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Honorary Wreaths and Emerald Stars

Manzanita 4-H Dedicates Themselves to the Service of our Community



Manzanita 4-H's Emerald Star project members pictured left to right: Aliana Santillan, Gabriela Roque, Joe Schohr and Taetum

By Joe Schohr

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Manzanita 4-H members honored veterans at the 2023 Wreaths Across America event. At over 3,000 cemeteries, the Wreaths Across America Foundation honors the service, sacrifice, and loss of our country's veterans.

This year, Manzanita 4-H members were proud to work to honor more of our communities' veterans. Members Allianna Santillan, Gaby Roque, Joe Schohr, and Taetum Warfield worked closely with the Butte County 4-H to honor veterans in the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery through the Emerald Star Program.

The Emerald Star honors



Manzanita 4-H members laying wreaths on the graves of by Joe Schohr

a 4-H members' distinguished service to their community. As the highest service-based award the California 4-H can bestow upon its students, these members are honored to

be chosen after diligently working to seek donations for wreaths.

On Saturday, December 16th the county 4-H ambassadors joined us to assist in laying wreaths.

After, a ceremony by local service members community members assisted in performing the wreath laying ceremonies.

Allianna, Gaby, Joe, and Taetum set the goal of funding wreaths for all the veterans in the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. Unfortunately, they didn't meet their goal of honoring all 1,700 veterans in the cemetery. However, they are continuing to work towards their goal and are currently collecting donations for the 2024 event. With 2023, being the first year that this group worked to raise funds for the cemetery, they raised just over half of the total wreaths

> It is the group's goal to Continued on page 3

Agenda, Reports, Proposals, and Votes

By Teri Saya

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In the evening of Tuesday, January 16th, The Gridley City Council conducted their regular meeting. The public was invited to attend and participate. As of January 13th, the agenda was posted and available for public viewing at City Hall at 685 Kentucky St. as well as online at http://gridley.ca.us.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Farr. In attendance were Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson, City Councilmembers James Roberts, J Angel Calderon, and Catalina Sanchez.

There was a swearing in of two new city employees, Elisa Arteaga as city administrator and Martin Pineda as finance director.

Next was a community participation forum where any public citizen had the chance to address the council with a three-minute presentation not pertaining to agenda matters. No one came forward.

The consent agenda, which included the December 18th City Council minutes, the December 2023 expenditure report, and the reappointment of Planning Commissioners Ken Wolfe and Maria Espino, were voted upon and unanimously accepted.

Items for consideration

included a resolution of the Gridley City Council appointing representatives and an alternate representative for the Northern California Cities Self Insurance Fund (NCCSIF), a review and approval of fiscal year 20-21 audit reports, and a reinvestment of certificate of deposits.

Brad Bartellos of MUN CPAs auditing firm in Sacramento joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss the 20-21 audit. The 2020 and 2021 audit reports had been delayed due to COVID-19, information changes and staff availability. The audit was completed in December 2023. Other than being delayed, all audits had been consistent. This report was approved and accepted unanimously.

The Finance Director, Martin Pineda, recommended a CD reinvest in a three-year option at a 4.1% interest rate that is FDIC insured. He explained that the two-year option is at a slightly higher interest, but if the feds cut the percentage rate much lower after two years, then at least with the three year option, it's locked in at 4.1%. This recommendation was approved and accepted unanimously. The Gridley City Council

meeting adjourned until February 5, 2024.

Oroville Man Found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity in Murder of his Mother

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) -

A Butte County Superior Court judge found an Oroville man to be legally insane at the time he used a shotgun to kill his mother. Previously on December 20, 2023, Andrew Nathan Iles, 35, pleaded guilty to a count of murder and admitted he used a shotgun to commit the crime. The insanity finding at the time of the murder ruled out a prison sentence but subjects Iles to a possible lifetime commitment to a state hospital.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the murder charge stemmed from a January 5, 2022, incident where Iles was in an argument with his

stepfather and his mother, Susan Hill, 58. Iles had

accused his parents of altering a shotgun he had. His parents denied it, and Iles went outside, shooting off a round to determine if the gun was functioning properly. After firing a round, Iles appeared satisfied and apologized to his stepfather before his stepfather left for

A few hours later, however, Iles called 911, telling dispatchers he had shot his mother. Deputies arrived on scene shortly after receiving the 911 call, contacted Iles, and discovered Iles shot his mother at close range, using a shotgun.

When questioned by law enforcement, Iles admitted to killing his mother because he believed she had been poisoning him and putting skin irritants on him to make him suffer. He also told detectives he attempted

life-saving measures on his

mother after he called 911.

Iles is an Air Force veteran with no previous criminal record. He was honorably discharged in 2010 and returned to Oroville to live with his mother and stepfather. After his return home, Iles suffered from paranoid thoughts and delusions, believing the government

and others, including his mother, were trying to kill him. Iles was ultimately diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia while seeking mental health treatment through the Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Chico. Iles had been prescribed medication to treat his schizophrenia, but he stopped taking it before the shooting. In a recent national investigathrough the VA: https:// www.propublica.org/ article/when-veterans-cantaccess-the-psychiatric-carethey-need.

Iles was evaluated by three separate court-appointed psychologists. Two of the three doctors agreed that Iles was legally insane at the time of the murder. The prosecution and defense submitted all three reports to the court as evidence. Taking the reports under submission, Judge Jesus Rodriguez determined Iles was legally insane at the time of the shooting. Iles is next due in court

on February 7, 2024, for the court to determine where he should be housed to receive treatment.

Absent a state hospital psychiatric clearance in the future, Iles faces a potential life term in the state hospital system.

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ProPublica, it was claimed

Iles had difficulty estab-

lishing consistent care with

a mental health provider

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The New Pi-Line

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By Josh F.W. Cook

In random and varied conversations in the last three months, people I know have strung together jumbles of words with a message, "Democracy is not really that great." It annoys me, but they are not alone in this opinion; among people under 25 years of age, freedom of speech, freedom of religious expression, and free markets as the basis for commerce are less and less held as non-essential values. My disdain for this train of thought was nourished and reinvigorated as I walked the halls of the World War II Museum in New Orleans this month. The German Socialists (Nazis) were very open about their desire to simply murder every group they could not control or profit from. Hundreds of thousands of Japanese people, not just military members, had been indoctrinated to the point that they would rather die than surrender. They lived (and died) with a philosophy that rejected the concept that all people are equal - and individuals consent to be a part of

a government; instead, the

cally elected) was a level above them, and he was to be obeyed. The Soviet Socialists murdered more of their people than the German Socialists as they rose to power in Russia and the Baltic states. This is all real, and the museum in New Orleans holds the truth in the light - to be seen. Socialists seek power and control, and they would have taken the world if not for the ideals and values of America and Britain. Now, the slow roll of Socialism via the self-loathing government education system is having the desired effect. More and more Americans are less interested in individual rights, freedom, and democracy. As a current example, North Korea imposed a sweeping 'anti-reactionary thought' law that made watching South Korean entertainment punishable by death. In December 2022, two teenagers in North Korea were executed by firing squad for watching and selling films from South Korea. Another group of teens was sentenced to 12 years of forced labor (7 days a week) for listening to music. Socialism leads to death, poverty, enslavement, and suffering while promising equality and fairness. Socialism today in Central and South America is why millions of people are jammed up at the southern border even though more people have been allowed

to cross over in the last six months than at any time in United States history, again because of Socialists pushing them out of their homes. What I just wrote, if written and published in Venezuela, Russia, or North Korea, would cause me to be arrested and killed. You would be arrested for reading what I wrote. American-style freedom is incredible and unprecedented in world history. The visit to the World War II Museum and the events worldwide as of late are sobering, meaningful, and thought-provoking. Many years ago, I took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. I swore to it at the CA National Guard Headquarters with my wife and children looking on. That oath and its importance have only gotten heavier over time. The reason I took up writing a newspaper column was because I wanted to support the 1st Amendment; I keep arms and occasionally "bear" them because I support the 2nd Amendment. We should do whatever we can do for freedom, democracy, and the Constitution because Socialism and all of its documented terrors are what await us if we

Josh F.W. Cook is a Chaplin and father of five children; opinions expressed here are solely his.

give up.

Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District Letter

Dear Cherished Families,

On behalf of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District Board of Trustees and staff, we regret to inform you of an incident that occurred Friday, January 12, 2024, during a burial service, where vehicles attempting to exit the Cemetery were seen driving across Section 3, Blocks 1 & 2 of the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District. Staff's attempts to stop the driver were unsuccessful. However, photographs were captured, and we urge the driver(s) to come forward.

Staff contacted the Butte County Sheriff Department & Gridley Police Department to make reports of the recklessness & public intoxication taking place at the Cemetery. Dispatch sent out Highway patrol officers, Sheriff deputies and Gridley Police Officers. Thankfully, NO HEADSTONES/MONUMENTS were damaged in this careless act and minor grave repairs will be addressed by staff as they present. Law enforcement will continue investigating and ask anyone with information to please contact the Butte County Sheriff Department.

Per posted signs at the cemetery, No vehicles on lawns. We would like to remind the public that this is home to many of our deceased loved ones in the community. Our staff takes great pride in its appearance as all beautification of the grounds are done by the District employees. Please be respectful when visiting the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District. This is your Cemetery, please help us to educate other to keep it neat & clean.

Please feel free to contact us via email at gridleybiggscemetery@yahoo.com should you have any questions on this matter or stop by our office to see Angie during normal office hours Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm (closed from 12:00 to 1:00pm for lunch).

Sincerely,

Angie Cote,
District Manager/Clerk of the Board

\$1.75 Million Settlement for Cannabis Cultivator's Environmental Violations

CDFW News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A Humboldt County Superior Court judge approved a settlement that requires a cannabis cultivator to pay \$1.75 million for building and diverting water from illegal onstream reservoirs without first obtaining permits required by the California Water Boards and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

The settlement, which was reached after a lengthy investigation, resolves violations by Joshua Sweet and his companies, The Hills LLC and Shadow Light Ranch LLC, that include: the owner's destruction of wetland habitat and stream channels; conversion of oak woodland to grow cannabis; and failure to work with the State Water Resources Control Board, North

Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and CDFW to satisfy permitting requirements.

"It is critical for all cannabis cultivators to be environmentally responsible and protect California's water supply and water quality," said Taro Murano, program manager for the State Water Board's Division of Water Rights cannabis enforcement section. "Sweet chose to operate his business while ignoring regulations designed to protect the environment. He must now remediate the environmental damage he caused and pay a significant penalty. No one should get a business advantage by ignoring the law and harming the environment."

More information on cannabis enforcement is available on the State Water Board and CDFW websites. ★



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We at Gridley Recreation would like to extend our deepest thank you to all the support we received in 2023. From our Sports Leagues, summer Camps, Fishing Day and Breakfast with Santa; we appreciate each and everyone of you! Whether you were a sponsor or simply an attendee we cannot thank you enough for joining us this past year. We hope to see everyone at our programs & events this year, Cheers to an even better 2024!

A special thank you to the people & organizations that helped bring holiday cheer to our Breakfast with Santa Event 2023:

The Gridley Lions Club
GUSD & GHS
Gridley V.F.W 5731
GHS CSF Students
Sycamore CJSF Students
Edson & Vicki
Tressie
Quota Club
Edward Jones
Caldwell Enterprise Inc

Knights of Columbus Memories by Morris Valorie S.

Sandra S. Sonia Z.

Calvary Chapel of Gridley

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Senior Program Members: Sissy, Jeanette, Pat, Dave & Liz



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MEMORIAL

CRYSTAL ELLEN MEEKS • 7/11/1978 - 1/14/2024

Crystal Ellen Meeks, 45 of Biggs, CA passed away peacefully on January 14th 2024 around 4:44 pm surrounded by her loving family and friends. Crystal grew up in the Biggs/Richvale area, lived in Yuba City her adult life. She worked for Dr. Dean Richins. enjoyed house sitting, and care taking. Her free time was spent at the Church of Glad Tidings where she helped out in the children's ministry. 40 Days For Life was



another activity she participated in. Crystal will be dearly missed and always remembered.

Crystal is survived by her Mother Mary Meeks, Father Gary Meeks, Brother John Meeks (Amanda), Niece Alicia (Eddie, Great Niece Ellie), Nephews Caleb (Allison), Tyler.

We request all of Crystal's loved ones join us in a celebration of life on February 3rd 11:30am @ Church of Glad Tidings 1179 Eager Rd. Live Oak, Ca 95953.

Contributions in Memory of Crystal can be made to:

40daysforlife.com and Church of Glad Tidings Children's Ministry

For more information call (530) 846-3264



194 Washington Street, Gridley CA 95948

Honorary Wreaths and Emerald Stars

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double their numbers annually, and to do that they need the support of the Gridley-Biggs community. If you have a family member that served in any branch of the military and would like a wreath to be laid on their grave or would just like to honor a veteran in our community, please consider donating for the 2024 year. Checks can be made out to Wreaths Across America and mailed to Manzanita 4-H at 1880 Sandhill Crane CT Gridley, CA 95948.

American Legion Contestant to Move to Area Competition



Pictured is Ryan Taranto and District Contest Coordinator David Price. Photo courtesy of Owen Stiles

By Owen Stiles

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Ryan Taranto, a Gridley HS Junior, competed at both the Post level on January 6 and the District level of the American legion Oratorical Contest this past January 20th.

Ryan will represent District 4 at the Area Level in two weeks in Elk Grove, CA. His oration is on the Second Amendment of the Constitution.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest, a high school speech contest

on the U.S. Constitution, awards scholarships at the Post level, District level, Area level, State level and National level. The contestants present a rehearsed 8 to 10-minute oration on an aspect of the Constitution in front of judges, as well as a 3 to 5-minute speech on an assigned topic discourse — a phase of the Constitution selected from its Articles and Sections.

The American Legion South Butte Post 210 is very proud of Ryan and his accomplishments and wish him further success. ★

Live Oak Young Man to Serve in Argentina

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Charles (Chuck) Goodman will serve as a full-time missionary in the Argentina Buenos Aires North Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints. He will begin missionary and Spanish language training at home, and then transfer to the Missionary Training Center in Mexico City. He will serve for two years.

Goodman will address his home congregation, Liberty 1st Ward, on Sunday, January 28 at 10:00am at 1259 French Avenue in Gridley. His parents are Clayton and Stephanie Goodman.



Chuck Goodman will serve as a full-time missionary in the Argentina Buenos Aires North Mission. Photo by Melanie Little

Vitalant Encourages Donors to Help Ease the Blood Shortage

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The holidays are typically a time of decreased blood donations, so the upcoming Vitalant blood drive is a time to catch up on the blood supply. Vitalant seeks to maintain a 3-4day supply, but currently supply stands at 1-2 days.

Bring a friend and donate blood on Tuesday, January 30 from 2:15pm - 6:00pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 400 Spruce Street in Gridley. Walk-ins are welcome, and appointments



Melissa Thao (L) and Groverlee Dahl participate in a local Vitalant blood drive. Photo by Cindy Sco

receive priority. Please vitalant.org. Refreshments make appointments at will be served.

Butte College SBDC In-Person **Business Trainings**

Businesses (Orland)

This 4-part training series provides essential information to individuals thinking about starting a business and new business owners (in business

one year or less). Topics include: Legal Requirements, Market Analysis, Cost Analysis, Funding Your Business, and Overview of the Business Plan - bringing it all together. You will learn the legal requirements for starting your business, how to assess your market and plan for direction, how to obtain funding, types of funding available, calculate start-up costs, and best practice for completing

Dates: Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2024 Time: 9:00am - 11:00am Location: 1366 Cortina Dr, Room 125, Orland Cost: Free

Financial Management Series for Existing Businesses (Oroville)

This 4-weeks series is designed to teach you how to utilize your financial statements to better manage and understand your business operations, cash flow, and profitability. Focus includes: interpreting and understanding your financial statements (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet) hands- on exercise and case study; identifying cash flow cycle and how it impacts your business; learning how to calculate & use financial ratios to troubleshoot fiscal dangers, and analyzing trends to improve business performance; using financial tools to make good business decisions for effective spending & break-even analysis; knowing how to think critically when looking at pricing & costs;

and developing forecasts and budgetary tools and techniques to improve profit. **Dates:** Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2024 **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am **Location:** 1566 Huntoon St, Oroville **Cost:** Free

Practical QuickBooks for New Users – 4 Weeks, 2hours per Week (Red Bluff)

Accurate bookkeeping is critical to the success of any business. This QuickBooks Series is for entrepreneurs and business owners in the beginning stage of bookkeeping (i.e., planning, have not yet purchased their system, or have purchased but not using). The trainer will guide you through the basics of accounting from identifying the best QuickBooks version for your business, to setting up your system, managing accounts, and using financial reports to manage your day-to-day activities. Series includes 4 focus areas:

Week 1 - March 7: Accounting Basics & Getting Started with QuickBooks

Week 2 – March 14: Setting up Items and Creating Forms

Week 3 - March 21: Accounts Receivable Week 4 – March 28: Accounts Payable, Banking Reconciliations, and Reports

Dates: Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 2024 **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am **Location:** 724 Main Street, Red Bluff **Cost:** \$50 per person for entire 4 weeks series

Branding Your Business (Orland)

If you are planning to grow your business, brand clarity is a must! Focusing on your customers and target audience are vital to the success of your branding. We will define the meaning of branding, discuss branding ideas and tips, the difference between branding and marketing, why branding is important to your business and customers, how to create your brand and a branding plan, and how to successfully measure the results. **Date:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am

Location: 1366 Cortina Dr., Chico Cost: Free

To Register for Trainings CALL: (530) 895-9017 REGISTER HERE: https://www.buttecollegesbdc.com/events/











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Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church

Be God's letter to others. Not written in ink but by the Spirit of God. Don't be so busy what is right that you forget the Spirit of doing.

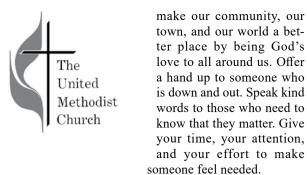
How can you do that? We need to listen and respond to God's "nudges" and become a "God wink" to those

around us. We don't have to be a "somebody" for God to love and use us to spread His love and mercy.

A child can put a smile on your face after a hard day. A homeless man can put a skip in your step after a tough event. A short, grey haired, old lady can put new hope in your mind by writing a column for a local newspaper. God uses us for what He has planned. We just have to open our hearts, minds, and our lives to being God's earthly

We all know that actions speak louder than words. How we treat people says so much more than a word spoken. God wants us to be "doers" of the word not just speakers. Practice what you preach. Do as you say. Be God's physical letter.

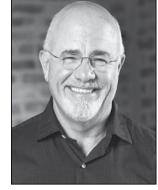
As this year progresses into a new beginning, let's all think and plan for ways to



We at the Gridley United Methodist Church have for many years have offered a Blessing Box for those who need food, blankets, bibles, and other necessities. All of our people can do the same. Give to those in need. Place a coat or blanket on a man or woman cold from the weather. Be available to be used by God.

But, most of all make people feel wanted, needed, and valued. All of us are God's children. We are His and He cares for us. Show God's love and be His blessings to all around you.

The Gridley United Methodist Church has activities like the Blessing Box that you could join us in being God's messengers to all those around us. We meet every Sunday at 10 am. We call always use more to spread His love. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street.



Be Fair, But Firm

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have run our own small business for nearly 10 years. Our largest client, who is also a friend, is almost three months behind on the bill. He has always been good in the past about paying on time, but we work on a 30-day payment period. Can you give us any advice on how we should handle

Melissa

Dear Melissa,

In my mind, there's no reason to level accusations or make threats in a situation like this. There are personal dynamics involved, and my guess is he's probably not trying to outright cheat you.

If it were me, I'd go to his office or ask him out to lunch, and then have a friendly sit-down talk. Listen to what he has to **Dave Ramsey Says**

say about being so far behind with his bill, but at the same time you need to let him know that you can't function as his bank. You're a small business, and you need your money. Some kind of understanding and agreement have to be reached.

For starters, a fair request would be asking him to help things along by trying as best he can to get current on his bill as soon as possible. At the very least, he needs to do something to reduce the amount owed within 10 days. You've provided services for him, and you're owed money that's long past due, so there's nothing wrong with this. I'd also establish an understanding that once he's caught up on the past due amount that all payments for services going forward will be due within 14 days after delivery.

Now, he may not like this. If he pushes back too hard, you may have to switch to a cash-only basis with payment due on delivery. If it were me, and he didn't like any of these options, I'd politely suggest he take his business elsewhere.

Like I said, he's probably not a bad guy, just another small business person who's disorganized. That's not an uncommon thing. But you definitely need to correct this behavior before it gets any further out of hand. You've got a business and a livelihood to think about, too!

– 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 Ramsey **Solutions**

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

I'm taking it easy during the cold and wet time. In the past I would go out when it wasn't raining and get things cut back. At this time, I'm waiting for little higher temperatures so my yard is a bit more raggedy. In the meantime, I'm playing inside with clay. I've been doing handmade pottery for about a year. I've made several bonsai pots. These are not traditional

pots. The newest one has sow bugs clustered in two places. I have some small pots with caterpillars, snails, and praying mantis. There are also frogs, lizards and fish. There is also a garden totem stake. It is six feet tall. It consists of various clay shapes and some rusted metal from pipes to tractor brake drums. This stack has many snails. Now working on garden items which I call potstickers. Little creatures on sticks to put into potted plants. One fish and one bird are finished. Others are ready for bisque firing. This newest hobby is restful and quite wonderful.

As soon as there are some dry days, I'll do the second spraying of the peaches for defending

against Peach Leaf Curl. If you haven't sprayed yet, get it done you still have time. I planted a Kumquat last year in a pot. It has a great crop for its' size. They are full of sweet-tart goodness. My paperwhites in the back have been blooming since the beginning of December. More keep opening. beautiful to see. My miniature daffodils have green showing. They'll be up before I know it. I love bulbs. Ground Hog Day is almost here. I'm thinking our area will have an end to winter. There are already a lot of buds pushing out on various vines and trees. I like the cool weather but I'll be ready for warmth

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Dud was awfully quiet all through the daily dissemination of anything on page one of the Valley Weekly Miracle, which wasn't like him at all. Just sucked down caffeine and silently shook his head now and then.

"Anita okay, Dud?" "Oh ... sure, Doc."

He nodded, then looked up with a wistful, philosophical look that our guys don't usually get until after the buttered toast. "Sometimes," he said, "I think it's pearls before swine, that's all."

"Pearls before Swine"



"You okay?"

We waited.

"Music, I mean. You "What's wrong with

know how you practice and practice and then you get good enough to actually do something? Well, I took the accordion and went to the accordion festival to compete ... well, you know I'm not really that bad any more..."

"You're getting pretty darn good on that thing, Dud." "Thanks, Steve. Well,

we drove down to the capital and I got in the competition and did okay. Placed third in polka. I played that new piece. It's kinda hard because it has those minor bass buttons in it and it took me forever to learn not to miss them.

"It was after that. You see, I put the accordion back in the car and we went in for a lunch they gave everyone."

"I forgot to lock the car. We were halfway through lunch when Anita asked me if I'd locked the car and then it hit me that I might not have locked it. She insisted I run right out and check and that's what I did. And that's when I lost my faith in human

beings." "Oh, Dud," Doc said, "someone stole your

accordion? "No, it was still there in the back seat. But someone had put two more in there with it."

He shook his head. "Pearls before swine."

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Imperial Valley Farm Harvests Jalapeños as Sriracha Supplies Improve

A vegetable farmer in the Imperial Valley has pulled off an improbable feat that may be helping to solve an urgent supply shortage—at least for those who crave some extra heat in their rice, soup, noodles or stir-fry. If you tried to buy a bottle of Huy Fong Foods' Sriracha in recent years, you may have gone home emptyhanded. The company shuttered its processing plant in 2022 after running out of its key ingredient: fresh jalapeños. Now, Huy Fong is in production again, and a mystery buyer contracted massive quantities of the pepper from Imperial Valley grower Alex Jack of Jack Brothers, Inc. Farmers are Turning to Automation

for Transplanting

With farm labor costs increasing, growers continue to look to automation to do jobs traditionally done by people. In vegetable farming, equipment commonly used to plant delicate seedlings still requires a crew. Manufacturers of fully automated transplanters want to change that, and early adopters such as Yolo County farmer Ray Yeung say the machines are ready for prime time, though they may be cost prohibitive for some farms.

Yeung was the first in California to acquire the

Agriplanter by Agriplant, one of several fully

automated models now used in the state.

Desert Lettuce Trials Show Promise for Shallow Drip Irrigation

Desert lettuce growers may be able to save more than 10 inches of water by converting to shallow buried drip irrigation. Two years into a three-year study, University of California Cooperative Extension Irrigation and Water Management Advisor Ali Montazar said shallow irrigation paired with high-tech moisture sensors have shown promise for significantly reducing water and nitrogen use. Preliminary results show that converting to drip does not significantly affect yield. And Montazar said drip produces higher quality lettuce by reducing disease pressure. Report: Fresh Produce Supply Chain

Still Faces Challenges

Global challenges, including weather extremes, geopolitical tensions and a decreasing and more expensive workforce continue to affect players along the fresh produce supply chain, including growers and suppliers of fruits, vegetables, nuts and flowers. These observations were reported by RaboResearch Food and Agribusiness, a market research division of Rabobank, in its report, "The state of the global fresh produce industry." Blueberries were especially hard hit, the report said, noting that the berry was absent last fall in many U.S. supermarkets.



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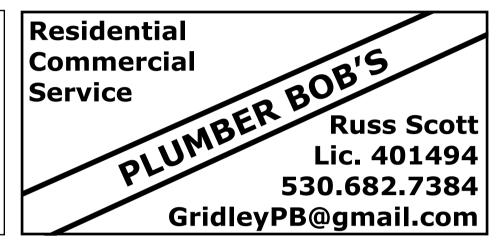
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Date filed in Butte County: December 19, 2023, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 2,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001042 The following person(s) are doing business as: Chico Nails and Beauty, 968 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Tin Thanh Nguyen, 2777 Eaton Road #83. Chico. CA 95926 and David Minh Le, 2189 Huntington Drive, Chico, CA 95928 Date filed in Butte County:

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1-26-2024 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000003 The following person(s) are business as: 1550 Humboldt Aesthetics, Road Suite 6, Chico, CA 95928 1550 Atrium Nursing Inc., Humboldt Road Suite 6, Chico, Date filed in Butte County:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001069 The following person(s) are doing business as: Warm Hearts, 429 California Street, Gridley,

Warm Hearts Caregiving LLC, 429 California Street, Gridlev. CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: 29, 2023. December The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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December 15, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2013

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Erica Estella Brubaker and Todd Wayne Brubaker, 3 Satsuma Court, Oroville, CA 95966 Date filed in Butte County:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000032 The following person(s) are doing business as: Feather River Properties, 2210 5th Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966 Don F Miller, 55 Millow Court.

Date filed in Butte County:

January 10, 2024. Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 10.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000005 The following person(s) are doing business as: Swallowtail Quilts, 95 Beaver Road, Oroville,

Carol J Kampstra, 95 Beaver Road, Oroville, CA 95966

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000021 The following person(s) are doing business as: Reylyns House Room and Board, 1720 16th Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Jorlyn Manuel Pacis and Rey Aldrin Pacis, 1720 16th Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Date filed in Butte County: January 8, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2024 This Business is conducted by:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000042 The following person(s) are doing business as: Mas Amor Mexican Food, 300 Broadway Street #A3, Chico, CA 95928 Mas Amor Mexican Food LLC. 25379 3rd Avenue, Los Molinos, CA 96055

Date filed in Butte County: 11, 2024. Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 10, 2024

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000050 The following person(s) are doing business as: RRA Builders, 1201 Bille Road, Paradise, CA

Reconstruction & Recovery Advisors Inc, 1201 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000022 The following person(s) are doing business as: Erlmon Room and Board, 1817 5th Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Erlinda Cortez Duldulao, 1817 5th

Date filed in Butte County January 8, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A.

Street, Oroville, CA 95965

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000053 The following person(s) are doing business as: Prime Triangle Tutoring, 1617 Arbutus, Chico, CA 95926 Eric B Chancellor, 1617 Arbutus,

Chico, CA 95926 Date filed in Butte County: January 16. 2024. Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000059 The following person(s) are doing business as: A Stitch Above, 2050 Lincoln Street, Oroville, CA 95966

Crowder and Lori Steve PO Box 1327, Crowder, Paradise, CA 95967 Date filed in Butte County: January 17, 2024. Registrant commenced to trans-act business under the above business name on: May 5, 2013. 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: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 2024 2-16-24 STITCH

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV03529

Petitioner Leilani Kayla Vasquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kayla Leilani Vasquez to Kayla Leilani Pizarro-

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 February 21, 2024, 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 December 21, 2023 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 2024 VASQUEZ

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV03528

Petitioner Raeven Maxine Barrett filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

follows: Raeven Barrett to Raeven Maxine Maxine Pizarro-Vasquez

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 February 21, 2024, 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 December 21, 2023

Tamara :/ Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 1-26-24 BARRETT

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Chico Man Sentenced to Probation for Bizarre Assault

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - At a sentencing hearing yesterday in Butte County Superior Court, Daniel Mason Clark, 49, of Chico, was sentenced to a two-year term of probation for his bizarre assault with his truck on an unsuspecting pedestrian in Chico.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the incident occurred on April 15, 2023, near the Esplanade and Lassen Avenue when Clark intentionally turned his Ford Ranger truck into a 39-year-old male pedestrian walking on the sidewalk alongside the Esplanade. The victim suffered minor injuries to his right foot. Clark then armed himself with a chain and rocks and continued to pursue the victim on foot before Chico police arrived and arrested Clark. Clark told police he was seeking revenge on the victim for an alleged prior incident at a recent party. The victim informed officers he had never met Clark before.

At the sentencing hearing, Clark's

attorney said Clark had been struggling with recent mental health and substance abuse issues before the incident. Evidence was presented of attempts by Clark to address his then rapidly declining mental state by him contacting local emergency services for a psychiatric evaluation.

Butte County Superior Court Judge Corie Caraway granted Clark a two-year term of probation citing Clark's lack of any criminal history and recent mental health challenges. In exchange, Clark agreed to waive his 264 days of custody credits for his time in custody since he was arrested on April 15, 2023, and stipulated that should he violate his probation he would receive an upper term of four years

As part of his probation, Clark was ordered to a residential treatment program to complete psychiatric testing and

Ramsey said the Department of Motor Vehicles will be notified of the conviction which will cause a lifetime revocation of Clark's driving privileges.

Burglary and Vehicle Pursuit End in Arrests

Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Monday, January 15, 2024, at approximately 8:25 a.m., BCSO deputies responded to a report of a burglary at a business in south Chico. During an investigation, deputies discovered a vehicle and trailer had been stolen from the business.

Deputies located the stolen vehicle in Oroville and attempted a traffic enforcement stop. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Brandon Swift, age 31 of Oroville, and his passenger, Krystal Shelton, age 20 of Oroville, fled in the vehicle. Deputies pursued the vehicle for a short distance, but canceled the pursuit due to the public safety risk. Deputies later located the vehicle abandoned in the area of 7th Avenue, in Oroville.

Swift and Shelton were ultimately located a short distance from the abandoned stolen vehicle. Swift and Shelton were found in possession of a firearm, ammunition, stolen property from the business, as well as heroin, and burglary tools.

Swift was arrested on several charges to include burglary, felony evading, being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and vehicle theft. Shelton was arrested for possession of burglary tools. Both were booked into the Butte County Jail.



LOCAL FISHING

Rancho Seco; a great place for winter fishing. Families will enjoy this 160 acre impound. Electric motors okay. Planted with catchable hatchery rainbows [12-31-2023 and 1-6-2024]. Rig up the kids hooks with Power Bait, or Nightcrawlers.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Berkeley and Emeryville, rock fishing ended on Dec. 31, 2023. Halibut season opens on March 1, 2024. California Delta/Sherman Island; lots of legal stripers on the bite. Still fishing...Try: Cut Bait. (b) Trolling...Try; Swim Bait. (b)



Swim Bait

COASTAL WATERS

Monterey Bay. December 31, 2023, last rock fish party boat success. Twenty anglers caught 200 rock fish, 10- Bonita, and 3- Lingcod. Try: Cut Bait. (b) Note: season reopens on May 1, 2024. San Francisco Coast; sportsmen allowed to use crab pots. Getting limits of 3 lb. Dungeness Crabs at 140ft deep. Try: Chicken Legs. (b) Note: Commercial boats ongoing full limits of nice Dungeness Crabs.

LAKES RESERVOIRS

Lake Amador; nice rainbows to 15.22 lbs. Try: Nightcrawlers. (b) Pyramid Lake/Nev. Lahontan Cutthroat trout bite slowing down. Should improve with warmer weather. Fly fishing... Try: Popcorn Beetle. (a) Trolling...Try: Panther Martin. (a) Lake Berryessa;



Panther Martin

Kayakers net 11 rainbows to 5 lbs. Try: Spoons. (b) Bullards Bar Reservoir; oodles of Kokes caught. Trolling...Try: Kokanee Cut Plug. (b) Davis Lake Ice Report: Air temp. 21 degrees. Ice starting to form, should be good February 2024.

RIVERS

Truckee River; 18"-20" rainbows are biting. Try: Stone Fly. (b) Sacramento and Feather Rivers: Tons of striped bass are staging in the Delta, will be moving into the rivers soon. American River below Nimbus Fish Hatchery, turning out nice chromies (steelies). Limit 2hatchery steelhead. Possession 4. Try: Little Cleo. (b)

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Are You Prepared to Evacuate in an Emergency?

When stuff hits the fan and you need to flee your home, being organized is the best way to protect your home and family.

If there comes a time when you have to abandon your house, an emergency probably won't give you enough time to gather essentials and take steps to limit property damage. Getting all of your ducks in a row before disaster strikes is the best

Evacuations in the U.S. are more common than most people realize, according to FEMA. Natural disasters aside, people are forced to leave their homes hundreds of time a year because of transportation and industrial accidents.

Here's a list of things you can prepare now in case your home is ever in harm's wav:

filling bags on the fly, two adults can create the wall in about an hour.

Have a grab-and-go kit. Include essential supplies, such as water, food, and first-aid supplies.

What to Put In Your Emergency Preparedness Kit

• Your driver's license. • The deed to your house. • Proof of insurance. • Medical records. · Passports. · Social security cards. · A list of personal contacts.

Safeguard pets. Make sure they're micro-chipped and have I.D. collars. Create pet grab-and-go kits that include leashes, medications, meal bowls, and three days worth of food and water

Know your utility shutoffs. Learn now how to safely shut off all utility services in your home. FEMA has tips for shutting off electricity, water, and gas. Note: To turn off gas you may need a special Stock pile sand bag materials. If you live in a flood prone area, keep sandbags on hand or the

When it's Time to Evacuate

materials to make them. It takes 100 sandbags to create a 1-foot-tall wall that's 20 feet long. If you're

Before you pick up and go (and if you have enough time) follow these steps - they're designed to protect your pets and help prevent property damage:

Shut off utilities. Turn off electricity, water, and gas. Doing so will help prevent additional dangers including flooding, fire, and explosions. Keep in mind, you're going to need the utility company to turn your gas back on when you return home.

Protect indoor stuff. Move valuables to higher levels in your home to prevent water damage. As an extra measure, wrap electronics and furniture in sheets, blankets, or plastic drop cloths.

Gather up pets. If it's not safe for you to stay, it's not safe for Fido. Make plans to stay with friends or at a pet-friendly hotel - most emergency shelters will only accept service animals that assist people

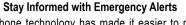
Lock your house. Because crooks and looters take advantage of evacuations, lock all doors and windows and don't leave house keys in an obvious place, such as a mailbox.

Important Stuff to Remember

Whether the order is voluntary or mandatory, if officials in your area tell you to evacuate, you should do so before things get worse. Although laws vary from area to area, you may receive a hefty fine or face a jail sentence if you don't follow a mandatory evacuation order.

Failure to follow an evacuation order can place your life in danger by leaving you stranded in an area with no basic services or food and water.

When you return home after an emergency, don't use matches, lighters, or any sources of flame or spark until you're 100% certain that you don't have a natural gas leak inside your home - you'll need a gas company service technician to confirm that it's safe.





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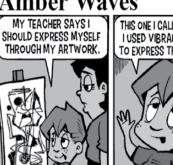




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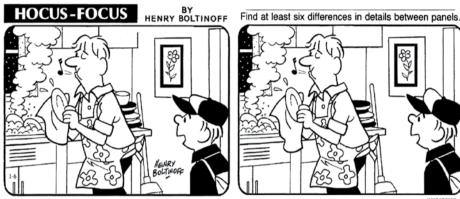


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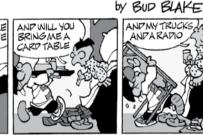
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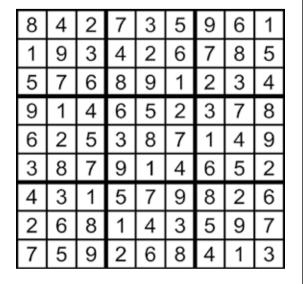


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Live Oak Soccer Programs Continue Dominance in SVL

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Both of Live Oak's soccer programs were successful last week as they both went 2-0 in Sacramento Valley League play and continued their dominance throughout the league from January 15-19.

The Lady Lions easily took care of Willows on Tuesday, January 16, where junior striker Johanna Petrone led the way with four goals. Senior midfielder Mckavla Holman continued her great passing skills as she added four more assists to her season

In the game on Thursday, January 18, versus Pierce, Lady Lions Head Coach Jose Acosta took out his starters at the end of the first half, as they were up 8-1 at the half and ended with the 9-1 victory.

Petrone put on another clinic as she added five more goals to her season total, added three assists, and the Lady Lions moved with ease all over the field.

The biggest compliment, on top of the extensive playing time the reserves get to play and continue gaining experience on the field, is the youth of the roster gains the exposure as the Lady Lions are expected to have a long postseason run.

The Lady Lions had their biggest game for the SVL title as they took on Winters this past Tuesday.

The boys' soccer team easily took care of Willows 7-1 on Tuesday, January 16. with a 7-1 victory.

When the Lions beat a gritty Pierce team on Thursday, January 18, the two first-half goals were earned, and they played great physical defense to hold onto the victory.

Live Oak senior forwards Juan Acevedo and Noah Cuevas scored the two goals for the Lions in the first half as they had great spacing throughout the field



Live Oak senior midfielder Esteban Alvarado (5) takes a shot in the Lions' 2-1 victory over Pierce on Thursday, January 18.



Live Oak junior striker Johanna Petrone (17) takes a shot with her left in the Lady Lions' 9-1 win over Pierce on Thursday, January 18.

to spread out the offense.

Pierce was a lot better than their record looked as the losses that Pierce did have were to competitive teams where the games

could have gone either way against.

Moving forward for Live Oak, their fiercest competition for the league title will also be Winters



Live Oak freshman midfielder Cecilia Caracheo (8) drives down the left side of the field in the Lady Lions' 9-1 win over Pierce on Thursday, January 18.

as the two squads met for the first time this past Tuesday to round out the first half of SVL play.

Rudy Rosales, who is in his first year atop the boys program,

has expressed to the Herald that the boys are in good sync with one another and are aiming to make another deep run in the post season.

Boys Bball Keeps Rolling, Marr Closes in on History

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -The Gridley boys and girls basketball teams both just played one Butte View League game last week on Tuesday, January 16, where the boys beat Oroville 59-29 and the girls lost another close game 44-39.

The boys basketball team continued its dominance throughout the BVL as they were still perfect in the win over Oroville and improved to 3-0 in league play.

Gridley senior forward Kiko Castillo led the Bulldogs in the victory with 15 points. The biggest difference in the game was the Gridley defense.

The Bulldogs defense gave up nine points in the second and third quarter combined, along with a shutout in the second quarter.

Over that two-quarter stretch, Gridley scored 39 and opened up the game to a sizable lead.

Bulldogs sophomore guard Bikram Kullar led the defensive charge with six steals and added eight points, four assists and five rebounds throughout the night.

Gridley has their final road game of the season scheduled for tonight as they travel to Corning before they host Orland, Oroville and Las

Plumas for the rest of their quest towards the BVL crown.

The girls' squad loss to Oroville gave them a second consecutive five-point loss in league. Oroville had a wire-to-wire victory.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed big at the beginning of the game 16-3, and were able to tie it at 29, but once they tied the one time in the game, Oroville was able to keep a steady lead and hold off Gridley.

Lady Bulldogs junior forward Brook Marr led Gridley with another double-double as she had 22 points, 14 rebounds and nine blocks.

Lady Bulldogs senior guard AnaGloria Luevano contributed 10 points, eight rebounds and seven steals.

Marr chased history as she could have been the sixth Lady Bulldog in school history to score 1000 points in her career.

Prior to the game this past Tuesday against Las Plumas, Marr was 11 points away from the mark, and if she was unsuccessful, she has another chance on January 26 to do it at home against Corning.

Marr would be the first girl in the Gridley program to hit the 1000-point milestone since 2021 alumna Kennedy Tull did it in the 2019-20 season.



Above: Gridley senior Kiko Castillo (30) shoots a three-pointer against Sheldon in the Bulldogs' 70-30 loss on December 8, 2023. Below: Gridley junior forward Brook Marr goes up for a basket in the Lady Bulldogs' 67-38 loss to Chico on December 14, 2023.



Biggs Takes it To the Mat



Biggs High School Wrestling team and staff pictured left to right: Elijah Callaway, Emma Bowles, Xavier Pinedo, Coach Cody Walsh, Volunteer Assistant Coach Richard Oliverez, Jayden Beck and Jessie Avram. Front: Karma Oliverez. Photo provided by Cody Walsh

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs High School wrestling team might not be the biggest or experienced, but their wrestlers have been putting in the work this season.

Biggs Wrestling is comprised of both male and female wrestlers, each scoring individual points that reflect and overall team score.

Representing Biggs boys wrestling are first year grapplers are sophomore Zavier Pinedo, who serves as boys team captain, freshman Elijah Callaway, and sophomore Jacob Arevalo.

At the time of this article, Pinedo was 7 and 10, with all 7 wins coming by pin, according to Coach Cody Walsh. Callaway is 1 and 4, and Arevalo 3 and 7.

Walsh says that his boys are doing well and is proud that they are "willing



Karma Oliverez after being honored at Biggs Wrestling Senior Night. Photo provided by Richard Oliverez

to learn a new sport that is hard in general, but especially (difficult) for first time wrestlers."

The girls' team is led by Captain Karma Oliverez, senior, who helped make history at the first Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation Masters Girls Wrestling Championship Tournament in 2023 where she took 3rd place in the state championships.

Oliverez, who is currently at 13 and 1 with all wins by pin, is joined by teammates Jayden Beck, junior, with a record of 17 and 7 – 13 wins by pin, junior Jessie Avram who is 8 and 7 - 6 wins by pin, and sophomore Emma Bowles with a record of 11 and 8 - 8 wins by pin.

Walsh says his lady wrestlers are dedicated with their minds set to continue to improve, both as individuals and as a team.

As for Captain Oliverez, she was honored at Biggs Senior Night. Walsh said he is most proud of Oliverez for "her desire to want to continue to grow as a wrestler and as a teammate during her high school

wrestling career."

Walsh shared that her first season, Oliverez won few matches, but came back strong the next season. At that time, the team had lost their captain to another school. Oliverez stepped up and said that she would prove her abilities to lead in her second season. And she did.

It was during this season that Oliverez would advance to division championships, placing 3rd in league, and finishing 3rd in sections.

Walsh has high hopes for Oliverez qualifying for the 2024 CIF State Championships.

Biggs takes on Live Oak High School Thursday, January 25, 2024.





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