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Live Oak Helps Fill The Boot



Group shot of all the volunteers involved in Saturdays "Fill the Boot for Burns" fundraiser held in Live Oak.

By Seti Long

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Live Oak was teeming with firefighters and volunteers last Saturday as this year's "Fill the Boot for Burns" fundraising event kicked into full swing.

Firefighter, Engineer Carlos Del Rio from Live Oaks Fire Station 5, has coordinated the event for the last five out of seven years, recruiting 8 cadets from the Yuba College Fire Academy and 13 volunteers from the Live Oak, Sutter, East Nicholas, Pleasant Grove and Meridian Stations to help collect funds at this year's drive.

All proceeds from "Fill the Boot for Burns" go to the Firefighters Burn Institute, which provides burn and burn recovery programs to children and adults burn victims. This year's event generated \$15,500 in a little under 8 hours. Del Rio says that "we saw more giving this year," and hopes that trend continues next year. ★



Volunteer Sam French, is pictured next to one of the "Fill the Boots for Burns" signs lining the Live Oak Blvd. corridor in Live Oak, during the fundraising event last Saturday.

BSA Troop 22 Celebrates 109th Birthday at Blue and Gold Banquet

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Boy Scouts of America Cub Scout Troop 22 held their first Annual Blue and Gold Banquet last weekend in celebration of the organizations 109th birthday. The event brought the families of den members and leaders together to celebrate the BSA anniversary and was held at the Masonic Lodge, the charters sponsor organization.

The banquet was opened and closed by Troop Leader Joseph Bedortha, with standard scout business of honoring the color guard, recitation of motto's and pledges interspersed with the enjoyment of dinner, games and cake. Committee member Diana Chaves, mother to cub scout Kellin Chavez, was awarded a the blue and gold spoon award for organizing the event. At the



Members of Troop 22 pictured with Troop Leader Joseph Bedortha in front of a vintage Troop 22 flag.

close of the evening, scouts signed thank you notes to local business that have sponsored their work in the community which include Pizza Roundup, Starbucks, Savor and The Wishing Corner.

The Boy Scouts, originally founded in February of 1910, is one of the largest scouting organizations in the united states with over 2.4 million youth participants. This year, the Boy Scouts of America

has undergone a redesign, and Troop 22 is an example of that. In the past, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has been heavily involved in

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Gridley-Biggs Police Department Gets a New Officer

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley-Biggs Police Chief Byers had the honor of swearing in Gridley-Biggs newest police officer, Officer Homero Rodriguez at Monday night's Gridley City Council meeting. Officer Rodriguez is a native of Gridley, following his education at Gridley High School with attendance at the Butte College Police Academy. He began working with the GBPD in 2010 as a reserve officer but recently tested for a full-time position on the force. Officer Rodriguez recited the Uniformed Officers Oath and was welcomed to the force with a handshake from Chief Byers, Mayor Johnson, Council Members and staff, with the support of family and audience members.

Council then considered proposals from GBPD Chief Byers to authorize the reinstatement of funding for Butte County Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) and the assignment of two community service officers to offset the impact that the FEMA housing complex will have on the Police force. Chief Byers explained that due to the temporary nature of the FEMA housing complex, hiring and swearing in two officers for the anticipated two year period the complex is in operation would not be cost effective. Instead, Chief Byers suggested the implementation of community service officers who would not be sworn-in, as regular officers are, and would carry tasers and pepper spray.

The community service officers would take a PC 832 course, which provides the minimum training for officers and would allow them to issue citations and gain a background in code enforcement. Each position is expected to cost \$66,222 annually with recruitment, training and background checks anticipated to take 90 days. Council members moved to vote, with a 4-0 approval.

Next on the agenda was the approval for the purchase of Tyler Systems Integrated Financial Software System. The City of Gridley presented a power-point presentation at the last city council meeting, expressing the need of new financial software as the MOMs system currently in use is outdated and does not meet current needs of the city.

City Administrator Paul Eckert and Finance Director Juan Solis negotiated with Tyler systems, obtaining a \$24,800 decrease in total cost, from \$174,771 to \$149,971. The Tyler software is expected to streamline operations, increasing efficiency and preventing revenue leakage. City Council members voted unanimously to approve the City Administrator to sign the purchase agreement with Tyler. The new system is expected to be fully in place by 2021. ★

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By Josh F.W. Cook**

CASA LUPE was founded in Gridley. It is not only a restaurant; it's a tortilla factory. A few years back it became a tortilla factory, restaurant, grocery store. Lately, I have been hearing more and more people say that the food inside the grocery store is better than the food in the restaurant. I have to admit, I agree. Inside the grocery store in the back, there is a taqueria, where they throw together whatever you want the way you want it and everything's fresh, they cook it right there, you can watch the whole thing.

The really Special thing we have going on in town now is, when you burn out on eating at Casa Lupe every day, there are two other great Mexican joints; El Tamborozo at the North end of town and Los Charros on the south end of town. Lately, when my dad and I go out, he likes to go to Los Charros and so do my kids. The really cool thing is all three places have a very different style of Mexican food. Betty's in Live Oak is also 100% delicious and unique.

So there you have it, my first foray into being a restaurant critic. Bad news

for you is I don't like very many different things when it comes to eating. What I really want to do is review gas station foods, I just can't bring myself to do it though. I have never been able to eat hot food from a gas station.

There is just seems to be something wrong, I don't know what is. Every time I go to get something hot to eat that's been prepared behind the cash register counter at the various quicky(ie) marts in town I see the face of Nancy Weininger, the former Gridley School District Nurse and nutritionist. She used to teach every kid in Gridley what they needed know to not die starting around second grade. She once told us how bad it was to eat the kind of food they serve at gas stations and it's always stuck with me. Those of you who were taught by the woman will know exactly what I'm talking about. She was like a combination of brush your teeth, don't smoke, bathe at home, don't run with sharp objects, use a kleenex, wash your hands and every other common sense health education a kid could use. And if you ever got a kid headache or a kid stomachache, she would comfort you, call your mom, and then hand you off when your mom got there. So when she told us not to eat at gas stations, we never considered that it might be her opinion, as kids we thought it was like absolute science-fact that gas station food was a health hazard, she was the school nurse, a paramount authority figure.

Perhaps I should do a Pizza comparison food critic taste test review

next week. That would be new and exciting because it would pit Biggs against Gridley against Live Oak. Biggs has Pizza Round-Up, which is not a chain (also everyone in Biggs will fight you if you say anywhere else has better Pizza and Beer). Gridley has Round Table Pizza which is a chain. Live Oak has Pizza Factory which is sort of a chain but this one is locally owned by a guy who likes to run for public office and is, therefore, a part of the community, and thus his pizza place is less franchise-like when compared to Little Caesars and Round Table. For this topic I will leave it to you, to discuss amongst the people in the room reading the paper with you today. Ask the group in the room with you "which of the three pizza places is the best" (I don't count Little Caesars). Unless everyone in the room is from Biggs, then start a debate about Mexican Food, it's #39;s safer.

So every week this Pi Line column somehow delves into local history, by either making some up or actually getting a reprint of an article written by Mr. Bureson many years ago. Today we go back in time and combine history with restaurants in Gridley, and I offer you my 5 absolute truths about food and Gridley-Biggs-Live Oak.

One, In-n-Out Burger somehow copied the burger that was available at the Bronze Cue restaurant in downtown Gridley. The Bronze Cue went closed in the '90s, but you can get the exact same taste at In-n-Out. Ever since the Bronze Cue closed I have been looking for a joint

burger inside of a pool hall, and after 20+ years have found no place as good as the original.

Two, The Ice Burgie will never go out of business, ever. The United States government can fail, the stock market could crash, but the Burgie is the best side of the road food shack in the world, and after the Messiah returns to Earth and there is a lot of tumult and chaos, I genuinely believe we will all go there to get a 32 ounce Coke with crushed ice.

Three, there has never been a better dessert made, that is more satisfying on a day at which the temperatures over 102 degrees than a suicide snow cone made by Dick Jones at the Little League baseball field snack

booth. The suicide Snow Cone was invented by Dick Jones, and they named the snack booth after him (ball-fields and bleachers too) to honor his culinary greatness. Suicide was not a single flavor, it had all of the available flavors poured on at once, making it blackish purple and highly frowned upon by Mrs. Weininger (see above).

Four, when Sylvio's Pizza was in business downtown, Round Table tried harder, and both places had better Pizza. Add that to the guided group discussion you were having about Pizza places (see above).

Five, I miss The Scoop. The Jensen Family started an Ice Cream Parlor in town in the '80s. It did not

last long because there are not enough of us who live here, but for several years it was like we were better than Yuba City and their Brock's Ice Cream factory. For Latter-Day Saint people, Adventists, and other non-drinking religious factions, it was like going to Morris Brothers Tavern downtown, but with better lighting. Since the Scoop closed our birth-rate has declined, people are less happy, and you have to drive out of town for the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor experience. Sometimes I buy a \$1 cone at McDonald's and park in front of where the Scoop used to be in the Heritage Oak Center and get ideas for my next newspaper column. ★

New Venture Entrepreneurial Series

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte College Small Business Development Center, is presenting a series of workshops for start-up and new businesses. The New Venture Entrepreneurial Series will be held on Thursday mornings, beginning March 7th, through March 28th, 2019 from 8:30am to 10:30am, at Butte College Small Business Development Center, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico. The cost for the series is \$50 per person prepaid or \$60 at the door.

This 4-part training series provides essential information for individuals thinking about starting a new business and new business

owners. Topics include: Legal Requirements & Market Analysis, Cost Analysis, Funding Your Small Business and Business Plan Overview. You will learn the legal requirements for business start-up, how to assess your market and calculate start-up costs, and how to plan for direction and to obtain funding. Call or log onto our website for detailed flyer.

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Good Citizen Awards



Pictured are this year's recipients of the DAR "Good Citizen Award". (left to right) Sydnie Victorino, Taryn Monnot, Semaj K. McGhee, Janet Enriquez, Madison Reimers, Matthew P. Schuy, Selah Hartman, who wrote the winning essay, and Good Citizens Chair Diane Reimers. Not pictured is Zachary W. Hancock.

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Friday, February 15, 2019, the Feather River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) hosted their annual Good Citizens Award Luncheon in Gridley. Qualifying high school Seniors from Yuba, Sutter and Butte County area schools were awarded a DAR "Good Citizen Award" certificate and commemorative pin.

Alma Root, DAR treasurer and publicity director shared that "students are chosen by their teachers and counselors and must have the qualities of dependability (truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality), service (cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others), leadership (personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility) and patriotism (unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation to outstanding

degree).

The luncheon is a nationwide event and the women of the DAR Feather River Chapter have been holding the Good Citizen awards for over 16 years. Prior to the awards ceremony a potluck lunch, prepared by chapter members, was served to the award winners, their parents, teachers and counselors which was followed by patriotic themed cupcakes made by chapter member Debra Cotton.

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sponsoring charters in the BSA program.

According to BSA District Administrator Joshua Ramsey, as of December 31, 2019, the LDS church will have completely dissolved its sponsorship of all charters within the BSA program in order to focus on youth programs within their church infrastructure. Troop 22 is not new to this area, but has recently been revived in light of the coming changes within the program, and is the only non-LDS sponsored BSA charter in the area.

The Troop is small, with only 18 members, but expects growth in the future and is excited to be serving the Gridley community. They will be hosting their "Scouting for Food" event on March 9th in front of Safeway in Gridley and ask that the community support their efforts with donations of



Troop Leader Joseeph Bedortha and District Administrator Joshua Ramsey demonstrate the scout handshake.

dog and cat food, kitty litter, and canned or non-perishable food items. For more information

on the BSA program or to join, please visit www.scouting.org online.

Ladies Honored for 25 Years of Service

By Pastor Gary Pippit

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Grace Lutheran Church will be honoring Betty Erickson and Wilda Ohrmund on Sunday February 24 2019 at 10 a.m. for 25 years of service from 1992 till 2017 in our food pantry. They have truly lives out God's Word, not just hearing it but doing it. They faithfully were there each Wednesday from nine till twelve and before, setting up and buying goods for the pantry. They also picked up donated items, made sure the shelves had food to give and laid out clothes on the tables. Maybe you were one of those people that these two touched through the years with the love of Jesus. IF you were, we would like to invite you to come and share with us as we honor and give



Betty Erickson, pictured here, will be honored for 25 years of service with the Grace Lutheran food pantry.

Almighty God thanks for blessing us with them.

Wilda has since gone home to be with the lord, Wilda's spirit is now with our Lord not because of all her hard labor of love but because of her faith in her Savior and Lord Jesus Christ and his death on the cross paying for all out sins which we could never pay for not matter what we do. She is truly missed but we will see her again as God's

word tells us so.

So if you were blessed by these two, please join us as we celebrate their labor of love for 25 years at Grace Lutheran food pantry, which is still ope and serving our communities each Wednesday from 9 a.m. till 12 p.m. by Carole McClendon and Kris Wasser.

God Bless you and hope to see you Sunday February 24, 2019 at 10 a.m.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Stephen John Mooney

June 21, 1956 to February 6, 2019

Stephen John Mooney "Steve", age 62, passed away on Wednesday February 6, 2019 in Chico, CA. Born to Kenneth Gerald & Gretchen Mary Mooney on June 21, 1956 in San Francisco, CA. Steve grew up in Sonoma where his love of farming and animals helped him and his sisters and brothers to create the Mooney Family 4-H Club. Shortly after the death of their father, Steve assumed the role of patriarch of the family and decided to move the family to Gridley, CA where they purchased a Kiwi Farm.

Steve was a very driven; hardworking, humble, kind and generous man who's many talents included being an architect, builder, electrician, mechanic, and his all time favorite, a chef! His many jobs that he held through the years included owning a donut shop and a hamburger restaurant and an ice cream shop, always with his two favorite sisters/free help running the front. When Steve was planning the next page of the family story, there was never a question that it would be with his mother, brother and sisters by his side. With these talents, and his know-how of all things, is what helped build the family business into what it is today. Steve loved to cook, and he was happiest in the kitchen creating a meal to share with his family and friends!

In 1986, it was this love of cooking and hard work coupled with the need to save the family farm that began the journey of building what is now Mooney Farms. They began making kiwi jam from the kiwis on the family farm; this later developed

into making sun dried tomatoes from an old family recipe and selling them at farmers markets. They sold their first pallet to Price Club, which sold out in 4 hours, and that is how it all began. It was the success of the sales from the sun dried tomatoes that helped to create what is now Mooney Farms, home of the Bella Sun Luci Sun Dried Tomatoes and began to create Steve's legacy. Mooney Farms pioneered this product; helping build the Family Business into the largest producer of sun dried tomatoes in the Americas. None of this could have happened without Steve's genius in traversing from hand stuffing a jar of sun dried tomatoes in a 5,000 sq ft pizza parlor on Kentucky St in Gridley, into a 100,000 sq ft, fully automated facility as the architect behind the family's success.

In 1997, Steve married Lisa Farrell Mooney, and on February 14th, 2000 they welcomed a beautiful baby girl who became the light and center of Steve's life, Sarah Elisabeth Mooney.

His father, Kenneth Michael Mooney and his brother Michael Martin Mooney precede Steve in death. Steve is survived by his wife, Lisa of 22 years, his daughter Sarah Mooney, his mother Gretchen Mooney, his sister Mary Mooney McConnell (Mike), his sister Kelly Mooney Gray (Ian), his brother Pat Mooney (Sue), nephews, Michael McConnell, Mark McConnell, Christopher Gray & Sean Mooney.

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MEMORIAL NOTICE

Barbara J. Dunn

March 9, 1938 to February 17, 2019

Barbara passed away on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019 after bravely fighting many health issues. She was born March 9, 1938 in Rupert, ID. The first daughter of Lowell & Grace Meador, she grew up in Tuscon, AZ and Gridley, CA.

Preceded in death by her husband, Earl Dunn, they owned & operated Dunn Realty for many years in Chico. She & Earl loved traveling extensively & enjoyed homes in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Coeur d'Alene, ID, Harbor, OR, as well as Chico.

She is survived by sisters, Theresa Felkins & Linda Jones of Chico; nephews Mark Felkins of Ord Bend, Jeff Felkins of Fort Bragg, Eric Jones of Atascadero & Ryan Jones of Chico. We love you & will miss you "Ida Pearl".

Arrangements are being made by Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home. Burial will be private. To view obituary online, go to NBCFH.com.

Crime Reports

Gridley- Biggs Police Report

February 7th - February 14th

2-08-2019: At 2:04 p.m. at Haskell and Spruce Streets, Gridley, CA, Luis Antonio Lopez, 35, was arrested on local misdemeanor warrant #19CM00159.

2-08-2019: At 10:44 p.m. on Virginia St., Gridley, CA, Mitchell Austin Pate, 23, was arrested on local misdemeanor warrant #18CM01921 cited and released.

2-9-2019: At 3: 31 p.m. at Cigarette City on E. Gridley Rd., Gridley, CA, Arieanna Anita Barton, 27, was arrested on charges of identity theft (530.5 PC), intent to defraud (484 (g) PC) and burglary (459 PC) and transported to Butte County Jail.

2-11-2019: At 7:57 a.m. at Jackson and Magnolia Streets, Gridley, CA, Elizabeth Marie Long, 42, was arrested on charges of driving under a suspended license (14601.2 (a) CVC), driving an unregistered vehicle (4000 (a) VC) and failure to provide financial proof (16028 (a) VC) and cited to appear in court.

2-11-2019: At 10:50 p.m. on Little Ave., Gridley, CA, Destiny Nicole Bartell, 20, was arrested on charges of public intoxication (647 (f) PC), transported and booked into Butte County Jail.

2-12-2019: At 10:04 a.m. at Gridley High School on E. Spruce St., Gridley, CA, Cassandra Elaina Arellano, 25, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence (23152), transported and lodged at Butte County Jail.

2-12-2019: At 5:17 p.m. on Ohio St., Gridley, CA, Fausto Alejandro Martinez Garcia was arrested on charges of domestic battery (243 E section 1), transported and booked into Butte County Jail.

2-13-2019: At 9:08 p.m. at Virginia and Bridgeford Streets in Gridley, CA, Mitchel Austin Pate, 23, was arrested on local misdemeanor warrant #16CM05517 cited and released.

2-13-2019: At 9:27 p.m. at 7-11 on E. Gridley Rd., Gridley, CA, Jeremy Shaun Blankenship, 30, was arrested on local misdemeanor warrant #19CM00411, transported and booked into Butte County Jail.

2-14-2019: At 9:05 a.m. at the City of Gridley on Kentucky St., Gridley, CA, David Reynaldo Cotesma Yorga, 21, was arrested on warrant #16TR15047 and cited to appear in court.

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Dear Dave,
I know you're against financing purchases. However, is it okay to finance things like furniture at zero percent interest?

—Detrick

Dear Detrick,

We just finished an extensive study of more than 10,000 millionaires. Not a single one of these folks said they became rich by borrowing money to buy things at zero percent interest. Since none of those millionaires gave credit for their wealth to zero percent interest financing, and since we know banks charge interest on loans, how is it you think these people are loaning money at “zero percent interest?”

Is it possible the pricing of the item has the interest rate built into it? I think the chances of that are pretty

Dave Ramsey Says

high. If not that, companies offering this kind of financing have very accurate and highly researched data that tells them the vast majority of people who take out zero-percent loans don't pay off the loans in the specified period of time. Do you know what happens if you don't live up to the terms of those contracts? It becomes a regular loan, and they back charge you for the interest.

So, on average you're paying for it all. I don't know why you'd want to play with snakes, Detrick. Snakes bite, and some of them can kill you. Avoid debt like the plague. It destroys your most powerful wealth-building tool—your income.

—Dave

Explaining the Envelopes

Dear Dave,

I've listened to you for a little while, but I was wondering about the envelope system you recommend. How does it work?

—Danielle

Dear Danielle,

Don't let the word “system” intimidate you. It's just grandma's old-fashioned,

common sense way of budgeting money.

Back in the day, many people were paid in cash at their jobs. Then, they would take the money home and divide it up into different envelopes. The envelopes held cash for different categories in their budgets—food, clothes, rent, and other bills and such. When a particular envelope was empty they stopped buying that item, because the money budgeted for that category was gone. If you wanted a dress, but the clothing envelope was empty, you didn't buy a dress that month.

It's just a simple cash system that, combined with doing a written monthly budget, will help keep you from overspending!

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey. ★

Dear Dietician

MIND diet



Commentary by
Leanne McCrate

Dear Dietitian,

We often hear about diet and heart disease or weight loss. I recently read about a diet that might prevent dementia. Have you heard of this?

Signed,
Mr. Potzman

Dear Potzman,

There has been recent research on diet and dementia. The MIND (Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay) diet is a combination of the Mediterranean and the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diets. It focuses on foods that have been found to have a protective effect on the brain. The diet's aim is to slow loss of brain function, thereby delaying or possibly preventing dementia.

In a joint effort, Harvard and Rush

Universities studied 960 adults aged 65 to 84 years. One group followed the MIND diet with a 250-calorie reduction per day. The other group ate their

usual diet but included the same calorie reduction. The study found that the MIND diet lowered the risk of dementia by as much as 53 percent in those who followed the diet strictly, and by about 35 percent in those who followed it moderately well.

The MIND diet focuses on plant foods:

- o Green, leafy vegetables, like spinach and Romaine lettuce: at least six servings per week
- o Other vegetables: at least one per day
- o Beans: at least three servings per week
- o Nuts: at least five servings per week. 1 serving = ¼ cup
- o Berries: two or more servings per week. There was no overall benefit found in other fruits. However, other fruits are a good source of fiber and vitamins.
- o Whole grains: three or more servings a day. Think fiber.
- o Fish: once a week
- o Poultry: twice a week
- o Olive oil: use as your main cooking oil

o Wine: one glass of red wine per day. 1 serving = 4 fluid ounces. Experts agree that if you do not drink, don't start.

The diet limits red meat, butter and stick margarine, cheese, sweets, and fried foods.

As with any study, this one has its limitations. Keep in mind that this area of research is very new. It's sort of like a new car on the market; it takes a while to see if it's a good, reliable vehicle. Also, the study is observational, so a cause and effect relationship cannot be established. More studies are needed to see if the same results can be duplicated. Finally, the study was performed on an elderly, Caucasian population, so the results cannot be assumed by other age groups or cultures.

As always, be healthy!

Dear Dietitian

Leanne McCrate, RD, LD, CNSC, aka Dear Dietitian, is an award-winning dietitian based in Missouri. If you have a nutrition question, email her at DearDietitian411@gmail.com. ★



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BY SETI LONG

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25 Years Ago (1994) “Gridley High Board Seeks Refund”

The Gridley High School Board of Trustees voted to hire a company that will help them obtain an estimated \$61,000 in funds that were never submitted to the state for reimbursement. California districts can be refunded for state mandated services, such as school site tests for physical illness. Gridley Superintendent Stephen Fiss said the two districts had failed to seek all of the reimbursements due to them in the past because of the complicated process and a lack of man power. In addition to going back as far as 1985 for old claims, the company will train district staff and set up a computer program that will keep track of the refunds due annually. Fiss says that the \$4,000 that they are spending for the services of the company would be split between the two school districts and is also refundable from the state.

50 Years Ago (1969) “Cox Resigns as Manzanita Principal”

Hugh Cox, principal of Manzanita School since July of 1967, announced that he would resign his position at the end of the current school term to return to college. The Manzanita board of trustees has started recruiting a replacement and hopes to have the post filled before Cox leaves. Cox has been accepted for admission to the Institute of Instructional System Technology and Research at Chapman College in Orange County. Cox says that the object of the program is to

provide professional educators the tools and skills for designing, validating and implementing learner-centered behavioral change systems in the educational setting.

75 Years Ago (1944) “Circus Sued”

Fred Byerly of Chico has filed suit in superior court against Arthur Brothers Circus and Frank Morrow, an employee of the circus, for injuries he received in an accident that occurred on Hwy 99 north of Gridley. Byerly is seeking \$7331.67 for injuries and claims that the circus truck and trailer, driven by Morrow, struck his vehicle causing him to sustain severe head injuries, two broken ribs and cuts and bruises. Byerly alleges permanent damage to his nervous system.

100 Years Ago (1919) “Hotel Colonia”

Mr. H. Hurtibus, of Vancouver, will assume the management of the Hotel Colonia on March 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Ross, who have managed the hotel for some time, will retire from the business and manage their ranch east of Biggs.

125 Years Ago (1894) “Railroad Surveyors”

The Oroville Register reports that “No one has been able to understand why four railroad surveyors lately visited the town and made a careful examination of the river for half a mile or more above town. When questioned upon the purpose of their visit, they answered decidedly

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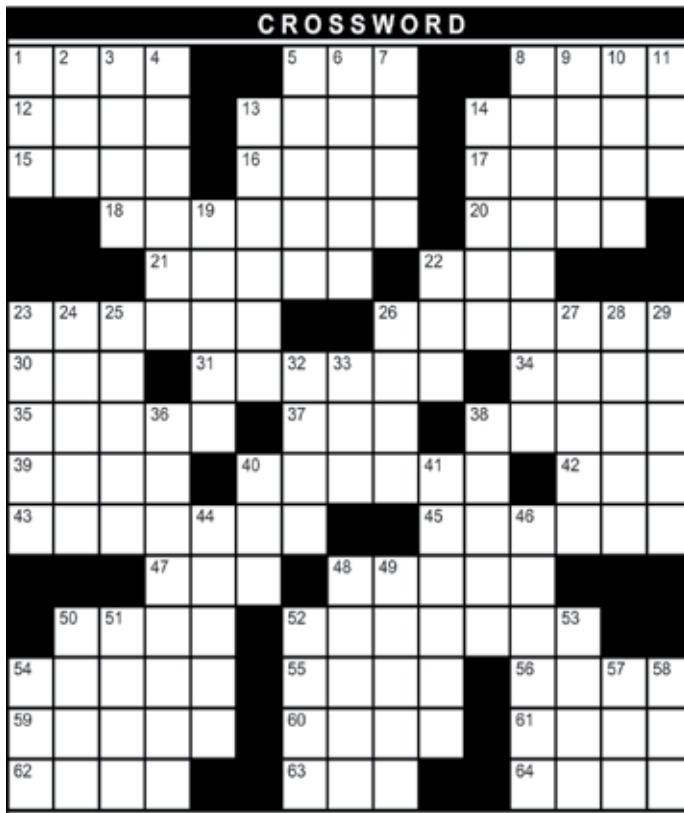
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20. Norse capital
21. *Kathy Bates’ Annie Wilkes, e.g.
22. Contrary conjunction
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27. Size
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29. Ox connectors

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38. *2-time Oscar-winning Dame
40. *Jessica Lange won Best Actress for “Blue _____”
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Elevated Concentrations of Some Pollutants Persist in Streams Following Camp Fire

By Clint Snyder,
State Water Board

REDDING, CA (MPG) - State water quality officials continue to monitor surface waters throughout the 153,00-acre burn area that destroyed Paradise, Magalia, Concow and outlying areas last fall, and said today that while water quality hasn't gotten worse, the public should continue to avoid using, cooking with or drinking water from streams in this burn area.

"We are pleasantly surprised by lower than expected concentrations in surface waters following this devastating fire," said Clint Snyder, Central Valley Water Board Assistant Executive Officer. "To be clear, this water remains unsafe for drinking or any use due to continued detection of bacteria and other contaminants. We will continue to monitor pollutant concentrations and provide the public with information as it becomes available."

This second and most recent round of surface water sample collection on Jan. 17 was timed to assess pollutant concentrations in peak flows following a recent storm event, Snyder said. Samples were collected on Jan. 17 throughout the burn area. Laboratory analyses found concentrations of bacteria (E.Coli), aluminum, iron, manganese, and some polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

(PAHs) exceeded water quality standards for drinking water.

These surface waters are not a source of drinking water for homes, with the exception of some shallow wells along Butte Creek where creek water may seep into the wells. Home owners with shallow wells along Butte Creek should review their well construction details and consider testing their well water.

The State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water who in part, regulates the quality of water originating from drinking water plants is also collecting samples. Recent samples indicate local plants are operating as designed and are producing water that meets regulatory standards.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is conducting targeted sampling of surface waters at various locations throughout the Camp Fire burn area and downstream of the burn area, in coordination with Butte County, the California Department of Water Resources, and the California Department of Transportation.

Although testing found elevated levels of aluminum, iron, and manganese these metals are also naturally occurring, explained Snyder. Further study will be required to determine what percentages are naturally occurring and what

percentages are attributable to runoff from the burn area.

During the Jan. 17 sampling event, only aluminum was detected above the primary maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). Primary MCLs are drinking water standards adopted as regulations to protect public health.

Concentrations of iron and manganese exceeded secondary maximum contaminant levels in some samples. Secondary MCLs are aesthetic standards, meaning the public might notice changes in the taste, odor, or color of the water.

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are a class of chemicals that occur naturally in carbon containing substances such as coal, crude oil, and gasoline. PAHs are also produced when wood, garbage and other carbon-based substances are burned. The State Water Board analyzed samples for 22 PAHs and of those, five were detected above applicable thresholds.

Additional data is required to determine if the concentrations detected during the December and January sampling are representative of post-fire surface water quality in the burn area. Our agencies will continue to monitor surface waters throughout the winter and spring and will provide updates to the public regarding these monitoring efforts as results become available. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

By Kathy Neal
Gridley United
Methodist Church

"Yes, Lord speak! Your servant is listening." (Samuel 3:10). Yeah, right! How many of us would stand by and listen to a voice from out of a blue light, a burning bush, or a dark room? In our day and time, we would look for a hidden camera, the crew from Funniest Home Videos, or Practical Jokes and Surprises. We are skeptical. We are suspicious. We well just don't take things at face value too much anymore. Unlike these visits by "Yahweh" so many years ago to Abraham, Noah, Jacob, and Samuel we don't of ourselves being visited by God Himself.

Before Moses received the laws written in the Ten Commandments, God visited Moses through the burning bush. "Remove your sandals, for the ground you stand on is holy ground." (Exodus 3:5) Seen any burning bushes lately? Burning homes, burning buildings from bombs, burning forest fires from the heat, but from the Heavenly Father? Maybe.

When the prophet Samuel was a mere child and servant of Eli, the Lord called to him in the middle of the night- yes even spoke to him. Have you heard any voices calling out to you to help save people? Maybe.



When Mary as a young teen, heard the voice of Gabriel call, she too may have wondered whence it came. But she listened and believed, for she replied. "Speak, I am Your handmaiden." (Luke 1:38) What would your response be if you heard a voice calling from the boundaries of heaven one night?

Lines from a poem by Greta Rose may define the means by which we hear God speak to us in this futuristic world:

"God Himself does not speak prose. He wastes no precious word;

wherever beauty's way is found, His quiet voice is heard...His strength and power are in the storm.

But when all echoes cease, in the stillness of the soul He speaks. In poetry of peace."

God spoke to the people of the ancient world through things they understood. He made His presence known through the power of nature; the fire and cloud that led the children of Exodus, the rumble in the mountain that called to Moses,

the plagues that set people free, and the fire on the altar filled with water to show the power of a living God. God spoke as He stepped into the furnace to save three children of Israel and as he stood among the beasts of the land to save a prophet who spread his word to a disobedient people. Does he not speak to us in the same ways?

The soft feeling of warmth and safety we get after a personal storm is God's healing whisper. The helping hand we received from those around us as they pulled us from the sinking sands of despair is God's word ringing clear. All we have to do is reply, "Speak Lord, Your servant is listening". Truly listen; not just to what we want to hear, but really listen to the call and message from our Heavenly Father.

Take time to smell the roses, listen to the breeze among the trees, and watch the sun rise and set. God speaks wonderfully in the goings-on of everyday life. Hear all he has to say, not just what you want to hear. You may be surprised to learn that He has been speaking loudly and clear all the time.

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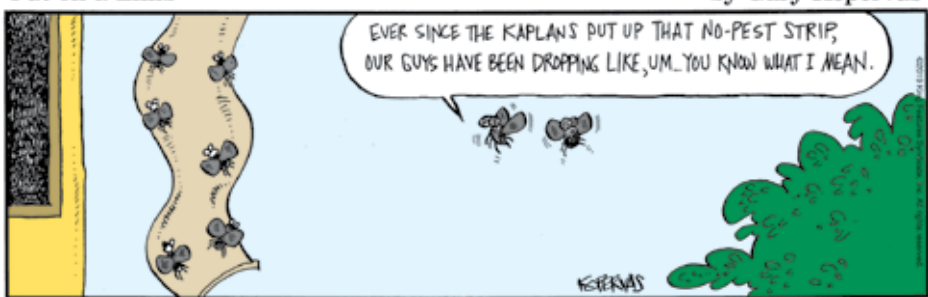
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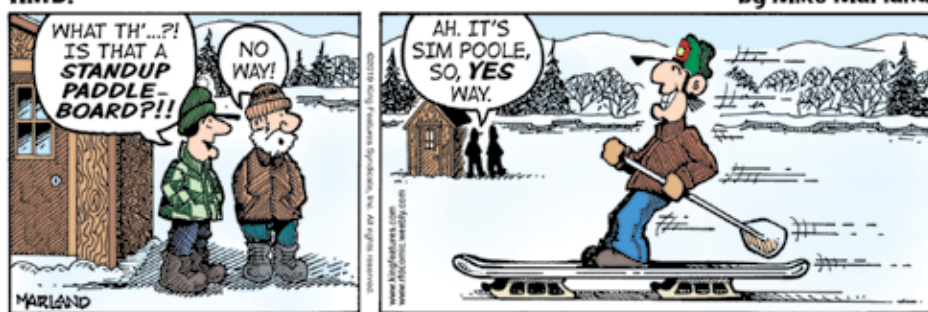
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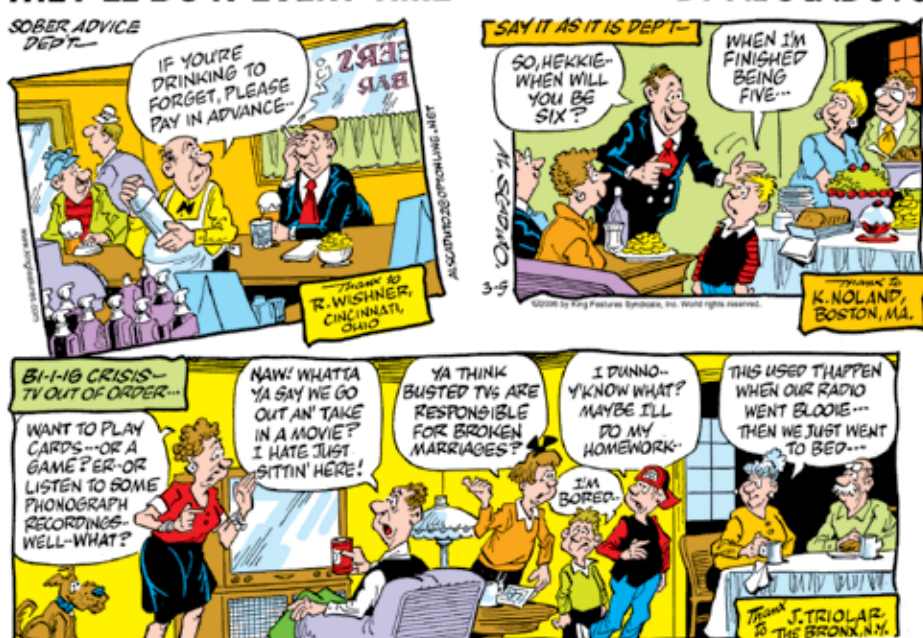
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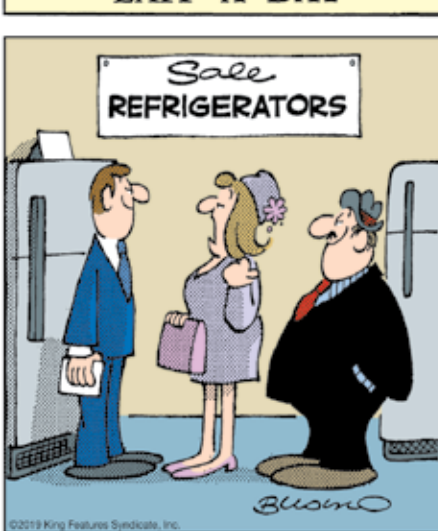
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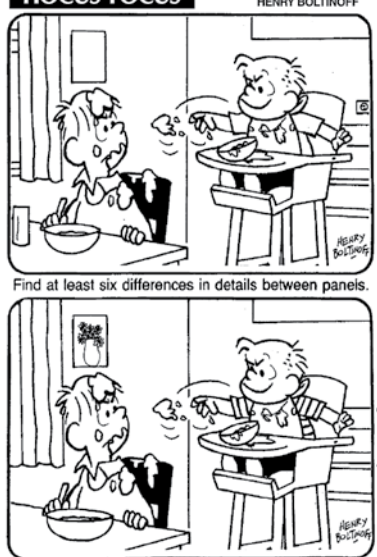
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CHEERS & JEERS

by Damian Holbrook

Jeers to The Super Bowl and its pre-game ad blitz. Used to be that the best part of the big game was finally getting to see the pricey, star-studded commercials, like Cardi B's Pepsi spot. But so many of the ads debuted online days ahead of kickoff that the only real surprise was how dull the Patriots' win over the Rams was.

Cheers to Black Monday for its blue-chip ensemble. Showtime's sharp-as-hell, '80s-set Wall Street satire boasts a delicious, diverse portfolio of players—including the A-plus Regina Hall, Don Cheadle and Andrew Rannells—that pays off big

The Kids Are Alright mom took time from crackngus up on ABC (pictured) to visit NBC's Will & Grace, where her scene-stealing gig as Grace's bitter sister.

for anyone who invests the time to watch.

Cheers to Mary McCormack, multitasked multitasker! The Kids Are Alright mom took time from crackngus up on ABC (pictured) to visit NBC's Will & Grace, where her scene-stealing gig as Grace's bitter sister verified that this alum of dramas like The Newsroom and In Plain



Sight can do pretty much everything.

Jeers to The Orville for boldly going where nobody needs to go. Fox's sci-fi dramedy has pulled off many crazy plots, but the recently consummated romance between robotic science officer Isaac and human Dr. Claire Finn Mark Jackson and Penny Johnson Jerald? That's just too weird. ★

ASK MATT

Why Is George Eads Leaving Mcgyver?

Question: Just finished watching *McGyver* and Jack (George Eads) said good-bye to everyone at the end, going on an Army mission. Is he gone from the show? If so, why? — Rebecca

Matt Roush: Lots of questions about this, although it was widely reported late last year that the actor asked to be let out of his contract, with reports noting that Eads

wanted out to be able to spend more time away from the Atlanta set to be with his daughter in Los Angeles. There were also reports of an altercation on set, but I prefer to think of this as a mutual decision on the part of the show and the star to move on without him. So yes, that was the character's proper farewell.

Question: Is The CW's *All American* coming back? — Lorna

Matt Roush: We may

not know until May (when the networks announce their fall line-ups) on this one. The fact that it doesn't fit into a mold, or one of The CW's favored genres (superhero, sci-fi/fantasy, rom-com soap), makes it something of an outlier. CW shows tend to get noticed more when they drop onto Netflix once their seasons are over. This boosted the fortunes of *Riverdale* and *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* among others. How this fares on other platforms could determine its future on The CW.

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The small planter in front of the house is an amazing micro-climate. It is supposed to freeze again so we shall see if it continues to act like a natural hot house. So far, the fuchsias and begonias have not died back and are thriving. I did

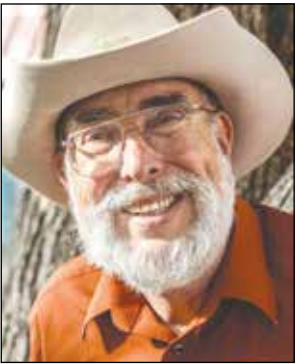
an experiment with a begonia that is easy to propagate and put a large plant out into a flower bed about 15 feet from the porch planter. It is suffering from the freeze and dying back. The one in the micro-climate has thickened its leaves but no other sign of cold happened and it is still blooming. If the fuchsias continue to thrive through the last of the freezes, I will cut them back and use the trimmings to make new plants for the Green Thumb Garden Club plant sale on Red Suspender's Day.

Signs of impending Spring are, buds opening up on the espalier Aprium, leaves forming on a couple of bonsai trees, flower buds forming on the bonsai

forsythia, and the beginning of leaf buds on the Japanese Maples in the front yard. The snow drops are in full little bell dancing bloom and looking wonderful on grey rainy days. Three years ago, I went to a class on propagation with Butte County Master Gardeners and propagated a Hellebore. It finally bloomed this late winter and is a beautiful addition to the cold days. Of course, it makes me want to put in many more, for an entire patch of reddish-purple blooms against dark green but I remind myself that I am not adding plants. The Chico Nursery Crawl is coming up on Friday and Saturday, I will be chanting, "no new plants" at each and every nursery. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY

Lot warmer in here than it is in somebody's yard



"Well," said Steve, polishing off the last of his coffee, "what should we discuss this fine morning?"

"I'm awful glad you asked, ol' pard," came the cheerful voice of Windy Wilson, emerging through the swinging doors that came from the kitchen of the Mule Barn truck stop. "Yessir. Awful glad."

Steve and the other members of the world dilemma think tank looked in amazement as this old camp cook and cowboy came over with the coffee pot and topped off their coffee mugs. Windy had found a dish towel and

wrapped it around his waist, too.

"Windy?" said Doc. "Mighty fine-looking dish towel you're wearing."

"Thanks, Doc. I consider it the apex of dining room fashion for a volunteer coffee guy. Took me a while to talk Loretta into lettin' me wear it, howsomever. I guess she ain't up on dining room fashions."

"Let me guess," said Doc. "This must be your helping day, right?"

"Right as grain, Doc," Windy said, cheerfully. "I thought about it and decided I'd devote my helpin' day to the good ol' Mule Barn."

We all knew Windy dedicated one day each week to helping others. This sometimes meant helping them when they really didn't need it, but hey, the older folks in our town get some trash

picked up in the yard and some kindling split. You know.

"So fer a conservational subject this sparklin' a.m.," Windy said, "I believe I'd meanderate through the mystericals of ancient history, beginnin' with them Egypt guys. Whadda ya think?"

"Might just do that, Windy," said Steve. "But if you don't mind me asking, why are you helping out with the coffee in here rather than cleaning up somebody's yard."

Windy looked around to see if the other 43 people in the café could hear, then leaned down toward Steve.

"Lot warmer in here than it is in somebody's yard, and thassa fact."

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- Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
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PETS AND WILFIRES

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SPORTS

Bulldog Hoop Teams Advance in Playoff Openers Gridley Boys Fall to Paradise in Quarterfinals

Story and photos
by David Vantress

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) – “Let’s play two!” Chicago Cubs legend Ernie Banks once said. And while the late Hall of Famer was talking about his beloved baseball, the old adage applied just as well last Thursday night at Farmer’s Hall as Gridley High School hosted a hoops twinbill. It’s playoff time for northern California high school basketball, and Mother Nature has been playing havoc with the schedule.

The No. 5 Gridley boys

Bulldogs (18-9) were on fire from the opening tip, as Gridley roared out of the gate with a 15-2 run and never looked. Gridley used its press to create turnovers and set a breathtaking pace in the opening eight minutes with 27 first-quarter points. Sophomore Grant Till led the Bulldogs with 25 points. Javier Rodriguez added 10.

Gridley moved on to a Friday night quarterfinal matchup against No. 4 Paradise at Butte College. There, the Bulldogs saw an excellent 2018-19 season come to an end against



Gridley sophomore guard Kennedy Tull dribbles around a screen set by her older sister Maddyson during the second half of the Bulldogs’ 57-42 win over Yreka in a CIF Northern Section Division 4 quarterfinal game last Thursday night at Farmer’s Hall.

Oroville Tournament, and Gridley beat the Bobcats 66-56 on the road Jan. 22.

Gridley roared into Friday night’s game at Butte College on an 11-game winning streak. But this time, it was Paradise setting the early tone with a big first quarter spurt en route to a 67-44 win.

The Bobcats (20-7) scored the first eight points of the contest and led 18-5 at the first stop. It was the second game in as many nights for the Bulldogs, but Dake didn’t want to make any excuses.

Gridley loses a nice group of seniors off this year’s team: Wyatt Dreesmann, Davis Mardesich, Emediel Guerrero, Ben Harp, Javier Rodriguez, Alex Gonzales and Jorge Moran.

Later, the Bulldog girls turned a tight first-half contest into a rout in the second half to move on to next week’s section semifinals. Gridley led 15-5 at the first stop and 27-19 at intermission. The Bulldogs were

able to scratch out to a 41-27 lead after three and hold off the Miners down the stretch. Senior Maddyson Tull led the Bulldogs with 21 points. Sophomore Kennedy Tull added 16.

Gridley coach Becca McCray said her team did a pretty good job of defending the Miners’ good shooters in the second half. “And we were able to settle down and start executing our offense,” McCray said. Kennedy Tull said the Bulldogs had a long talk at halftime about communicating better, and the chat made a difference.

The Bulldogs were slated to await the winner of a weather-postponed Monday night semifinal game between No. 2 Lassen and No. 10 Wheatland. If the Grizzlies won, Gridley would make the long bus ride to Susanville Tuesday night. If Wheatland won, the Pirates would travel to Gridley Tuesday night. ★

Bulldogs’ Montero Headed to State Tournament



Gridley’s Malia Montero, far right, qualified for the CIF girls state wrestling tournament last week.

Story by
David Vantress;
photo contributed

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) – A Gridley girls wrestler is headed to the state tournament.

The Bulldogs’ Malia Montero, a 121-pounder, finished sixth at last week’s Masters tournament in Redding and earned a spot at this week’s CIF girls state tournament at Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield.

In other local sports action from the past week, the Live Oak girls soccer team earned a spot in the CIF Northern Section Division 2 semifinals with a 4-0 win over Paradise last Thursday.

The No. 4 Lions were scheduled to face the

winner of a Tuesday afternoon quarterfinal matchup between No. 1 University Prep and No. 9 Lassen on Thursday of this week.

Live Oak improved to 18-4-2 with the win. Veronica Martinez had a hat trick with three goals for the Lions and Baylee Alvarado had the other goal.

The No. 4 Lion boys, meanwhile, also made it to the semifinals and were set to face No. 1 Corning Tuesday afternoon.

The Lions defeated No. 5 West Valley, 6-4 last Thursday.

Gridley’s boys, meanwhile, finished at 9-8-1. The Bulldogs defeated Yreka, 2-1 in the opening round before falling to Paradise, 1-0 last week in the quarterfinals. ★



Gridley sophomore Grant Tull shoots over a pair of Central Valley defenders during the second half of the Bulldogs’ 72-55 win over Central Valley in a Northern Section Division 4 opening round game last Thursday night at Farmer’s Hall.

had been set to host No. 12 Central Valley Wednesday night, but heavy snow in the Redding area forced the game to be moved back a day. The Bulldog boys eliminated Central Valley, 72-55, and then in the second game of the night, the No. 3 Gridley girls had little trouble with No. 6 Yreka, 57-42.

In the boys’ game, the

a team that’s become one of the feel-good sports stories of the year.

Gridley coach Chay Dake said his team has a lot of respect for the Bobcats, who have dealt with much adversity this season in the wake of the Camp Fire. The two teams met twice during the regular season: Paradise took a 69-39 victory Jan. 3 in the

Manzanita 4-H Says “Come and Get it!”



By Jena Elrich

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A community tradition, the Manzanita 4-H 61st Annual Tri-Tip and Bean Feed is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019. What started out as a small Bean Feed has progressed in to a great community event for everyone to attend! The dinner will be held at the Gridley Community Center from 5-8pm where you can enjoy all you can eat beans, tri-tip, salad, bread and

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Hard Rock at Fire Mountain Reaches Milestone

Exterior Structure Complete for Anticipated Hotel and Casino

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WHEATLAND, CA (MPG) - The exterior of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain (located at 3317 Forty Mile Road in Wheatland) is now complete. On February 13, the final steel beam was set atop the structure during a topping-off ceremony celebrating the construction efforts and the hard work and commitment of everyone involved. The project is the result of a historic partnership between the owners of Hard Rock International and two Native American Tribes—



At the topping-off ceremony on February 13, the first rendering of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain was unveiled to the public. Image provided by Zimmerman Agency.



Enterprise Rancheria Tribal Chairperson Glenda Nelson gave thanks to the tribal ancestors and offered thanks to everyone at the ceremony, in body as well as in spirit.

the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Estom YumekaMaidu Tribe of the Enterprise Rancheria.

Despite a downpour of heavy rain, the event tent was crowded with people and surrounded by the workers who had constructed the building from the ground up. The day began with a performance by an all-female group of native drummers. Tribal Elder Ren Reynolds opened the ceremony with a prayer to the Great Spirit and the ceremonial lighting of sage to bless the speakers.

Mark Birtha, president of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, said, "Topping off is a major milestone, for us it denotes placing the last structural piece of steel...Today symbolizes the hope that this building will be everlasting...It is meant to celebrate the beginning of a new life, a new destination." The property will be a destination hotel casino resort, offering gaming along with a variety of amenities and entertainment options.

Jon Lucas, chief operating officer of Hard Rock

International, said, "This special day is just another milestone along the journey that's going to get us to this world-class destination resort. We're going to be the best in this market, and it will set us apart from the competition... It's about delivering authentic experiences that rock... It's the culture that we create with the brand, the personalities of the people who deliver the service like nobody else."

Lucas explained that the experiences and the non-gaming amenities will set them apart from the competition. "We're really excited today to reach this milestone and move on to the next phases so we can deliver a great, great product for this community that everyone will be proud of. Most importantly, it will employ over a thousand people, and that will help the economy here both indirectly

and directly."

Enterprise Rancheria Tribal Chairperson Glenda Nelson detailed the challenges the tribe has faced on their journey, such as obtaining and maintaining federal recognition and losing 40 acres of

economic development for our citizens and for our community. Along the way, we never lost hope, we never lost our vision of who we were and where we were going. And we never lost faith that eventually truth, fairness, and justice would prevail. Today's milestone affirms that hope, vision, and faith."

Nelson expressed her gratitude to be working with Hard Rock International and the Seminole Tribe of Florida: "It is such a blessing to our tribe to be able to partner with another tribe that shares our same values and vision for the future of all Native Americans, and...partnering with Hard Rock is a real game changer, for our community and for tribal gaming in California."

The project has already created more than 2,000 construction jobs in the



The workers who constructed the building from the ground up wait to see the final beam set atop the structure.



Mark Birtha, president of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain, spoke at the ceremony celebrating the safe and successful construction.

their ancestral land during construction of the Oroville Dam: "Many of you know how long the road to this day has been...We have worked diligently over the past 17 years to re-establish a land base within our aboriginal area to conduct meaningful

Sacramento area. Scheduled to open later this year, the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain will employ more than 1,000 people and will offer the latest in live music and entertainment, hospitality, world-class gaming, and exceptional cuisine. ★

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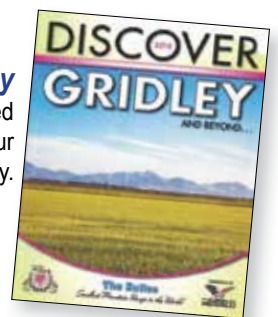


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