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## Farm to Fork Foodies!



Teresa Campuzano (left) and Emily Peery (right) showcase the exotic kiwi, one of Gridley's crops that is exported worldwide.

**Story and photos  
by Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - An open invite was extended to the community and its children as Gridley Unified School District held its 2nd annual Farm to Fork the eve of November 16th.

It wasn't actually a dinner, but educators and volunteers, many of them in the Ag industry, featured tasty recipes made from fruits and vegetables grown in our area that guests were encouraged to sample. From persimmon salsa to kiwi cupcakes, there was a variety of creative cuisine to taste.

Mindi Tuft, representing



Stephanie Taylor, mother and Wilson School Garden Projects team member, hands out samples of food grown in the school's garden, including squash salad and fresh basil made into pesto. Daphne (center) and Dwight smile as they sample the organic goods.

Sycamore School's booth says that each group was asked to "choose a fruit or vegetable that would

be easily accessed by kids or parents, that you could make at home for kids to have a healthy snack."

Her booth partner Chris Schmidt added that they baked mashed carrot chips topped with parmesan cheese for an easy snack. It was also created from something recognizable to youth – carrots.

Each table shared interesting facts about the ag product they were highlighting, such as Teresa Campuzano running Gridley High School's booth. She and co-volunteer Emily Peery chose kiwis as their focus, dishing out the sliced fruit and kiwi cupcakes. The ladies also educated that kiwis have more vitamin C than oranges and that California

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## Butte ATM Skimmers Plead to Being Part of International Fraud Ring

**Butte County  
News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Two men accused of being part of an international fraud operation pleaded guilty on November 15, 2023, in Butte County Superior Court to multiple counts of identity theft and will serve 11 years and 8 months each in state prison.

Marian Catalin Mavrichie, 46, and Valentin Andrei Hojbota, 37, both Romanian nationals, each pleaded guilty at their preliminary hearing Tuesday to multiple counts of identity theft. A third co-conspirator, Vasilica Ancuta Gaurean, 22, also from Romania, had already pled guilty for her role in the conspiratorial fraud several weeks earlier.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the three fraudsters had been caught earlier this year as the result of a months-long investigation into organized ATM fraud occurring in Butte and surrounding counties. Investigators from the Chico Police Department and the Butte County District Attorney's Office became aware in February of this year that there was a large amount of ATM "skimming" fraud occurring in Butte County and began to investigate. Ramsey explained investigators were able to identify the three suspects and arrested them in March. A search warrant of their short-term rental residence, vehicles, and a storage unit revealed over \$50,000 in cash, numerous skimming devices in various states of assembly, as well as dozens of gift cards that had been cloned with stolen debit card numbers.

Ramsey explained this type of fraud is being committed by multiple crews of Romanian nationals who place skimmers (devices designed to capture the information from debit cards) inside various local bank ATM machines, to steal debit card information from the magnetic stripes of the debit cards placed in the machines by unsuspecting victims. A nearby pinhole camera, disguised to be part of the bank's ATM, then takes a video of the victim punching in their PIN code.

Ramsey said the crews then take the stolen information, load it onto gift cards, and then take those cards to different bank

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## Falling Four Fun West-Gridley 4-H Takes Charge at Craft Fair

**By Seti Long**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - On a drizzly Saturday, West-Gridley 4-H cranked up the holiday cheer at their first annual Fall Festival and Craft Fair.

In an effort to increase their group's visibility in the community, West-Gridley 4-H group has been actively volunteering for events, such as running the soccer snack bar for Gridley Parks and Recreation, devoting their time and energy to community service projects, and hosting their own events like their Fall Fest.

4-H'ers got an early start November 18, 2023, as they opened their Fall Festival to the public for the second year. Vendors ranged from artisans selling crafts such as jewelry,



Jewelry makers Ashley and Tinsley Aldrich smile in front of their booth at the West-Gridley 4-H Fall Festival. Photo by Seti Long

hand-sewn gifts, and sweet treats, to crystals, soaps, and trendy permanent jewelry.

As guests shopped, West-Gridley 4-H members ran a bunny burrow raffle, a snack bar where they served tri-tip sandwiches, chips, and drinks,

while others manned booths selling their own personally crafted gifts and goodies. All proceeds from

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# The New Pi-Line

# Falling Four Fun



By Josh F.W. Cook

At the end of October, 3,055 homes, which is 21% of the homes lost in the Paradise fire of 2018, have been rebuilt: 2,577 in the Town of Paradise and 478 in Butte County. The fire took out 18,000 structures and covered 153,336 acres. Butte County lost about 14% of its housing supply. People coming back to Paradise are wealthy people, and there are not a lot of them coming back. For many years, Paradise

was the place to go when you couldn't afford to live in Chico; indeed, Butte College and Chico State students would live in Paradise if they wanted to pay lower rents. The world has changed. Housing costs remain a significant public policy issue.

News update from the local holiday season Mandarin Orange quest. The Seigler Family swung open the gates at the famous Doering Mandarin Grove on Highway 99 last week. Fear and trepidation gripped those of us who enjoy this happy citrus habit, and it is with great joy I report that the Mandarins are sweet this year, and they are firm and scrumptious. The Siglers moved from the Plumas Lake area and are living at the Doering mansion with many family members all

pitching in to get the fruit to the shed and bagged up to make Christmas/Hanukkah everything it should be. Mandarins are an excellent gift for people who may be avoiding the other Holiday sweets; mandarins are all natural and cross over to the health food category with just the slightest effort at creative thought. So, just as a review of early Christmas Pi Line culinary suggestions - you should have a glass of Egg Nog as you eat sprouted seasoned walnuts from Biggs and peel open the best Mandarin oranges in the world. So much to be grateful for, even after Thanksgiving.

Josh F.W. Cook is a Chaplain, educator, and administrator. Views expressed here (though wildly popular) are solely his.



Julie's Sweet Treats booth was a great stop for those looking for holiday goodies to munch on! Photo by Julie Emerson

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the snack bar and raffle went to fund their 4-H group projects.

The Herald spoke with Addie Gutierrez and Peyton Alvarez, who were in charge of the register at the snack bar. The ladies both agreed that this year's festival was busier than their first in 2022 and that it was exciting to be a part of it. "It's really fun!" says Gutierrez, sharing that her favorite part was that you could have a booth or choose to just shop at them. Alvarez enjoyed running the snack bar, which she said was really busy.

First year 4-H member Dwight Taylor said the fall fest gave him a great opportunity to have fun hanging out with his friends while earning money to support their group. Taylor agreed with group members Gutierrez



Dwight Taylor happily hands out snacks at the 4-H snack bar. Photo by Seti Long

and Alvarez that the craft fair had a really great turnout.

West-Gridley 4-H would like to thank all that came out to support them and their vendors at the Fall Festival. Their next adventure is the upcoming Winter Wonderland Festival and Parade of Lights.

## BCSO Deputies Arrest Burglar on Thanksgiving Day

Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - On November 23, 2023, at approximately 3:50 p.m., the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) received a call from an alarm company for a residential burglar alarm at an address in the 1100 block of Henshaw Avenue in Chico. As deputies were responding, a family member arrived at the residence and observed at least two subjects fleeing the house. The witness was able to provide a description of the suspects and one suspect vehicle. Prior to arriving at the residence,

Deputy Rubinoff located a subject matching the description of one of the suspected burglars, who was identified as Roy Tewsley, age 57, of Chico. Roy was found to be in possession of a small amount of property stolen from the Henshaw Avenue residence. Tewsley was booked into Butte County jail for a violation of 459 PC. The other suspect remains at large and the investigation is still active.

If anyone has information about this investigation, please contact

Deputy Rubinoff with the Butte County Sheriff's Office. Case #23-07857



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### OUTDOOR EQUITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Community Outreach

Join Gridley Recreation in a open discussion regarding activities & field trips to bring to our community utilizing the Cal Parks Outdoor Equity Grants Program Round 2 funding.

**Meeting 1:**  
Where: 194 Washington St (Recreation Center inside Manuel Vierra Park)  
When: November 29th 2023  
Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**Meeting 2:**  
Where: 194 Washington St (Recreation Center inside Manuel Vierra Park)  
When: December 7th 2023  
Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Snacks & Refreshments provided, we hope to see you there!



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# Jeff Boone Announces Run for Supervisor



Jeff Boone. Courtesy photo

## Jeff Boone for Supervisor News Release

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - Farmer and businessman Jeff Boone will run for Supervisor in District 1, which covers all of Live Oak and a section of north Yuba City in Sutter County.

A lifelong District 1 resident, Boone, who has a background in engineering construction, will focus on quality-of-life issues, including upgrading and maintaining

roadways, making meaningful improvements to the homeless crisis, and promoting economic development.

The catalyst for Boone’s decision to run is the ongoing budget crisis. “District 1 deserves a leader who will show up,” said Boone. “The current supervisor was not present during the budget vote at the June 20, 2023, budget hearing, the most important meeting of the year. District 1 residents deserve better representation,” said Boone.

Among Boone’s top priorities will be attending his assigned committee meetings and elevating the voice of District 1 residents. County records indicate our current Supervisor’s attendance has been relatively poor. “Aside from medical or family emergencies, there isn’t a good reason to miss any county meetings or committee meetings. It

silences the voice of the district,” said Boone.

Another of Mr. Boone’s priorities will be to find funding solutions to support Sutter County Fire Departments. Boone believes strongly that law enforcement and fire professionals should pace one another in compensation, and that those salaries are grossly unbalanced.

Boone, a third- generation farmer, is the son of Keith and Dorothy Boone and is currently farming peaches and walnuts between Live Oak and Yuba City. When he’s not farming, Jeff is an almond and walnut broker representing local farmers. Boone is a graduate and a current fellow of the California Ag Leadership Foundation - Class 33, has served as president of the Live Oak Lions Club and served as president and member of the Live Oak Little League Board for 25 years. ★

# Kids’ Choir Musical ‘The Mystery of the Manger’

## Gridley Christian Church News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - This Christmas children’s musical will be presented on Sunday, December 3, at 10:30 AM and 4:30 PM at Gridley Christian Church. The cast of 14 members will sing and act giving the historical facts about Jesus birth and life in a very entertaining way.

Jane Blonde (Hope Gallagher) is an investigative reporter searching for the truth. She visits a Christmas program rehearsal to get the information she needs for her

article in The Morning Star newspaper on Christmas Day. The director of the children’s choir, Mr. Evans (Marcus Hildebrand) helps by leading the kids in songs with important information. Four children (Lyla Watson, Celeste Watson, Aunia Steele, Arabella Johnson) give additional facts about Jesus. The Cleaning Crew (Charlie, Keelia, Declan Hildebrand) remind us that God keeps his promises. The sound engineer Michael (Isaac Boykin) informs all that there are over 200 prophecies about Jesus; and all of them came

true! Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us by attending this inspirational musical.

Also, on the evening of Wednesday, December 6th (Parade of Lights) there will be an open house where all can come in and see the beautifully decorated sanctuary and grab a hot drink also. Clean bathrooms will be available for use to all. Gridley Christian Church is located at 580 Washington Street. Call Pastor Ed Lucas for any questions or concerns you may have. Gridley Christian Church is a place where everyone is family. ★

# GERS is Putting Together Christmas Baskets

## Gridley Christian Church News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Each Christmas season Gridley Emergency Relief Services (G.E.R.S.) working with participating churches in the Gridley/Biggs area put together Christmas Baskets for lower income families in the Gridley & Biggs area. This year they will again be distributed from the First Baptist Church at 100 Vermont Street in Gridley on December 9th from 9 to 11a.m. There is no need to sign up ahead of time. It is on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Please bring proof of residence such as a valid CA ID/ Driver’s License or a utility bill with your name and

address. Only one basket per household/address.

How can you help? As an all-volunteer Christian organization, we treasure the help we receive. There are three ways you can help G.E.R.S.

PRAY. Taking time to pray for the volunteers and those we strive to serve is the greatest thing you can do. It may sound insignificant, but it isn’t. Without the prayers of our supporters, G.E.R.S. would be unable to meet the needs of those who seek us out.

VOLUNTEER. It takes a lot of manpower to put together and distribute the food baskets to those in need during the Christmas Season. If you would like to volunteer your time,

please give Ed Lucas at Gridley Christian Church (846-4002) or email at GCC-Pastor@sbcglobal.net

GIVE. In order to meet the growing need for assistance, financial help is required. You can help meet this need in a couple of ways. Talk to your pastor about sponsoring a fundraiser for G.E.R.S. Send a one-time gift to G.E.R.S. or Commit to supporting G.E.R.S. on a regular (monthly, quarterly, or yearly) basis. (G.E.R.S. PO Box 931, Gridley, CA 95948)

On behalf of G.E.R.S. and the local churches, we thank you, and may God Bless you and your loved ones. Merry Christmas! ★

# In Remembrance of our beloved Annie

## We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun and it its going down,  
we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
we remember them.

In the warmth of the sun and the peace of summer,  
we remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and the beauty of autumn,  
we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,  
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,  
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,  
we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,  
for they are now a part of us,  
as we remember them.

- a Jewish Remembrance



**Margaret Anne Reid**  
September 15, 1983 - December 7, 2021

## Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

### Common Problems Encountered with QuickBooks Online Accounting (Oroville)

Accurate bookkeeping is critical for successfully managing your business; therefore, taking the time to understand how to correctly use your accounting program is key for your business financial success. This 2-hour workshop is for individuals who have already set up their QuickBooks Online system, have been working with the system for 6 months or more, and need help to make sure that they are using the system correctly (i.e., performing the necessary reconciliations, matching and categorization properly). We will cover reconciling your bank and credit card accounts to your ledgers, problems with categorizations vs. matching vs. rules, understanding reporting and problem solving the data, cleaning up Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable anomalies and cleaning up Balance Sheet misallocations. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

**Date:** Thursday, December 14, 2023

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** The Barrel Room, 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville, CA 95965

### Marketing Funnels: How to Acquire, Measure, Track, Monetize Traffic, Leads and Conversations (Oroville)

Do you know what Marketing Funnels are and how they can benefit your business? Do you want to ensure your marketing dollars and time are working for you? Do you want to know how you can use Marketing Funnels to drive increase sales, more loyalty and stronger brand awareness? During this marketing workshop, you will learn how to use Marketing Funnels to acquire, measure, track and monetize your traffic, leads, and conversations. You will also gain insights from seeing the “big picture” and learn how collecting the right data can help to identify your “Marketing Blindspots.”

**Date:** Wednesdays, January 3, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** The Barrel Room, 1566 Huntoon St, Oroville.

### Using AI for Your Business Marketing (Red Bluff)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become increasingly beneficial to businesses and our communities as a whole. However, very few people understand how to use AI to help them in their marketing and other business strategies. We will take a deep dive into using AI to develop marketing strategies, content, and will take a step-by-step approach to developing an AI generated marketing strategy.

**Date:** Thursday, January 4, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2810 Main St., Red Bluff

**Register Here:** <https://www.buttecollegesbdc.com/events/>

### Introduction to digital/ Online Marketing (Paradise)

This workshop will focus on discussing introductory methods of digital and online marketing. You will learn the basics about Search Engine Optimization (SEO), Search Engine Marketing (SEM), Social Media Marketing (SMM), as well as mobile, affiliate, and online ad marketing. You will be provided real-world examples of which type of marketing may best fit your marketing goals, as well as ideas for your future marketing needs. This training is perfect for individuals who are either first getting started in digital/online marketing, or those who would like a little more information on how to develop their current digital/online marketing.

**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024

**Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Paradise Ridge Chamber, 6161 Clark Rd, Paradise

**Register Here:** <https://www.buttecollegesbdc.com/events/>

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**MEMORIAL**

**LARRY DAVID WOODWARD 8/27/1967—11/2/2023**

Larry David Woodward, age 56, passed away November 2, 2023. He lived the entirety of his life in the Biggs/Gridley area.

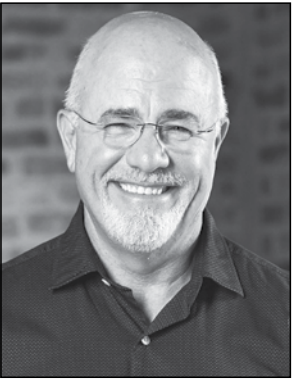
Larry was known in the community for being an avid hunter and fisherman as well as his support of BHS football and Gridley Youth Football.

Larry was preceded in death by his father Wayne Woodward.

He is survived by his wife Lori Woodward, mother Pat Woodward, sister Pam (Chuck) Sheppard, daughter Ashley (Morgan) Woodward, son Chris Woodward, stepson Christopher (Christina) Jimenez, stepson Chad Singleton, stepson Donald Singleton, a godson Austin Cook, and god-daughter Lyndsey Kaylor and all his grandkids.

If anyone is interested in making a charitable donation in Larry's name, the family is requesting them to be made to the Biggs High School Football Program, 300 B Street, Biggs, CA 95917. A celebration of life is being held at the Moose Lodge in Gridley from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 2023. Friends and family are all welcome.





Pay Off Their Student Loans?

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are debt-free except for our mortgage and two Parent PLUS loans for our daughters' college educations. One of the loans totals \$18,078, and the other is for \$41,500. Both girls want to pay them off using the new extended plan being offered, but I'm 59 1/2, and I've got about \$500,000 in a 401(k) from a previous job along with \$125,000 from a job I started five years ago. We've been thinking about just paying the loans off for the girls, but we wanted to know your thoughts.

– Mike

Dear Mike,

If I were in your shoes, I'd just go ahead and pay them off. Technically, you're liable for the loans. They are not.

The extended plan you're talking about is garbage. In reality, it means the loans are never paid back. The extended plan is 30 years of not even making the principal

Dave Ramsey Says

payment. No interest is paid, and they don't touch the principal. The whole thing works backward for 30 years, and it's the very definition of a stupid government program.

I really don't think you want your daughters to be part of something like this. But that means you're going to be stuck with paying off these loans. You might as well just own it and pay them off now.

I want you to understand this, Mike. I don't advise people to dip into their savings every time a problem comes up prior to retirement. But you're 59 1/2, and at that point there's no penalty. Plus, you've got \$625,000 sitting there. You're going to pull less than \$60,000 out, plus a little in taxes, to make the problem go away. It's not as bad as it could be, but I'm afraid you're going to have to pay a little stupid tax on this one. I'm sure your girls didn't know all this, but it's a perfect example of what can happen when you put your faith in a stupid plan coming out of Washington, D.C.

I hate it for you guys—and everyone else in America who took out a bunch of student loans—because you're getting

messed over by your own government. The first way they messed you over was to put a student loan program out there and then tell you the way to success was to borrow tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars for a degree in left-handed puppetry. And now, guess what? You're a barista! Then, they start shouting they're going to forgive it all. After that it's, "No, we're not. Yes, we are. No, we're not. Yes, we are."

The fact is, they don't intend to forgive it. It's the biggest scam in history—mathematically speaking—perpetrated on the American public by our government.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions. ★

Butte ATM Skimmers Plead to Being Part of International Fraud Ring

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ATMs and empty the victims' accounts. Ramsey explained these crews specifically target welfare and unemployment benefit cards (known as EBT and EDD cards) issued by the State of California because those cards lack the advanced security features (i.e. chips) now normally found on private debit cards.

Ramsey explained this type of organized fraud has been occurring all over California, and the loss to the state is in the millions of dollars per month. Investigators learned the skimming crews operate at the direction of large criminal organizations, often from Eastern Europe.

Ramsey said his office has been busy investigating and prosecuting other ATM skimmers who have traveled into Butte County

and who are operating in the same way, including in-store point-of-sale ATMs, at the direction of the same international crime organizations.

Ramsey explained legislative changes in the past several years, designed to lessen the punishment for theft crimes, appear to have emboldened these groups. Several of the defendants in recent Butte County ATM fraud cases complained they were under the impression that, due to lax treatment in other California jurisdictions, they would face minimal punishment for stealing even if they were caught.

However, Ramsey said, through the hard work of his investigators and Chico police detectives, his office was able to prove the extent of the fraud in this case was over \$100,000

and therefore pursued felony charges with state prison consequences. Ultimately, before the preliminary hearing, all three defendants pleaded guilty when confronted with the overwhelming evidence.

Gaurean, who pleaded several weeks ago, will receive 5 years and 8 months in state prison, as she was found to be less culpable than her two co-defendants. Hojbota and Mavrichie will next appear in court on December 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. where they will each receive 11 years and 8 months in state prison. All three remain in Butte County Jail without bail in the meantime.

Ramsey noted bank ATM users should always cover the keypad when putting in their PIN number to foil the nearby disguised pinhole camera. ★



Apprenticeship Program Seeks to Boost Olive Farming, Olive Oil Production

A \$50,000 donation from the Cortopassi Family Foundation is supporting an apprenticeship program for students growing olives and producing olive oil. The Olea Learn program, administered by the Olive Center at the University of California, Davis, is also supported by olive farmers and producers. The program teaches students in field management, irrigation practices and pest control, while providing hands-on experience taking care of the olive trees at the Wolfskill Experimental Orchards in Winters.

University of California studies Provide Insights for Central Coast Apple Growers

University of California researchers have released two new studies to help Central Coast growers estimate costs and potential returns for both organically and conventionally produced apples. The studies focus on processing apples, not fresh market apples. Apples grown for processing on the Central Coast are mostly pressed for juice and sparkling cider. The cost studies model a management scenario for a 100-acre farm, 20 acres of which are planted to a mature orchard that produces apples for processing.

State Funding Supports Crop Replacement, Groundwater Recharge

The California Department of Water Resources has awarded \$11.8 million in funding for two projects that promote agriculture and groundwater conservation in Southern California. The Rancho California Water District in Riverside County received funding from DWR's Urban Community Drought Relief Program. Some \$5 million in funding will support an agriculture program, CropSWAP, which is converting 160 acres from water-intensive plants to drought-resilient crops. DWR also awarded \$6.8 million to build a 40-acre groundwater recharge pond.

With Farmers Getting Older, USDA Seeks to Help Young Agriculturalists

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is spending nearly \$28 million to support organizations that teach and train beginning farmers and ranchers, including programs for U.S. veterans who are entering into agricultural careers and starting new farming businesses. The funding supports the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program. The effort to support young agriculturalists comes as one-third of the 3.4 million U.S. farmers are over the age of 65. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Troupes of dancing, leaping and swirling leaves are chasing and racing across all of the streets of our town. It is a riotous movement of things that have no self-locomotion, but delight in the wind and its ability to move them along. This manic, colorful movement contains, reds, greens, browns, oranges, yellows, maroon.

The movement and color give one a huge sense of vitality and beauty. It is achingly wonderful this play, between leaves and wind.

That beauty and wonder applies to the trees letting go. One exception is the maple tree in my neighbor's yard. Its color is mind-numbingly intense. When leaves start falling by the many onto my patio, I start wishing they wouldn't do that. This tree has started several babies in my patio flower pots. I pot them up and put them into the plant sale at Red Suspender's Day. So, that is not so much a problem as an addition to the plants for sale. Now all these leaves are a whole other thing. If I was composting,

I'd see them as extra material, I'm not composting so I see them as extra work. Ah well, that is a minor problem in reality. I will put them into the yard waste and grumble as I do it. Fortunately, they are glorious leaves, so I can make myself enjoy their beauty as I rake and sweep them up.

Some of you might know that if your peach trees are leaf free this is a good month for the first application of spray to prevent Peach Leaf Curl in the spring. I've found that if I do fewer than three or four applications, then I mix the spray with more of the fungicide. It also helps to do at least one spray after it has rained. Have fun in your late fall garden. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church

God became one of us (born a human baby in an animal manger) so He could experience humanity and teach us godly ways. He came to live like us so He could show us examples of how to survive His creations in His world.

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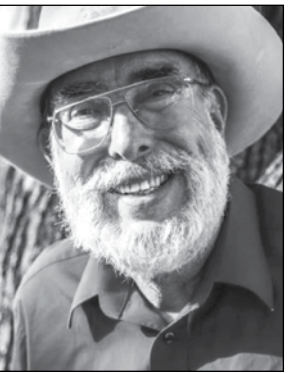
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Ain't but two things a turkey can do proper, folks

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And that there turkey'd be there all by hisself, too. So you might think he'd get kinda lonesome out there all solitaried,

right? Nossir. That's 'cause he ain't smart enough to get lonesome.

Ain't but two things a turkey can do proper, folks. Just two, and you can take this to the blank, too. For one thing, he companionizes right well with cranberry sauce twice or once a year. Yes he does. And for another? Well, he just might make a likely candidate for the United States Congress of America!

And you can tell 'em I said so.

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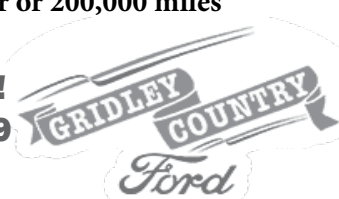
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# Gridley Girls Basketball Host Lady Bulldogs Classic



Gridley senior guard for Gridley, AnaGloria Luevano (5) keeps her rivals at bay. Photo by Steven Bryla

Story by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley girls basketball program is hosting their annual basketball tournament in the Lady Bulldogs Holiday Classic this weekend which began Thursday and concludes this Saturday, December 2nd.

The tournament features a six-team bracket where Alhambra, Oroville, Enterprise, Woodland, Eureka and Gridley will battle it out on the hardwood for the three-day festivities.

Each team is guaranteed three games in the tournament as they were scheduled games for Thursday and today. The games for tomorrow will be based on how the teams performed the win and losses from the previous two games.

According to the information shared with the Herald from Lady Bulldogs head coach Becca McCray, if there is a tie to be broken, it would be based on the points allowed in the first two tournament games.

The Lady Bulldogs bring back five



Gridley sophomore forward Brook Marr (2) attempts a shot during a fast-paced game. Photo by Steven Bryla

returners from the 2022-23 roster including last season's leading scorer (16.6 points per game), rebounder (10.2/rpg) and shot-block-machine (4.6) junior center Brook Marr.

Along with Marr, Gridley has senior guard AnaGloria Luevano returning as she was third on the team last season in assists (1.3) and second in steals (1.5).

Marr and Luevano each scored in double figures in the Lady Bulldogs 51-30 victory over Willows on

November 21.

Marr added 15 rebounds and nine blocks while Luevano contributed four rebounds, five assists and five steals in the season opener.

Gridley went 2-1 in the 2022 Lady Bulldogs Classic as they fell on the final day of last year's tournament to Central Valley.

Gridley hosted Alhambra on Thursday evening and will host Woodland tonight at 7 p.m. ★

## Christmas Community Calendar

### BIGGS

#### • Biggs' Tree Lighting and Christmas Market

Hosted by Project Biggs  
Sunday, December 3rd, 3 - 7 p.m. @ Historic Downtown Biggs  
Selfies with Santa @ 4 p.m.,  
Ugly Sweater Contest @ 5 p.m.,  
Christmas Tree Lighting @ 6 p.m.

### GRIDLEY

#### • Winter Wonderland Festival & Parade of Lights

Presented by Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce  
Wednesday, December 6th, 5 - 9 p.m. @ Downtown Gridley  
Live music starting @ 5 p.m.,  
Orchard Hospital Tree Lighting @ 5:30 p.m., Parade @ 6:30 p.m.

#### • Breakfast with Santa & the Grinch

Hosted by Gridley Parks and Recreation Department  
\$5/person, 2 yrs. & under free  
Saturday, December 9th, 8 - 11 a.m. @ the Gridley Community Center, 200 E. Spruce St., Gridley

### LIVE OAK

#### • Small Town Holiday Celebration

Presented by the City of Live Oak  
Friday, December 1st, 5 - 9 p.m. @ Live Oak Community Building parking lot, 10200 O St., Live Oak

#### • Santa is Coming to Town!

Presented by Live Oak Fire Department & Live Oak Parks and

### Recreation Department

Thursday, December 21st 6 - 8 p.m.

### OROVILLE

#### • Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1st @ Oroville Convention Center  
Christmas activities 4:30-6:30pm at Gray Nurse, Ceremony 6:30pm & Tree lighting 7pm

#### • Pioneer Christmas at the Pioneer Museum

Hosted by the City of Oroville and the Oroville Docent Association  
Saturday, December 9th 12-4pm @ The Pioneer Museum, 2332 Montgomery St, Oroville  
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#### • Oroville's Victorian Christmas

Presented by Kingdom Community Church  
Saturday, December 9th 2-9pm @ Kingdom Community Church - 1235 Lincoln St, Oroville  
Food, baked goods, carolers, crafts, and other family festive activities!

#### • Oroville Parade of Lights

Presented by Oroville Chamber of Commerce  
Saturday, December 9th 6pm @ Downtown Oroville



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# City Council Weighs Contract Options

Story by Melody McDowell

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The November 20 meeting of the Gridley City Council opened with the reading of a proclamation declaring November to be Homeless and Runaway Youth Awareness Month.

The consent agenda was approved without complication, including such items as the expenditure reports for September and October 2023, the third quarter City Treasurer's report, an application for a continuation of the Butte County Fish & Game Commission grant, and an authorization allowing the Gridley Fire Department to receive a volunteer fire assistance grant.

On this occasion, Gridley's new lineman apprentice was also introduced to the Council, Collin Morey of Oroville.

Ashley Ayala of the Recreation Department received Council approval to move forward with applications for round two of the

Outdoor Equity Grants. These grants funded a significant number of well-received programs this year and are expected to continue to be an integral part of the Department's offerings to Gridley residents and their families.

The Public Works Department reported on efforts to find a contractor to assume responsibility for painting the City Hall complex (including City Hall, the Police Department, and the Gridley Museum). Council authorized moving forward with the recommended contractor, Laws Custom Painting Inc., at an anticipated cost of \$67,000.

The Council also approved an Auditing Services Contract, to be entered into with Chavan and Associates, LLP. City Administrator Cliff Wagner expressed appreciation to Mayor Mike Farr for his participation in the process of vetting potential auditing companies, and there was confident agreement that this group will competently serve the needs of the City of Gridley.

There was substantial discussion about the renewal and extension of Waste Management's contract for services in the City of Gridley. It was disclosed that up to 30% of current Waste Management customer accounts are currently delinquent and this was a point of some concern. The discussion in Waste Management's Terms letter stated that the City is to pay delinquent accounts and lien properties after reasonable efforts to collect have been exhausted, and City Attorney Tony Galyean cautioned that the City is potentially on questionable legal ground to do so, given that Waste Management's relationship to the City is that of a third party, rather than an in-house operation.

The City Administrator recommended a study session be held to explore with Waste Management more of the details and legalities of the proposed contract, ideally prior to the December 3 meeting.

Finance Director Elisa Arteaga commended Waste

Management's provision of uninterrupted service even in the event of delinquency, noting the public health and sanitation crisis that could have resulted from excessive termination or suspension of service.

And finally, discussion continued about the SR-99 Waterline Replacement Project. City Engineer Dave Harden reported that Caltrans has recommended that in order to expedite the larger highway project, the City should prepare their own waterline relocation plans for the section of asbestos watermain pipe needing replacement between Obermeyer and Archer.

Harden put forward a proposal for design and project management, as the Project Engineer through Bennett Engineering, which has been the contracted City engineering service since 2016. The estimate for completion of the design plans came to about \$206,000, which drew pushback from Vice Mayor Bruce

Johnson. He encouraged the Council to consider putting out an RFP for additional bids, to ensure that the City is able to get the most competitive pricing available for completion of this portion of the project.

Given that the design process has already begun, that contracted services are already secured, and that the timeline for the larger Caltrans project could be threatened or even jeopardized by the delay that would result from putting out for additional bids at this point in the process, various City Staff and Councilmembers underlined the necessity of moving forward now, in lieu of potentially starting over with a new contractor.

Mayor Farr requested that periodic updates be provided to the Council to review the status and current numbers for budgeting purposes as the project proceeds. The Council voted 4-1 in favor of continuation with the current proposal from Bennett Engineering Services. ★

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# Chico to be Compensated for Response to Camp Fire

## City of Chico News Release

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schedule. The City expects to receive approximately \$21 million in December 2023, which reflects the current 60% pro rata payment amount being paid, as dictated by the Bankruptcy Court.

For many months after the Camp Fire, Chico served as base camp for CalFire, emergency responders, FEMA, the California Office of Emergency Services, the Town of Paradise, the Paradise EOC, the Paradise Unified School District, PG&E, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, AT&T, Comcast, and

several other private and public organizations.

“This money will help Chico continue to support the residents of Chico and Paradise,” said Mark Sorensen, Chico’s City Manager. “As the center of response and recovery, we were proud to support Paradise and its residents during the most destructive wildfire in California’s history.”

“The Trust did an excellent job asking the hardest questions to understand the extent of the City’s unique public infrastructure damages,” said John Fiske, a Shareholder at

Baron & Budd and outside counsel to the City of Chico. “We have been impressed by the due diligence of the Trust as it questioned and understood the City’s complex claims. We are thankful for the Trust as it continues to work through the remaining awards in one of the most sophisticated allocations in law today.”

The Fire Victim Trust engaged in extraordinary fact-finding efforts to understand the unique claims of the only municipal corporation with damages before the Trust. JAMS Mediator

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(Ret.) mediated the technical damages between the City and the Trust, and Trustee Cathy Yanni personally oversaw the process and the compensation.

Recently, the Trust has supported other public entity claims, such as the Thermalito Sewer & Water District, which received an award of over \$9 million for its legal damages caused by the Camp Fire. The rebuilding of Paradise requires compensation to the individual fire victims as well as those public organizations that serve and support

the community, through roads, water, and other public infrastructure.

The Trust has issued award determinations to over 99% of its claimants and is currently making pro rata payments of 60% totaling \$10.74 billion, although an additional pro rata increase is expected in 2024.

The City of Chico was represented by its City Attorney John Lam, and its outside counsel John Fiske and Torri Sherlin of Baron & Budd, P.C. and Ed Diab and Rob Chambers of Diab Chambers, LLP. ★

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This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 10, 17, 24 Dec 1, 2023  
PLUMAS 12-1-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000882**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Waterbury Farms, 1333 West Liberty Road, Gridley, CA 95948  
Corina Y Waterbury and Eric E Waterbury, 1534 Block Road, PO Box 193, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: October 9, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 10, 17, 24 Dec 1, 2023  
WATERBURY 12-1-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000929**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sipsters Coffee Shop, 1900 Oro Dam Boulevard E Suite 4, Oroville, CA 95966  
Sipsters Coffee LLC, 130 Canyon Highlands Drive, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: October 30, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 10, 17, 24 Dec 1, 2023  
SIPSTERS 12-1-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000948**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Silo Candle Co, 2 E. Gridley Road Suite 233, CA 95948  
Mollie G Rudd, 1945 Indiana Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County: November 2, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 10, 17, 24 Dec 1, 2023  
SILO 12-1-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000873**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Chico Esthetics, 250 Vallombrosa Avenue, Suite #125, Chico, CA 95926  
Chico Esthetics, 250 Vallombrosa Avenue, Suite #125, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: October 5, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 10, 17, 24 Dec 1, 2023  
CHICO 12-1-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000951**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bapa's Market, 1920 Market Place Suite 120, Chico, CA 95928  
WILLJD, Inc, 2658 Lakewest Drive, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: November 6, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 30, 2023.  
This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023  
BAPAS 12-8-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000950**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Oroville Safe Lock and Door, 2130 Lincoln Street, Oroville, CA 95966  
Scott D Damon, 135 Lemon Hill, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: November 3, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 3, 2023.  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023  
OROVILLE 12-8-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000958**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Live Vine/Live Vine Vineyard & Winery, 652 Luds Way, Oroville, CA 95965  
Susan Smith and Shawn Smith, 652 Luds Way, Oroville, CA 95965  
Date filed in Butte County: November 8, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 1, 2017.  
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023  
LIVE 12-8-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000957**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Fulfilling Life's

Purpose, 2105 Forest Avenue Suite 120, Chico, CA 95928  
Daedalus Wilson and Kimberly Torres and Jodie Holland, 2105 Forest Avenue Suite 120, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: November 8, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 1, 2023.  
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023  
FULFILLING 12-8-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000762**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: EA Family Services – Butte Valley Strtp, 1229 Broadway Street, Richvale, CA 95974  
Environmental Alternatives, 350 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971  
Date filed in Butte County August 28, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 1, 2019  
This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023  
FAMILY 12-15-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000967**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Lorton Park Agricultural Consulting, 3095 Lorton Park Drive, Chico, CA 95928  
Richard W Sehorn, 3095 Lorton Park Drive, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County November 13, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on November 10, 2008  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023  
LORTON 12-15-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000955**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: L And L Landscapes Inc, 1935 Palermo Road, Palermo, CA 95968  
L And L Landscapes Inc, 1935 Palermo Road, Palermo, CA 95968  
Date filed in Butte County November 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: May 26, 2022  
This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023  
LANDSCAPES 12-15-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000969**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Warm Hearts, 429 California Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Kristina L Vieira, 429 California Street, Gridley, CA 95948 and Alisha M Lay, 481 Sage Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
Date filed in Butte County November 14, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 14, 2023  
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023  
WARM 12-15-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000954**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Oroville Powder Coating, 2842 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965  
Jerome M Johnson, 2842 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965  
Date filed in Butte County: November 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 26, 2023  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
OROVILLE 12-22-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000937**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Selbee Naturals, 60 Declaration Drive Suite A, Chico, CA 95973  
Joseph L Selby, 60 Declaration Drive Suite A, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: October 31, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 25, 2023  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
SELBEE 12-22-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000938**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Project Apiary, 60 Declaration Drive Suite A, Chico, CA 95973  
Joseph L Selby, 60 Declaration Drive Suite A, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: October 31, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 25, 2023  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
PROJECT 12-22-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000939**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bougie Bee, 60 Declaration Drive Suite A, Chico, CA 95973  
Joseph L Selby, 60 Declaration Drive Suite A, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County:

October 31, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 25, 2023  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
BOUGHIE 12-22-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000923**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Plumas House Board and Care, 1050 Plumas Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965  
Jaliden Vizcarra Pacis and Rochaine Cacho Pacis, 1048 Plumas Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965  
Date filed in Butte County: October 26, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 2023  
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
PLUMAS 12-22-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000913**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Mosiahs Convenience Store, 1900 Oro Dam Boulevard E Suite 2, Oroville, CA 95966  
Jahana M Daley, 1636 Pine Street Apt 1, Oroville, CA 95965  
Date filed in Butte County: October 23, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 22, 2023  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
MOSIAHS 12-22-23

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME – STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000972**  
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Smart Growth Advocates, 2468 Ivy Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Pamela Posey, 2024 W Sacramento Avenue, Chico, CA 95973 and Nancy McCune, 12679 Merritt Horning Road, Chico, CA 95928  
Original filing date: 11/15/2023; The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: An Unincorporated Assoc. Other Than a Partner.  
Date Filed in Butte County: November 15, 2023.  
This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County  
Publish: Sept December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
SMART 12-22-2023

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #23CV02756  
Petitioner Aiden Timothy Paul Cunningham filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

names as follows: Aiden Timothy Paul Cunningham to Cole Steven Bridges.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing December 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on October 6, 2023  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023  
CUNNINGHAM 12-8-23

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILLIAM CHILDS  
CASE NO. 22PR00405  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of William Childs or Bill Childs.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Heather Childs and Jason Childs, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Heather Childs and Jason Childs be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: December 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Heather Childs and Jason Childs, 367 Mary L Court, PO Box 1035, Biggs, CA 95917; 510-921-1195  
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CHILDS 12-8-23





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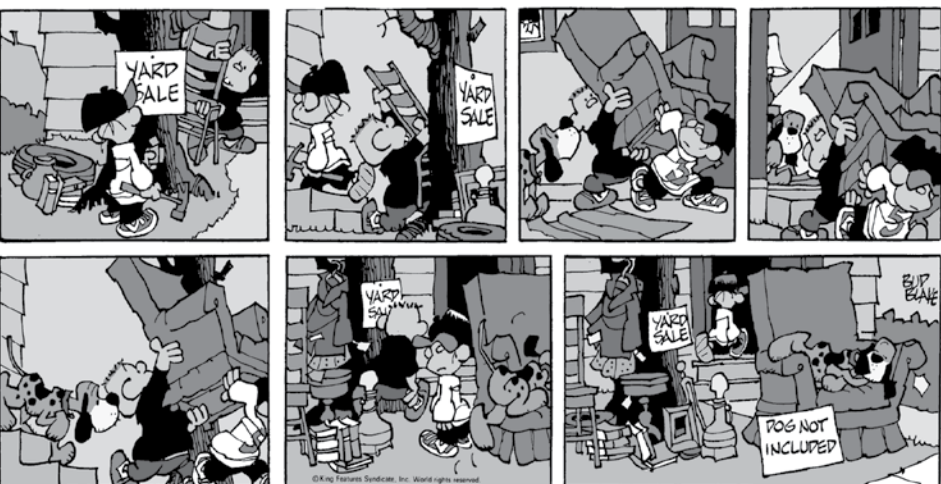
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- \*Result of multiplication
- \*Whole number
- \*Say 2+2 is 5, e.g.
- Arctic floater
- Dashboard acronym
- Fountain serving
- Spanky or Alfalfa
- Short for "hurry up"
- Live bait
- Turn upside down
- Cassette contents
- Retire from military, for short
- Jason's vessel
- Sicker
- \*Sight for \_\_\_\_ eyes
- Puppy cry
- Denver option, at a diner
- Apartment
- Green turtle's domain
- Final
- Personal trainer's place of employment
- \*Venn \_\_\_\_
- \*Point in 2.5
- Barrel racing meet
- Gobbled up
- On the rocks (2 words)
- \*Fields Medal to a mathematician, e.g.
- Sports official, for short
- 8 of something
- Like Gulf Stream
- Big bang maker
- Required things

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- Petri dish gel
- Carpenter's groove
- Dodge, as in tax bill
- Takes exception to
- Native Egyptian, in Roman times
- \*Line with one endpoint
- Path in the woods
- Left or right, e.g.
- Awestruck
- \*Three-dimensional figure with 6 square faces
- Palm reader, e.g.
- Cake with filling
- Three people?
- Neither here \_\_\_\_ there
- Subcontract (2 words)
- \*1,2, e.g.
- Sacred song
- Canada's favorite tree?
- "Nobody \_\_\_\_ It Better"
- Fix a cat
- First discovered asteroid
- \*Measured in degrees
- Parkinson's disease drug
- Banana remnant
- Between dawn and noon
- Brown shade
- Retread, past tense
- Non-alcoholic brew
- Rockefeller or Bezos
- Like today's phone
- Kind of pie
- No-win situation
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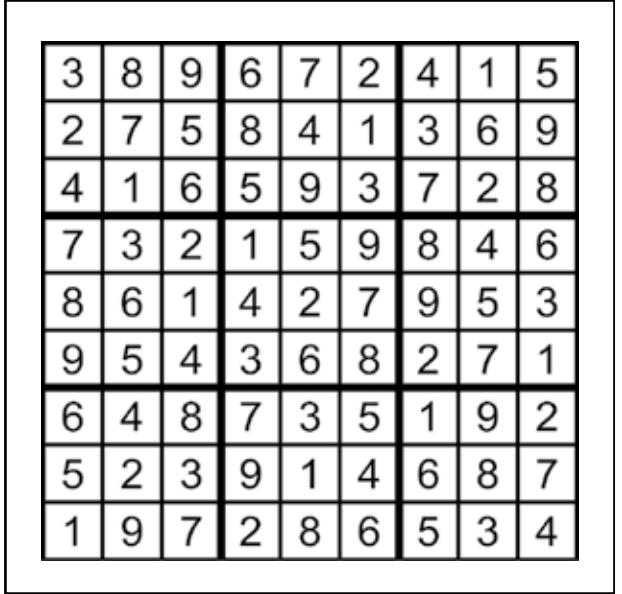
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# Second Half Momentum Pushes Tigers over Wolverines

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

**PORTOLA, CA (MPG)** - The Biggs Wolverines lost to the Portola Tigers 27-14 in the California Interscholastic Federation Northern Section Division V championship game on Wednesday, November 22.

Biggs took a near three-hour bus ride down the scenic route of Highway 70, with their city right behind them, showing full support in the stands in Portola.

In a game where people assumed it would be a ground and pound rushing attack, as both teams heavily favored the run, there were plenty of pass attempts that soared through the air.

The Tigers got on the scoreboard in the opening drive of the game as senior quarterback Tanner Carr found senior wide receiver Johnny Stewart on a 33-yard touchdown pass.

Prior to the point-after touchdown (PAT) being snapped, the Wolverines jumped offside to move the ball a yard-and-a-half up, and Portola was successful on the two-point conversion to take an 8-0 lead with a little under eight minutes to go in the first.

Biggs responded on the following possession with a seven-minute drive where senior running back Zach Smith scored on a six-yard rushing touchdown.

The Wolverines were unsuccessful on the two-point attempt, and Portola held the 8-6 advantage. Smith had 73 yards rushing on the night from 17 attempts.

The rest of the first half was scoreless as both defenses had fumble recoveries early in the second quarter, and Biggs senior wide receiver/defensive back Solomon Melendez intercepted a pass as the



Biggs senior running back Zach Smith (2) breaks to the right side on a rush attempt in the Wolverines 27-14 loss to Portola on Wednesday, November 22.



Biggs junior defensive back Brady Smith (19) makes a shoe-string tackle on Portola junior running back Magnus Berg (5) in the Wolverines 27-14 defeat to the Tigers on Wednesday, November 22.

Tigers were driving late in the second quarter.

At the half, the game was still

8-6 in favor of Portola.

The Wolverines were driving the ball to open the second half

and as they attempted a 34-yard field goal; it was blocked and returned for a touchdown, and the

Tigers sideline and cheering section erupted in cheers.

Momentum shifted in the game as Biggs quickly found themselves down 27-6 at the end of the third quarter after Portola added a 30-yard rushing touchdown by senior running back Cody Wilmer and a 20-yard passing touchdown from Carr to sophomore fullback Chris Garza.

Wolverines senior quarterback Brady Smith added a 14-yard rushing touchdown in the final couple minutes in the game, and senior running back Brody Hudson added the two-point conversion.

Brady completed seven passes for 79 yards in the air and 49 yards from rushing.

Biggs will lose 12 players from this season's roster due to graduation, but they bring back a good core of their talent including Brady, 2025 running back/linebacker Davis Long, 2025 tight end/linebacker Logan Harrison and 2025 wide receiver/defensive back Solomon Melendez.

Melendez led the Wolverines with four interceptions this season, and Brady finished right behind with three picks. Harrison and Long will be the two top returning tacklers next season for Biggs, and Long will look to add to his 2700-plus career rushing yards.

Wolverines head coach Brian Harrison is excited about the returning group he will have next season. Harrison took Biggs from the semifinals to the finals in the NS playoffs, so if the trend continues we could be talking about a different type of game next season.

Brian did tell the Herald that he can't wait to get started for next season and hopes to continue to build the Wolverines football program. ★

# Lady Lions Setting High Standards for Season

Story and photo  
by Steven Bryla

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The Live Oak Lady Lions soccer program started their 2023-24 season with an impressive 2-1 non-league victory over the Yuba City Lady Honkers on Monday, November 20.

Although Live Oak controlled the ball well for the majority of the game, Yuba City got on the scoreboard in the 25th minute when freshman Gloria Gutierrez Valverde scored from 20 yards out to give the Lady Honkers a 1-0 lead.

Yuba City had plenty of players playing out of position, and Lady Honkers head coach Jerry Schicht expressed to Messenger Publishing Group that his team is used to moving around the field on a consistent basis.

A perfect example of positional changes couldn't have

been more evident as Yuba City junior Audrey Wilson was called upon to step into the goalie box with an in-game substitution.

Wilson was able to make some key saves from the ruthless offense of Live Oak, and they notoriously kept putting pressure on Wilson throughout the night.

Wilson had four saves in the game, which included two penalty-shot saves before Lady Lions senior striker Mckayla Holman scored on a penalty kick in the 56th minute to tie the game at one.

Both Live Oak and the Lady Honkers had significant opportunities to go ahead within the final 15 minutes, but it was the Lady Lions who scored in the 89th minute as senior midfielder Lizabeth Topete fired a ball towards the net, and Wilson initially saved it but the



Live Oak freshman midfielder Isabella Tinoco (9) controls the ball in the Lady Lions 2-1 win over Yuba City on Monday, November 20.

heavy impact from the save pushed the momentum of the ball behind and it trickled behind Wilson into the back

of the net.

Live Oak head coach Jose Acosta told MPG that his roster is well-balanced this year and they are ready to make an impact this season after they came up short in the CIF Northern Section Division II final against University Prep and a first-round exit in the CIF Division V NorCal Championship tournament against Oakland Tech.

Key returners for the Lady Lions include Holman, senior defender Maya Goodson, and midfielder Johanna Petrone. Petrone and Holman were

the top two goal scorers and assists leaders in the CIF Northern Section last year.

Acosta added that his roster is looking for key contributions from senior midfielders Melissa Gutierrez and Topete as well to add to the leadership on the team.

For Yuba City, Schicht told MPG that he is looking at his returning defenders that include seniors Alexis Rose and Madeline Roy, and juniors Angela Berry and Rosa Barriga Valencia to make an impact on the field.

Schicht added that the

front line that has Gutierrez Valverde and senior captain Gabby Rojas is going to be a force for opposing defenses.

Schicht told MPG that his entire midfield and front line from last season is gone and they played significant minutes last season.

Both Acosta and Schicht told MPG they are excited about the youth they have on their roster.

Schicht expressed that sophomore twins Miya and Bella Basrai have started out their sophomore seasons with a promising future as they both have made it into the starting lineup this year.

Acosta told MPG that freshman midfielders Isabella Tinoco, Cecilia Caracheo and Nathalie Gutierrez will be impactful on the field for the Lady Lions this season.

Live Oak finished second in the Sacramento Valley League while Yuba City finished fifth in the Capital Valley Conference last season, which caused them to miss out on the postseason despite having 15 wins as a team last year.

The Lady Honkers are competing in the Oroville tournament this weekend.

All club soccer players returned to their high school teams this week as they finished up their club season last week. ★



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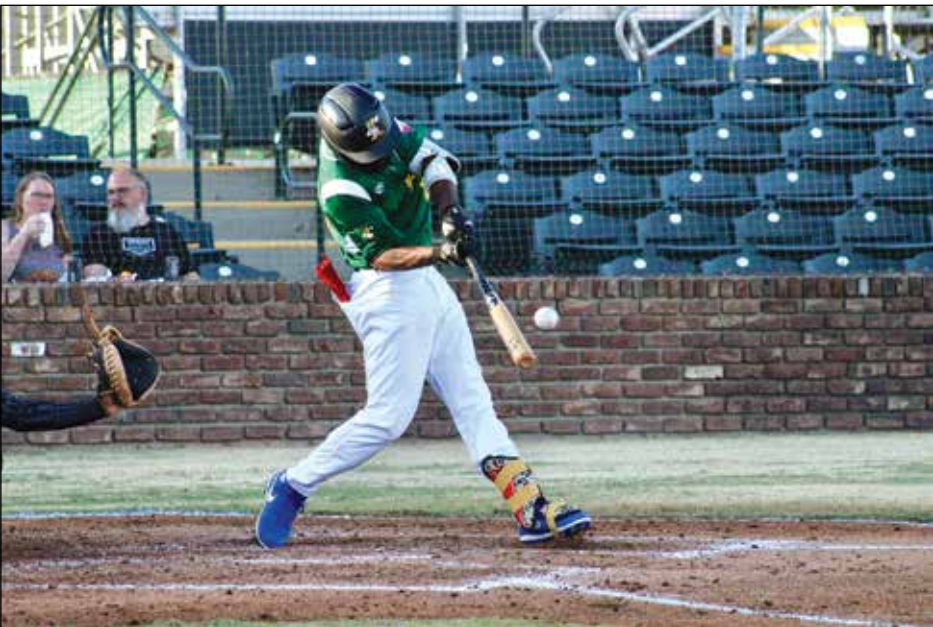


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# Drakes Hosting Meet and Greet in Yuba City



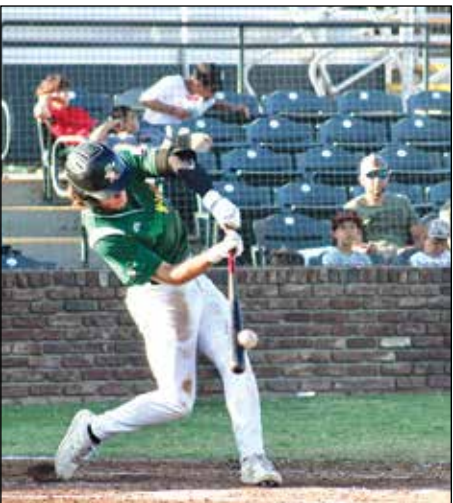
Marysville outfielder Lyndon Weaver hits a home run during the Drakes 2023 season.

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**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville Drakes are hosting a meet and greet on Wednesday, December 6, at the Pete’s Restaurant and Brewhouse located in Yuba City at 6 p.m.

The event is free to everyone and will present the opportunity to meet Marysville Manager Bill Rogan and Operations Manager Mike Williams. The 2024 season schedule will also be available for everyone to look at.

Rogan told Messenger Publishing Group the new 2024 uniforms will be on hand for everyone to view, as he designed



Marysville shortstop/pitcher Earl Johnson fields and throws a ball from shortstop during the Drakes 2023 season.

the “Hub City” uniforms.

Rogan expressed to MPG that they will be the most talked about uniforms in any baseball league with a laugh.

The Drakes begin spring training on May 13, 2024.

Rogan told MPG that Marysville will play a total of 54 games this season, and they will open up at Bryant Field against the Vallejo Seaweed on May 22, 2024.

Pete’s is located at 866 West Onslott Rd. in Yuba City. ★

Left: Marysville outfielder Drake Ayala connects with a ball during the Drakes 2023 season.

# Farm to Fork Foodies!

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is the world’s largest producer of the fruit.

Amber Bozzo “Mrs. B” representing McKinley School and prunes, happens to be both an educator and a farmer. She was joined by her husband, Matt Bozzo who is a local, 4th generation prune farmer, to present no-bake prune cookies guests. Mrs. B said, “It’s important as a grower in this area that children know that food doesn’t come from the store, it is grown. We have so many crops here in the state of California and in Gridley alone, so I think it’s important that everyone, including children, knows where their food comes from.”

Mr. Bozzo added that “less than 2% of the population is involved in agriculture” here in the states and that most people don’t “realize what crops are grown right in their backyard. This a great way to educate them on the rice, the walnuts, the almonds here.” He shared more statistics on local crops and how our area’s ag products supply a majority of the west coast and nation, such as his family’s crop, prunes.



Mr. and Mrs. Bozzo share their family’s legacy of prune farming with the attendees at the Fark to Fork dinner with some tasty treats made from the sweet purple fruit, at the recent Farm to Fork dinner.

Other fruits and vegetables featured were persimmons, lemons, green tomatoes, basil, and squash. Maggie Doherty of Esperanza School shared that they chose “squash because we felt it was a versatile vegetable that was inexpensive and had a lot of health benefits.” She added, “I think this event is really important because it brings the

community together and it showcases a different way of seeing vegetables and fruits that families may incorporate it more into their diet and eat healthier.”

If you missed out on this delectable evening, don’t despair. GUSD hasn’t ‘stuck a fork in it’. Hopes are for the Farm to Fork Dinner to return in 2024. ★

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