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## Gridley VFW's Bart Honored by Assembly

Story by  
David Vantress

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - It's always nice to be recognized for others for the good work you do.

That's what happened for Gridley VFW Commander Cheyenne Bart earlier this month when she was honored by a California state assemblyman for her efforts to help others in the wake of the devastating Camp Fire.

On Dec. 1, Bart was honored along with others at a ceremony in Roseville for those tireless volunteer efforts. Those efforts have included helping to set up donation centers for goods for Camp Fire victims.

Bart said the award from Assemblyman Kevin Kiley was

unexpected. "I'm just doing what anyone would do," Bart said. "Helping my community."

Bart said she was grateful for the recognition, but felt a little awkward about accepting it. That unease was eased a bit when she got to the awards ceremony and discovered that a number of others were being honored as well.

Bart said she and others have spent the past month helping out Camp Fire victims in a number of ways. But they hadn't been to the fire area to see just what they were helping those victims deal with.

That changed recently when Bart drove a Camp Fire victim and veteran back to his home in Magalia to see the damage. "It was pretty



Gridley VFW Post 5731 Commander Cheyenne Bart receives an award from the California Assembly Dec. 1 for her local volunteer efforts to help those affected by the Camp Fire.

devastating," Bart said. And, for a veteran dealing with PTSD from her military career, also somewhat triggering.

But helping others is a part of who Bart is and what she does, and she powered through. Bart and others locally also helped put together a Thanksgiving dinner at the Veterans Hall in Gridley that was very well-attended.

These past few weeks, Bart has taken a bit of a break from those volunteer efforts to recharge her batteries a bit. But with the holidays upon us, the need is still there, and there's more work to be done.

"It's all about helping others," Bart said. "That's what we're supposed to do, right?" ★



# The New Pi-Line



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

What are your plans for the new year? It is time to start discussing them with your important person. My advice, think big change, plan to do something daring and different. Shake it up. That string of words means something different to everyone, but take a moment and put some thought into how you can take an arbitrary date on the calendar (January 1) and use it for some sort of psychological motivator.

For my people, it is Tithing Settlement time, we go in and meet the Bishop and finish up our annual religious financial offerings. Whatever denomination you are; you should be finalizing your donations to the Church, Synagogue or Gurdwara for the good of the church operations and helping people who are in need.

Remember the missionaries. The LaMalfa girl from Richvale is on a mission in which she keeps going to different countries, the ministry is called World Race Mission. Google it, then donate. As a parent, it is hard enough when they stay in one place. The moving about the globe would be an extra layer of parental angst and grandparental angst. Good luck Grandma LaMalfa. When I worked in the Senate a friend of mine, Mike Pettengill, looked

around one day and decided he did not like politics anymore; so he packed up his wife and daughter and they have been missionarying for Mission to the World non-stop for more than a decade in Central America and now Africa, sometimes evangelizing and sometimes doing medical service (Erin is a Nurse). I am sending Mike money this year. My girls, RaleighAnne and Rikaela are in Texas and Yap. Don't google Yap, the Yapese have not adopted a love for a lot of clothing. Don't google Texas either or you might see the cost of living and move there. Just google the other denominations and support their missionaries.

Did you know that there is quicksand in Gridley and Biggs? Yep, like the kind you see in movies from the sixties and seventies in which the people; stranded on a tropical island avoid the snakes, gorillas and angry tribes that eat Protestant missionaries, but somehow fall in the quicksand pit and then one of the characters uses his Eagle Scout/MacGyver skills to pull the person out of the quicksand just before their head sinks below the surface.

Yep. We have quicksand (Gridley-Live Oak-Biggs is not boring after all) and Bill Burselson wrote about it in the Pi Line of February 23rd, 1996, in italics below:

*The contractor with all of the equipment across from the post office started digging a new sewer line on Magnolia Street and Kentucky streets last week. He didn't last long. After 8 feet down he ran into the high water table and realized he had a problem. He came before City Council Monday night and told them of his predicament. The test sample of the soil for*

*his bid package came from a spot near Hazel Street and Daddow Plaza and it showed a sand and clay formation.*

*What he found was forms and shoring left from when the 12-inch clay pipe that was installed over 50 years ago, the pipe which was encased in concrete was a surprise to everyone. The mix of water and sand made what we would call quicksand from 8 feet on down. The current project has been put on hold. The contract will be renegotiated, put out to rebid, or end up in a lawsuit.*

*Reclamation District 833 ditches are limited in their depth because of the quicksand. A good example was the ditch bordering the Deniz property when Chico San came to town they wanted it dug deeper, but it just filled back in. Ask anyone who has worked on a farm as an irrigator. If a levee around a check full of water breaks, and if the soil is sandy, it is often impossible to fill the hole without the use of a canvas or tin dam. Sometimes you just have to let all the water run out of the check and then rebuild the levee.*

*Back in the 50s and 60s when fiberglass swimming pools were popular, the pools had to be raised above ground to get 8 feet or more in depth. In some areas, the high water table has killed fruit and nut trees (Randolph Dairy). The infiltration from irrigation ditches brought the water table up, sometimes only a foot or two below the surface. Gridley has a lot of sandy soil ideal for quicksand.*

You can bet there will be some heavy discussions about what to do. What does "low bidder" mean these days? ★

# Manzanita November Students of the Month



(Front Row), Left to Right: Niellie Warfield, Shaun Santillan, Lucas Acosta, Talan Sannar, Adeline Bulleri, Canon Sannar, Izrael Jurado, Evelyn Griggs, Manroop Kular, Levi Bowling, Aili Dent, Brinkley Sannar, Kiya Emberson (Back Row), Left to Right: Hope Gallagher, Jovan Kalkat, Armando Aguilar, Vivian King, Trenton Ehrke, Awais Khan, Olivia Ascencion, Jillian Landry, Karam Singh, Arjun Sohal, Kaylee Steen Photo courtesy Manzanita Elementary School ★

# Christmas Thoughts to Ponder

**By Kathy Neal  
Gridley United  
Methodist Church**

Hey! Christmas is coming and even the Grinch can't stop it. A war, a fire, a flood, or an earthquake can't stop Christmas from coming. When God makes a promise or one of his prophets foretells an event, it is kept. It will happen, there is no stopping it.

A lack of a place to stay didn't stop Mary from giving birth to the promised Messiah. King Herod couldn't persuade the Wisemen to tell where the baby was after they had followed the star for almost two years. It was happening and that was a promise.

The season of "Christmas" was foretold from the beginning of creation and down through the ages.

Word after word has been passed along generation after generation. "A Savior will be born. A righteous branch from David's line will rule with judiciousness. The people who live in darkness will see a great light." Christmas will happen! God promised!

Even if Santa is snowed in and Rudolph is sick and can't fly Christmas will appear. Silently, softly, with the cry from a new born child, it will usher in the holy event. No gifts can make it so, no lavish decorations, or succulent feast will increase its meaning. Christmas comes because God created it, presented it, and carried it out to save a fallen world.

We can fuss and be anxious with the preparations for a perfect Christmas, but that has already been taken

care of. The perfect gift was given over 2,000 years ago. Wrapped in cloth and place in an animal trough covered with angel's light, guarded by shepherd's, and worshiped by wisemen, the only gift you'll ever need has already been given!

Now what? It is coming, Christmas is coming! How are you going to celebrate? Frazzled, rushed, and worn out, or are you going to let God keep his promise for you and fulfil His word to send a Savior to save His world and you? THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

Note: Be on the look out for Christmas angels placed around town as a special gift from the Gridley Methodists. Pick it up and take it home, along with the story book. We have a story to tell and would like to share it. ★

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# Sacred Heart Gives Christmas Baskets

## 'Tis The Season for Giving



Volunteers at the Saint Vincent DePaul Christmas Basket Program prepare for a busy day. Pictured left to right: Willora Louton, Maria Sanchez and Armando Sanchez. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - True to the spirit of the holiday season, The Sacred Heart Catholic Church is currently holding its annual Saint Vincent DePaul Christmas Basket giveaway. Volunteers have gathered to help assemble and distribute this year's Christmas baskets to anyone in need within the Gridley, Live Oak and Biggs communities. Baskets include a complete turkey or chicken dinner with fixings, and registered families receive

customized baskets with toys for children, blankets and coats.

The church isn't requiring anyone to register, but it is helpful if those who wish to receive a basket, do. Baskets are available for delivery and also for pick up from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Parish Hall, located at 1561 Hazel Street, Gridley. Last year the SVDP Christmas Basket program was able to help over 160 families enjoy a Christmas meal and volunteers are expecting an increase in that number this year.

The church is also mindful that many may not have the facilities necessary to cook and prepare meals this holiday season, especially those evacuated from their homes due to the Camp Fire. To address this concern, those at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church are preparing a special Christmas dinner to be held this Thursday, December 20th starting at 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

The SVDP Christmas Basket giveaway will continue throughout this week until Saturday December 22nd. ★

## Gridley United Methodist Church Invites You to Christmas Eve Service

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - "Twas the night before Christmas" at this time of the year seems to permeate our minds and thoughts. This poem slips into our thoughts just as "Silent Night" rings in our ears reminding us of Christmas past. Our hearts seem to sing out as we hum along to its familiar melody. Visions of family, relatives, and friends spring into our minds and a smile creeps upon our lips seemingly uninvited. The Christmas Spirit sneaks into our souls even though we may have suppressed any thought of what Christmas all about.

Christmas is the celebration of eternal hope, joy, peace, and love given to all of us without condition by God. That's why we celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. Christmas plucks at our heart strings and we sing out. We just can't help it. Come join us and celebrate the joy of Christmas at Gridley United Methodist Church at 285 Magnolia street on Christmas Eve at 6:00PM.

See you there! Merry Christmas! Pastor Karl R Coulter. ★

## More Letters to Santa

These Letters arrived by special mail a little late, but got to Santa's desk in time for Christmas.



Dear Santa,

My name is Emilee and I live in biggs. I am 4 years old and am trying to be a good girl this year. I want for Christmas is my own make-up and a new book and new coloring stuff.

Merry Christmas, Emilee



Dear Santa,

I have been a good little boy this year. I live in biggs now with my mom, Michael, Emilee, baby brother and gammie and roho and Pauline. I want for Christmas is a drum set because I don't have one over here. I will continue to be a good boy this year and at my new school.

Merry Christmas Santa, Preston



## Governor Brown Announces Hobson Appointment

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** 2010 to 2014 and from - Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. announced December 18, 2018 the appointment of Tony Hobson, 51, of Paradise, to the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health. Hobson has been director of behavioral health at the Plumas County Department of Behavioral Health since 2018 and contributing faculty at Walden University since 2006.

Tony was behavioral health director of the Sutter-Yuba Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Department from 2014 to 2018. Hobson held several positions at the Butte County Department of Behavioral Health from

2007 to 2008, including senior program manager, program manager and psychologist. He was a psychologist at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 2008 to 2010 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1989 to 1993.

Hobson earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in clinical psychology from Walden University and a Master of Arts degree in multicultural counseling from San Diego State University. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Hobson is a Republican.

Source: Office of Gov. Brown ★

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**Adam Wayne Smith**

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Adam Wayne Smith passed away on December 13, 2018 at his home. Born June 18, 1983 in Yuba City, CA to Corey and Lisa Smith. He grew up most of his life in Gridley, CA. He loved playing sports throughout his childhood and especially having his dad coach him during all his little league years. He continued to play football and baseball in High School.

He joined the Plumbers/Pipefitters Union Local 228. He worked 17 years and loved his brotherhood.



He enjoyed the outdoors, camping, and hunting with his family and friends. His greatest passion was fishing.

He was a loving uncle to his 4 nephews and 2 nieces. He is survived by his parents, sister Tatum Bidegain (Chad), brother Hank Smith (Vanessa), Grandmother Nancy Henderson, and numerous Aunts, Uncles, and cousins.

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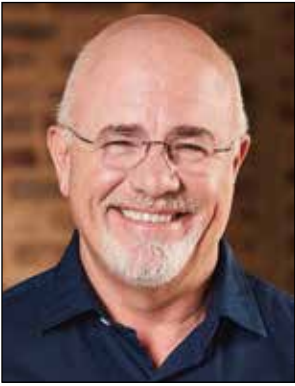
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Dear Dave,  
I'm on Baby Step 1 of your plan, and I work at a community college that takes a mandatory 20 percent from our pay for retirement. I know you say retirement contributions should be put on hold until all debt except for your home is paid off, so do you have any thoughts on this kind of system? It feels like it's hard to get traction with getting control of my money when so much is being taken out of every paycheck.  
-Kristi

Dear Kristi,  
That is a lot to take out. I've heard of a few places that have a mandatory 12 percent contribution, but 20 percent? That's very unusual. And it's unusually high.  
I'm not sure what to tell you. I mean, you took the job. It's what you signed

Dave Ramsey Says

up for. But if it becomes enough of an issue with your finances, you may have to decide at some point if you still want to work there. My recommendation is to begin setting aside 15 percent of your income for retirement *after* you've paid off all debt except your home, *and* you have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses in the bank.

At least you're not *losing* the money, so it's not the end of the world. It's *your* money that's going in there for your use some day. I don't know the exact structure of the retirement account, but it is going toward retirement savings of some kind—and that's important!  
—Dave

Return of premium?

Dear Dave,  
I'm thinking about signing up for a return of premium life insurance policy. It costs more per month than other policies, but it allows you to get all your money back after 30 years assuming you live that long. Is this too good

to be true?  
-Tommy

Dear Tommy,  
It's not too good to be true, but it *is* a rip off. *Never* buy a return of premium life insurance policy.

You said it costs more than other policies, right? Well, if you were to take that extra money you'd be paying and put it into a good mutual fund, you'd get all the cost of your policy back after 30 years 100 percent of the time. Return of premium policies are just a gimmick.

When it comes to life insurance, always go with a good, 15- to 20-year level term policy. And *always* stay away from that return of premium garbage!  
—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 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey. ★

Dear Dietician

The Holiday Season is Upon Us



Commentary by Leanne McCrate

Dear Readers,

The holiday season is upon us, times of glad tidings, holiday parties, and family gatherings. When we gather to celebrate, there is often food available that we don't normally eat. It's great food, and why not partake, it's the holidays; we're supposed to eat more.

If you are one of the lucky ones who can eat through the holidays, not gain a pound, and then get back into your healthy routine come January 2nd, my hat is off to you. For some of us, it's just not that easy. One (cookie, or fill in the blank) is too many, and a thousand is never enough! If you find yourself in this category, here are some tips to keep your holiday healthy:

- Have a plan, and you will be less likely to overeat. Have an idea of the foods you will enjoy, and those you may need to avoid. Recently, I attended a party where there were healthy alternatives: boiled shrimp, vegetables with dip, and hummus, so I filled my plate with those foods and avoided the sweets.
- For dinner parties, eat one plate of food. Don't go back for seconds. Oh, and don't forget your veggies; they help you feel full.
- Avoid nibbling. Enjoy your meal and be done with it. There will be more tomorrow. Sometimes I chew sugar-free gum after a meal so that I am not tempted to nibble.
- Have one serving of dessert. Funny, the spell check on my computer suggested this sentence have a question mark after it instead of a period, as though one serving of dessert may not be possible. It is. Possible.
- Stay hydrated. Sometimes when we

think we are hungry (but we just ate an hour ago), our bodies actually need fluid. Drink water or low-calorie, noncaffeinated beverages.

- Don't stuff yourself; eat until you are satisfied. When we stuff ourselves, our "full" signal may get lost, and we continue eating, and eating, and eating.

Finally, enjoy the holidays. It's a time of giving and sharing, a time to see friends and family we don't get to see often enough. It's when you get together with a friend from childhood, and though miles have separated you, your hearts still connect and it's as though you've never lost a minute together. That's what the holidays are about. Peace to you and yours!

Sincerely,  
Dear Dietitian

Leanne McCrate, RD, LD, CNSC, is an award-winning dietitian with over fifteen years of clinical experience. She is registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration. Have a nutrition question? Email it to [DearDietitian411@gmail.com](mailto:DearDietitian411@gmail.com). ★

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# Looking Back

BY SETI LONG

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

**25 Years Ago (1993)**  
“Gridley Starts Expansion Progress”

The City of Gridley is poling local and state agencies to determine whether it will have to prepare a full-blown Environmental Impact Report in connection with the proposal to enlarge the City's Sphere of Influence. This is the first step to be taken in carrying out the decision by the City Council and Planning Commission to seek approval form the Butte County Local Agency Formation Commission for enlarging the sphere. The Council and Commission are looking to add 485 acres, hoping that LAFCo approves the enlargement without requiring them to cut back any of the 700 acres currently existing in the city's Sphere of Influence. A Sphere of Influence designates the unincorporated county territory in which a city is permitted to expand in the future. The Boeger property north of the city is just one of the areas that the City of Gridley is attempting to add to the Sphere.

**50 Years Ago (1968)**  
“Gridley Man Awarded 3rd Purple Heart”

Marine Corporal Danny R. Armstrong, son of Mr. Ralph W. Armstrong of Gridley, was awarded his third Purple Heart Medal during ceremonies at Camp Smedley Butler, Okinawa. He received the award for wounds sustained in combat while serving with the U.S. Marines in Vietnam. A Graduate of Gridley Union High School, Corporal Armstrong entered the service in June 1967, earning all three Purple Heart Medals in just a year and a half of service.

**75 Years Ago (1943)**  
“Post War Road Work Discussed.”

In preparation for the national road rebuilding program that will be conducted after the close of the war to absorb some of the unemployment, representatives of Butte county communities met in Chico to discuss future repairs. a bill currently before congress would appropriate 3.5 billion dollars for an immense, nation-wide road program to be matched 25% by the states. The Chico meeting was held to appoint a delegate from each area around Butte County to a county road committee. The committee will study recommendations for area roadwork and submit a final draft of their findings. A 4-point program favored by Chico was submitted by Ed Williamson, Secretary of the Chico Chamber of Commerce, that suggested 1: resurfacing and realignment of 99-E, 2: Improvement of Chico-Oroville highway into Marysville, 3: Widening and resurfacing of the road to the Susanville-Red Bluff Highway and 4: Survey and construction of a short road from Chico to Paradise.

**100 Years Ago (1918)**  
“The Gridley Herald”

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**125 Years Ago (1893)**  
“Fire in Honcut”

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1. Snap up
5. Ship pronoun
8. Table scrap
11. Not happening
12. Call to matey
13. Boredom
15. Decant
16. Pilaf grain
17. Charcuterie stores
18. “A \_\_\_\_ for the rest of us!” - from “Seinfeld”
20. Gwyneth, to friends
21. Thing to bear?
22. Comedian Tina
23. “Warmest or holiday follower
26. Feeling of disinterest
30. Sculptor Hans/Jean \_\_\_\_
31. Chief
34. Assistant
35. Used in cricket or 301
37. \*Feast of the Seven Fishes seafood
38. Tanks and such
39. Purse for a formal affair
40. All together
42. Make a mistake
43. Green bean or peanut
45. Infamous \_\_\_\_ Knoll
47. Charge carrier
48. \* \_\_\_\_ Navidad!
50. Hindu princess
52. \*This theme wouldn't exist without them
55. Swines, in Old English
56. Dashing style
57. Between a trot and a gallop
59. Corpulent
60. Ding-a-\_\_\_\_
61. Knight's breastplate
62. \*I Thee \_\_\_\_
63. Pea container
64. Not a word?

DOWN

1. Econ. measure
2. \*Where Santa's sleigh lands
3. Malaria symptom
4. Russian soup
5. Prison weapon, pl.
6. Bette Midler's “\_\_\_\_ Pocus”
7. \*”Tiny tots with their \_\_\_\_ all aglow”
8. Billy Joel's “\_\_\_\_ the Good Die Young”
9. The Colosseum, e.g.
10. \* \_\_\_\_ the season!
12. Not aria nor recitative
13. Landscaaper's tool
14. \*Welcomed with a count down
19. Weight of refuse and chaff, pl.
22. Driving hazard
23. Does like a crane
24. About to explode
25. Celiac disease, colloquially
26. \_\_\_\_ veevil
27. March of \_\_\_\_
28. Emanations from incense and frankincense
29. \*Christmas predecessor
32. Be undecided
33. Cotillion ball's main attraction
36. \*Good follower
38. Like smell of burning rubber, e.g.
40. Long time
41. Staring amorously
44. Coolness and composure
46. Popular flowering shrub
48. Shakespeare's “First \_\_\_\_”
49. African antelope
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# USDA Provides Additional Food Disaster Assistance in Counties Hit by Wildfires



## Special USDA Release

### WASHINGTON, DC (MPG)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced on November 30, 2018 that households in three California counties have been approved to receive Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) benefits. D-SNAP will be offered in parts of Los Angeles and Ventura counties due to the impact of the Woolsey and Hill wildfires, and Butte County in northern California due to the Camp Fire. Households in the affected areas may be eligible if they have qualifying disaster-related expenses and meet D-SNAP income limits.

“USDA continues to work closely with state and local officials to help victims deal with the widespread damage caused by these fires,” said USDA’s Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Brandon Lipps. “We want to do everything we can to make the recovery easier. Helping people put food on the table is one vital way we can do that.”

If a household in the affected area qualifies for D-SNAP, they could receive one month of benefits to meet their food needs as they settle back home following the disaster. Households in certain zip codes that already

receive SNAP benefits will automatically receive disaster supplements, up to the maximum allotment for their household size, and are not eligible to apply for D-SNAP.

The timing and conditions of D-SNAP vary with the circumstances of each disaster, but the program always begins after access to retailers has been restored and families are able to purchase food to prepare at home. Before operating D-SNAP in an approved county, the state must ensure that conditions related to safety and readiness are in place.

Affected households should look for public information notices from the state regarding the application process, location of application sites, and dates of application in each county.

This is one of many tools that USDA has available to aid states as they recover from disasters. Today’s announcement is the latest of multiple actions taken to help California residents cope with the effects of recent wildfires:

- USDA provided assistance to an estimated 8,000 residents of Butte County and the surrounding area through the Disaster Household Food Distribution Program.

- The department recently approved California’s request to issue mass

replacement of SNAP benefits to affected beneficiaries in parts of Ventura, Los Angeles, Butte and Plumas Counties.

- Butte County schools will be allowed flexibility in providing lunch and breakfast meals due to food shortages caused by road closures and hazardous conditions.

- Butte County schools are also authorized to provide breakfast and lunch to students at no cost to them due to the large number of students left homeless by the wildfire.

- On Nov. 21, USDA announced a waiver allowing residents of 14 fire-affected counties to purchase hot foods with SNAP benefits.

USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) works to reduce food insecurity and promote nutritious diets among the American people. The agency administers 15 nutrition assistance programs that leverage America’s agricultural abundance to ensure children and low-income individuals and families have nutritious food to eat. FNS also co-develops the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which provide science-based nutrition recommendations and serve as the cornerstone of federal nutrition policy. ★

# After Applying for FEMA Assistance, it’s Important to Keep in Touch

## FEMA Special Release

### SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

Immediately after a disaster, keeping in touch with family is important. It’s also important to keep in touch with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after you have registered for disaster assistance.

Many survivors of the November wildfires in Butte, Los Angeles and Ventura counties who were displaced are transitioning from damaged or destroyed homes to hotels and rentals. If you change your address, telephone number, bank account or insurance information, update that information with FEMA immediately.

Without accurate contact information on file with FEMA, you could miss important correspondence or telephone calls. Inaccurate banking information could lead to your direct-deposit grants being

delayed. If you need to make any updates to your information, call FEMA at 800-621-3362.

If your fire-damaged home is inaccessible because of road closures, evacuation orders, or debris, advise FEMA once your house becomes available for inspection by a FEMA-contracted housing inspector.

If you suffered damage or loss from the wildfires and have not yet applied for FEMA disaster assistance, you should register right away.

There are three ways you can apply: 1) Online, visit DisasterAssistance.gov, 2) Call 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585), 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. PST daily. Multilingual operators are available, 3) Visit a FEMA/Cal OES Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) near you. DRCs are accessible facilities you can visit to learn more about FEMA and other disaster assistance

programs. You may also ask questions about your case. Use the DRC Locator to find locations.

All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 (TTY/TDD).

FEMA’s mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

For more information, applicants may contact SBA’s Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA’s website at SBA.gov/disaster Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339. ★

# Gallagher Continues to Push for Reforms as DMV Director Announces Retirement

## By Curtis Grima

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) issued the following statement this week in response to the retirement of the California Department of Motor Vehicles Director, Jean Shiimoto:

“Several months of fighting for long-term reforms at the DMV has finally begun to pay off with the retirement of Director Jean Shiimoto. As the DMV repeatedly failed to address its shortcomings, my legislative colleagues and I have been pushing for a meaningful shift in culture. From long waits to improper voter registrations,

the status quo is completely unacceptable.

“Going forward, it is vital that the new leadership is willing to make necessary reforms to the operations and culture exhibited by the DMV. This is an opportunity for the DMV to raise its standards for constituent service and better adapt to legislative changes.”

For more information on Assemblyman Gallagher, and to track legislation visit [www.assembly.ca.gov/Gallagher](http://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. ★

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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Solstice is traditionally a time where the search for light within darkness happens. It is the signal that the night is deep and long, but from that day on the light of day becomes longer and the dark of night becomes shorter. It is a time of thankfulness for blessings. This

search for light in darkness is needed so much in Butte County this winter. In Gridley we no longer smell smoke nor are our plants still covered with ash. The rains are cleaning this away. This is not so in Paradise, they will be working with and hopefully living with the smell of burned wood all winter. Some may be lucky; their soil will not be burned and it will percolate the water like it is supposed to. Others will experience the tragedy of burned soil. They might experience water sheeting and flooding, on top of everything else they are dealing with from the fire. To add some light to this bit of darkness is to think about the spring and how green it will be as seeds

that survived the fire sprout forth. I'm betting the buried daffodils will also burst forth in life-giving color as small miracles that will make people laugh and cry at the same time. Another bright side of the long nights of winter is the arrival of seed catalogs. I love to look at all the new flowers and vegetables that are shown. I also dream about old favorites and how great they would look. Of course, as I keep saying I am not adding any more plants to the garden! I can still look and day dream. The Green Thumb Garden Club has changed its' yearly meeting schedule. The Club will not meet in January and February but will meet in July and August. ★

# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



**Boys, I think We Have a Poet Amongst Us**

pounds, take sailing lessons and come up with a good recipe for beef kidneys. How about you, Dud?" Dud took a sip of coffee. "Going to finish the rewrite of my book, I guess." "The Duchess and the Truck Driver?" asked Doc. "Well, Doc, it's actual title is 'Murder in the Soggy Bottoms.'" Dud's struggle with the plot of this novel is well known to most of us in town. Steve said, "For me, I think I'll lose some weight, too, and paint the inside walls of the turret up at the cabin." "What color, Steve?" "Burnt orange. You know, something like sunset in winter when the leaves are gone and the trees stand like lacy filigree against the sky." "Boys, I think we have a poet amongst us," said Doc. "Aw Doc, come on," Steve

said. "What about your resolutions for the coming year?" Doc thought a minute. "Fair enough. I have some. In the coming year, I resolve to grow grapes and make some wine for my friends. Then I believe I'll put in a big effort to catch Ol' Lunker on a fly down in Lewis Creek. If I have the time, I'll try to keep my patients healthy, and I'll top it off with making a concerted effort to locate Chipper." "Your imaginary squirrel?" "Yep." "But Doc," Herb said, "you already do those things now. Did you realize that?" "Sure," Doc grinned. "Really makes it easy to keep a resolution that way."

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# Crime Reports



## Gridley- Biggs Police Report

December 1<sup>st</sup> -December 13<sup>th</sup>

**12-01-2018:** At 1:43 p.m. at B and Fifth Streets in Biggs, CA, Michael Wilson Johnson Jr., 33, was arrested, cited and released on driving with a suspended license.

**12-01-2018:** At 10:43 p.m. at the Butte County Fairgrounds in Gridley, CA, Mark Anthony Jennings, 51, was arrested on charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of methamphetamine. At the same time, Linda Sue Young, 58, was arrested on charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Both individuals were transported to Butte County Jail.

**12-01-2018:** At 11:17 p.m. on Washington St., Gridley, CA, Lillyanne Elizabeth Kostelecky, 21 was cited and released on a Sutter County warrant CRM180002586.

**12-02-2018:** At 9:50 a.m. at 260 Ohio St., Gridley, CA, Maria Teresa Chavez Rodriguez, 27, was arrested on Glenn County warrant 18NCR13160 and transported to Butte County Jail.

**12-04-2018:** At 2:56 p.m. on Magnolia St., Gridley, CA, Edward Eric Everett, 30, was arrested on charges of battery and transported to Butte County Jail.

**12-06-2018:** At 3:03 p.m. at Magnolia and Ohio Streets in Gridley, CA, Dylan Dean Brock, 24, was arrested on a Colusa County felony warrant and transported to Butte County Jail.

**12-07-2018:** At 3:27 p.m. on Hwy 99 in Gridley, CA, Vernon Murrel Woodral, 59, was arrested, cited and released on a Butte County Sheriffs Office warrant.

**12-07-2018:** At 3:27 p.m. on Hwy 99, Gridley, CA, Vernon Murrel Woodral, 59, was arrested, cited and released on a Butte County Sheriffs Office misdemeanor warrant.

**12-08-2018:** At 7:19 p.m. on Fairview Dr., Gridley, CA, Leray Yvonne Williams, 41, was arrested on charges of violating a court order and booked into Butte County Jail. Also at that time, John Paul Kindelsperger, 61, was arrested on charges of violating a court order, cited and released to appear in court.

**12-09-2018:** At 5:06 a.m. on Hazel St., Gridley, CA, Rebecca Gwyn Davenport, 45, was arrested on charges of prowling on private property and transported to Butte County Jail.

**12-10-2018:** At 10:57 p.m. on F St., Biggs, CA, Giovanni Duenas Gomez, 22, was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and maliciously discharging a weapon at an occupied home/vehicle, and transported to Butte County Jail.

**12-11-2018:** At 3:43 p.m. on Ohio St., Gridley, CA, Don Gordon Butler, 65, was arrested on Butte County warrant 16CM06076 and transported to Butte County Jail.

**12-11-2018:** At 10:15 p.m. on Sycamore St., Gridley, CA, David Reynaldo Cortes Mayorga, 21, was arrested on warrant 18CM02344 and transported to Butte County Jail.

**12-13-2018:** At E. Gridley Rd. and SR 70, Gridley, CA, Gerardo Patino Montes, 33, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence, operating a vehicle without a proper ignition interlock device, and violation of felony probation. Subject was transported to Butte County Jail.

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# SPORTS

## Loaded Gridley Girls Off to Good Start in 2018-19

Story and photo by David Vantress

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley High School girls basketball team has had a pretty good run the past couple of seasons.

And with a number of experienced players back in 2018-19, the Bulldogs – defending BVL champions – look to be well-positioned for another great season.

After competing at the Orland Tournament last weekend, the Bulldogs are 7-5 so far in 2018-19. They fell to Etna, 62-56 in the semifinals Friday night, but rebounded to defeat Paradise in Saturday night in the third-place contest, 78-32.

They were 19-9 in 2017-18 en route to the aforementioned BVL title – part of a great season for Gridley basketball that saw the Bulldog boys and girls take home the BVL hardware at all three levels:



Gridley's Zaira Bandilla corraling a loose ball during a game at Marysville earlier this season. The Bulldogs are 7-5 in 2018-19 with one game left before the holiday break.

Freshman, JV and varsity.

The Bulldogs have their two leading scorers back

in 2018-19. Senior center Maddyson Tull is off and rolling so far in her final

campaign in a Bulldog uniform. The Oregon Tech-bound Tull is averaging

18.8 ppg. And 11.3 rpg. So far this season, she's been averaging a double-double

for most of her high school career at Gridley.

And Tull's younger sister Kennedy had a great freshman season last year, sliding comfortably into the role of running the Gridley offense from the point guard position. So far in 2018-19, Kennedy Tull is averaging 16.4 ppg., 4.5 rpg., and 3.4 apg.

Gridley coach Becca McCray said she likes where her team is at this point in the season.

"We like to play some tougher teams early in the season to get ready for league," McCray said.

The Bulldogs also called up sophomore Ally Mardesich to play shooting guard, and Mardesich has responded well to the promotion, averaging 11.9 ppg., 3.7 rpg., and 1.6 apg. in seven games.

The Bulldogs start BVL play Jan. 8, 2019 on the road at Wheatland. ★

## Bulldog Boys Look to Rebuild in 2018-19

Story and photo by David Vantress

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** – 2017-18 was a memorable year for Gridley High School basketball at all levels.

The Bulldogs' trophy case at Farmer's Hall welcomed six new additions, as every Gridley basketball team – freshman, JV and varsity for both boys and girls – won the BVL title.

The Gridley varsity boys were a perfect 10-0 in BVL play and though they failed to win the section title after losing to Corning in the finals, they advanced to the state tournament and made it all the way to the CIF state quarterfinals in Division V before bowing



Gridley sophomore Grant Tull passes the ball to a teammate during the 2018-19 season opener against Marysville Nov. 27.

out with a 52-49 loss to Colfax.

The Bulldogs lost eight seniors off that special team, so 2018-19 might be looked at as a big of a rebuilding year for third-year Gridley head coach Chay Dake and his team.

So far in 2018-19, the Bulldogs are 5-7 after going 1-2 at the Colusa Tournament last week.

But Gridley has several key players back from last year's team, and promising newcomers are making an impact.

One of the key players back for the Bulldogs is sophomore forward Grant Tull. As a freshman on the Gridley varsity last year, Tull made an impact on a


veteran, senior-laden team, averaging 11.4 ppg. and 3.9 rpg.

Senior Wyatt Dreesmann was a key bench player for the Bulldogs last season, averaging 3.9 ppg.

The Bulldogs are 4-7 so far in 2018-19.



The Gridley boys traveled to Live Oak Tuesday night to close out the 2018 portion of the 2018-19 schedule with a nonleague contest against the Lions.

The Bulldogs open BVL play Tuesday, Jan. 8 at home against Wheatland. They'll have one final nonleague tuneup Jan. 3-5 when they travel to Oroville for the Oroville Tournament. ★




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## Area Hoop Teams Busy as Holidays Beckon



**David Vantress**  
**Gridley Herald Sports Reporter**

Story by David Vantress

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - It was a rush of activity last week for area prep basketball teams as they get in their last tournament and non-league action before the new year.

The Gridley girls finished third at the Orland Tournament and are now 8-5 on the young season.

Thursday night, the Bulldogs beat Pierce, 72-35. Maddyson Tull led the way with 26 points.

Kennedy Tull added 20 and Ally Mardesich added 17.

Friday night, the Bulldogs fell in the semifinals to Etna, 62-56. Kennedy Tull led Gridley with 20 points. Maddyson Tull had 14 and Mardesich chipped in with 11.

Saturday night, the Bulldogs topped Paradise in the third place contest, 78-32. Maddyson Tull led the way again with 31 points. Kennedy Tull had 29.

Monday night, Gridley beat Chico, 40-36.

The Bulldog boys, meanwhile, went 1-2 at the Colusa Tournament last weekend and are now 5-8 so far in 2018-19. Gridley lost to Marysville, 71-61; fell to Yreka, 71-68; and defeated Williams, 61-43.

The Gridley boys traveled to Live Oak Tuesday night.

Live Oak's boys are 6-8 after going 1-2 at the

Anderson Tournament. They rebounded to best Wheatland Monday night, 74-71.

The Live Oak girls dropped a pair of games last week to fall to 2-8 on the 2018-19 season. The Lions fell to East Nicolaus, 42-37 last Tuesday, and lost to Wheatland, 53-38 Monday night.

The Biggs boys, meanwhile, are 4-5. They lost to Durham, 48-37 last Wednesday night and defeated Paradise Adventist Academy, 57-40 Monday night.

And the Wolverine girls are the only undefeated team in the area at 9-0. The Biggs girls beat Sutter, 55-47 last Monday night and easily defeated Paradise Adventist Academy, 56-27.

Both Biggs teams are idle until after the holidays. They will return to action Jan. 3, at the East Nicolaus Tournament. ★

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