be a part of our community's expanding economic outlook!

The office of the Gridley Chamber of Commerce is located at 890 Hazel Street, Gridley CA. You can reach them at (530) 846-3142 during regular business hours. For an appointment to find out more through one of their ambassadors please be sure to call ahead.

Some of the major sponsors of the chamber's events are The City of Gridley, Gridley Lions Club, Loyal Order of Moose Gridley Lodge, Quota, Waste Management, Wheeler Ranch and Feed, Kid's Castle, BenToilet Rentals, Inc., Butte Auto Parts, Casa Lupe Restaurant, Focus, Legend Rock Band, Beyond Audio, among many others.

As it is with any other Chamber of Commerce, to network and get involved you just have to get out there and network and get involved to make the business connections that will help your business grow.





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# Hold on to Your Red Suspenders!

#### HOLD ON FROM PAGE 1

Around that same time, the park will begin to fill with vendors and classic cars, courtesy of the Gridley Cruisers. At 10:00 am, Twin-sized Beds will start to accumulate on Virginia Street as the entries for the Bed Races prepare to go bed-to-bed. As the starting whistle blows, onlookers will have no choice but to laugh as teams push the beds, usually carrying riders holding on for dear life, down the street to the finish line.

As the crowds begin to deepen in anticipation of the parade, the Gridley Lions Club will begin to organize the parade entries by their position in the line-up, something that they have been doing for over 40 years at Red Suspenders Day. The Lions are a big presence at the parade. They are due credit for starting the car show ten years ago, running it until they passed the honors on the Gridley Cruisers. Their yellow jackets will be seen helping the Little League with the Pancake Breakfast in the Park, keeping order along the parade route, selling bratwursts at their vendor booth and at the end of the day, helping with the Gridley Museum Tri-Tip Fundraiser.

Red Suspenders Days, holding to one of its founding ideals, doubles as one of the biggest fundraising events for community groups, including the Gridlev Lions and also the Gridley Museum.

This year the skies may be gray over the parade route, but regardless, the show will go on, rain or shine! The parade will begin at 11:00



Firefighters will continue the fun with their firefighter games, a crowd favorite being the barrel fight. Gridley Herald file photo

am with the sound of blades cutting through the air as a helicopter descends over the parade route for 3 flyover passes (unless it is raining). Sirens will soon follow, first distant and then growing louder, as over 20 pieces of fire equipment make their way towards the parade starting point of Sycamore and Virginia Streets.

Leading the parade will be the color guard, this year handled for the first time by the Gridley area Scouting Program. At this time, the color guard will include at least two cub scouts and two boy scouts from Gridley's Troop 22, with the hopes to have the Girls Scouts participate as well.

Next, in a show of solidarity, strength and resilience, Red Suspenders Day is proud to have Camp Fire Survivors join the ranks of the parade. This year's theme is dedicated to the survivors, the Chamber of Commerce announcing earlier this year that the theme of Red

"Butte Strong." Many have honoring firefighters and hoses, pushing them up the found a home in our community and we have opened our doors to welcome them.

Together, we will celbrate them and our firefighters. It is sure to be a moving experience. T-shirts featuring the logo and theme "Butte Strong" courtesy of A+ Custom Vinyl Designs will be on sale at their booth for \$15 each.

As always, the parade will feature vintage cars that will ferry Butte County's Royal Court through streets, two marching bands, horses carrying their mounted riders, a variety of Fish and Game and Sheriff's Department Vehicles, Fire Equipment and ladder trucks threatening to spray the crowds with water.

Officer Roberts from the Gridley-Biggs Police department, along with Yuba City officers, have a special motorcycle driving demonstration planned as long as the weather holds.

Red Suspenders Day is Suspenders Days would be a unique event, historically

their work within our community. Firefighters from not be in attendance, but from Counties. Sparky, along with the men and women serving area fire departments will be honored and cheered on for all that they do.

Captain Conaty from Gridley's Fire Station 74 said "We love this event. It is truly special for me and my crew. It's a different as "Fire-in-the-hole" (a cornfeeling from other events it gives us such a sense of pride. It's a really, really cool experience."

After the parade, the various Fire trucks, tankers and equipment will move to Washington Street for a static display, including the helicopter, which is expected to be courtesy of Enloe Flight Hillcrest Avenue is set to Care.

Firefighters will continue the fun with their firefighter games, a crowd favorite being the barrel fight. Firefighters team up to shoot

street and spraying onlookers with errant blasts from just Gridley's Station 74 will the hoses. Captain Conaty says "the crowds love it!" all over Butte and Sutter The barrel fights, he continues are not just fun but "an exercise in physical stress. Firefighters hone their skills at hose manipulation – It can get pretty intense!"

And of course, there is always something for the kids. Gridley's firemen have planned themed games such hole game), "candy search and rescue" where children are given sacks and timed as they search for candy hidden in cedar chips, and the "bucket brigade", where buckets of water are passed down a line, reminiscent of early firefighting tactics.

At noon, the band perform. Vendors in the park will provide refreshments, shopping opportunities and more fun. By way of food, the Gridley Volunteer Fire Department will be sellbarrels with water from their ing Tri-tip, the Lions Club

will be grilling brauts, Big Mommas BBQ will have "Big Momma" smoking ribs, Tonicos Tacos will be there, along with Meals by Melissa and the Gridley Titans booth. Cowlicious Bakery and Farms, fresh donuts from 13 Donuts and apple fries will tame your sweet tooth.

A load of fun will be had at the various activity centers throughout the park. For those daring souls, Gridley High School's Sober Grad booth will have a mechanical bull to ride – all proceeds going to the 2019 Sober Grad Night. Gridley Boy Scout Troop will be hosting its 1st Pinewood Derby District Championship in Daddow Park, weather permitting, and have a 40-foot climbing rock wall coming.

A bounce house, courtesy of "Bouncing Good Time" will help the little ones burn off some energy. If that doesn't catch your child's interest, maybe the petting zoo, pony rides and "Frozen" look-alike princess will!

The evening will end with the Gridley Museum's 5th Annual Tri-Tip Dinner fundraiser. It is an open airdinner, with tables set up along Kentucky Street in the shadow of the museum. This year the Knights of Columbus will be cooking, the menu to include salads prepared by the Quota Club, baked potatoes with butter and sour cream, bread and dessert provided by FOCUS. All proceeds go to support the museum and its efforts in preserving Gridley's history. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Museum or at the door.

Come out and celebrate your Firefighters this year, support your community and be "Butte Strong!"







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### Public Safety Power Shutoff

or **PSPS** is a precautionary safety measure that may proactively turn off power lines when extreme fire danger conditions are forecast. We will do this to reduce wildfire risks and keep our customers safe.

To receive important outage alerts, update your contact information at pge.com/mywildfirealerts.

# What is PUBLIC SAFETY PØWER SHUTOFF?



## What criteria does PG&E consider when calling a PSPS?

No single factor will initiate a Public Safety Power Shutoff as each situation is unique. The factors we generally consider include:

- A Red Flag Warning declared by the National Weather Service
- Forecasts of strong winds and wind gusts
- Low humidity levels
- Critically dry vegetation that could fuel a wildfire
- And on-the-ground, real-time observations from PG&E field crews

In the interest of public safety, we continue to update and refine our criteria and protocols on an ongoing basis.

# How will I know if a PSPS has been called in my neighborhood?

Because extreme weather threats can change quickly, our goal is to provide notice through phone calls, emails and text messages to customers 48 hours in advance, again at 24 hours and again just prior to turning off the power for safety. Updates will also be shared through social media, local news, radio and pge.com until the time power is restored. To receive important outage alerts, update your contact information at pge.com/mywildfirealerts.

# How can I prepare for a PSPS?

We advise you to think in advance about your family's needs and how you might be impacted in the event of a power shutoff — or for any emergency.

- Do you have a personal safety plan for all members of your family, including pets?
- If you own a generator, is it ready to operate safely?
- Do you know how to open your garage door manually?
- Do you have cash and a full tank of gas, in the event ATMs and gas stations are unavailable?
- Are your mobile phones fully charged?

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