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Princesses for a Day!



Melly with her fellow princesses.

Story and photos  
by Zandon Stinnett

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Miss Butte County Scholarship Program hosted their first Prince/Princess Project since 2016.

On the Saturday morning of January 27th, 2024, two incredible little girls were greeted by limousine to start a magical day. Lincoln Xayrath of Magalia age 8, and Melody Spurgeon age 7 from Gridley, were nominated to be this year's participants for Princess for a Day.

The day started off with a shared limo ride from their respective homes to the Butte County Fairgrounds. Upon arrival, the girls were greeted by the Butte County Royal Court. After friendly greetings and



Melly is a natural princess.

introductions, the two young girls were adorned with crowns and sashes as Honorary Princesses!

The two Princesses then enjoyed being pampered with a catered lunch fit for royalty and a fun game of Fairy Bingo. After appetites were sated, the Royal Court assisted the Princesses in crafting their own Friendship Jewelry. The day of revelry came to a close with gifts and mementos from the Royal Court to each of the newly crowned Princesses, including handwritten cards from 2023 Miss Butte County, Makayla Mellinger.

Before bidding farewell, the Honorary Princess and the Butte Royal Court gathered near the limousine for a fun photo-op. Lincoln and Melody will be invited back by the

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Young  
Missionaries  
Return from  
Houston and  
Washington  
State



Dakota Dewsnup repaired cemetery headstones while serving as missionaries in the Houston area. Photo courtesy of Dakota Dewsnup

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Dakota Dewsnup served as a full-time missionary in the Texas Houston South Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving primarily in Friendswood, Wharton, and Houston. He participated in community service and missionary training and leadership activities.

All are invited to hear Dewsnup address his home congregation, Gridley 3rd Ward, on Sunday, February 11, at 9 a.m. at 400 Spruce St. in Gridley. He will attend BYU-Idaho this spring. His parents are Joe and Crystal Dewsnup.

Blake McLean served the communities in the Kennewick, Washington area as a full-time missionary of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He taught the gospel of Jesus Christ and volunteered doing farm work, construction, food distribution, and working at the Pendleton Round-Up rodeo in northern Oregon. His ministry also included organizing community sport activities and working with young single adults.

McLean especially enjoyed sharing the message of healing and compassion that comes through faith in Jesus Christ, saying, "When our Savior, Jesus Christ, looks upon us, He sees and understands the pain and burden of our sins. He sees our addictions and challenges. He sees our struggles and afflictions of any kind - and He is filled with compassion toward us."

All are invited to hear McLean speak to his home congregation, Gridley 1st Ward, on Sunday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m. at 400 Spruce St. in Gridley.

McLean will return to BYU-Idaho in the spring to continue work on his degree in business. His parents are Josh and Angela McLean. ★

Putting Students to the Test

Story and photos  
by Susan Meeker

ARBUCKLE, CA (MPG) - FFA members from high schools all over California converged on Pierce High School on Saturday for one of the first agriculture field day competitions to be held in California in 2024.

This year marked the 26th year of the Arbuckle Field Day, which grew from three agriculture-related contests and a handful of students in 1998 to the largest student-organized FFA Field Day in the state.

About 1,400 students from 106 FFA chapters competed in the event, which was spread across the Pierce High School campus, and attended also by school advisors, drivers, and about 150 local community volunteers.



FFA members from all over California compete in the 26th Arbuckle Field Day at Pierce High School on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2024. The event was started in 1998, long before any of the competitors were born.

Pierce FFA Advisor, Erin Sweet, who teaches floral design, food science, ag pest management, and Ag Life Choices, said the Arbuckle Field Day is a

generational event that brings former students back year after year.

"It is a mainstay in our community," Sweet said. "We have younger siblings

who take over events that older siblings ran. We have kids that ran contests that now come back as volunteers or to judge. That's a

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

In one of the early Pi Lines, I walked through the math formula of determining the rectitude of your community by adding up the number of bars (or facilities licensed to sell alcohol) and dividing it by the number of churches. With the recent appearance of some local parlors for palm readers and psychics, a debate has emerged: how do you factor those? Is a psychic a plus one in the church category or a negative one like a bar? With the number of churches that have closed down and sold their buildings in the last ten years, one would be tempted to count this as some sort of spiritual exercise and put it in the church category. At the same time, many church people view this type of spiritual media (or mediums) as not at all “kosher” and/

or “naughty” if you are a Christian. I must admit that although I am a true Christian believer, and I would never seek the insights of a palm reader or tarot card lady, I do wonder when I pass by the tempting neon signs if there’s some exciting part of my life one of these people could make me aware of. I guess it’s that curiosity that generates enough business on the side of Highway 99 to keep such a business afloat. It’s odd how these establishments always have neon signery.

Also, in the category of unseen powers and mystical occurrences. The recent tropical Pineapple Express-El Niño, thunderstorm, Apocalypse deadly rain showers (this series of adjectives came directly from the local TV weatherwoman) with lethal gusts of winds - did not take the roof off the abandoned Butte Theater in Downtown Gridley. There is now a betting pool established for people who gamble (something also considered unkosher and naughty in some religions) as to how many more storms it will take until the giant roof finally

slides off or collapses. Before you place your bets, go to the corner of Virginia and Spruce Streets and observe a genuine mystery - how the building still stands even though the roof is perpetually sliding off in slow motion. My guess is two more storms, and it’s over.

The recent near-death experience that people are calling a “winter storm” did indeed take out one of the giant old-growth redwoods at the Biggs-Gridley cemetery. It also took out part of the roof of the Cemetery office.

Democracy is in action as ballots are being mailed for you to exercise your vote. The March election has a bunch of people to vote on, but the March Primary is just the warm-up; City Councilmember races, the most important in all of government, are up in November. There will also be about ten ballot measures in November. More election news next week.

Josh F.W. Cook is an alumnus of Butte College; opinions expressed here are solely his.

# Sutter County Sheriff’s Office Statement

Sutter County Sheriff’s Office News Release

TREE INCIDENT CORONERS CASE: The decedent from Monday’s tree falling incident in Yuba City has been positively

identified as 82- year-old David Gomes of Yuba City. Next of kin has been notified. Please contact the Yuba City Police Department for more information regarding this case.

# Officer of the Year Awarded



Gridley Police Departments’ Clint Massey is awarded Officer of the Year by American Legion Post 210.

Story and photos by Zandon Stinnett

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A small gathering was held at the Biggs Community Center on January 31st, as American Legion Post 210 recognized local public service members.

Post Commander Owen Stiles brings back the first annual award ceremony since before pre-Covid in hopes of reinvigorating the community’s sense of trust, and reinforcing the bonds we share with our local service members who help to keep us safe.

Gridley Police Departments Clint Massey was awarded Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. He shared this moment with his family and co-workers who were present for the ceremony.

CALFIRE/Gridley Fire Departments’ Dakota McGinnis was all smiles as he was awarded Firefighter of the Year. McGinnis’s fellow members of the Butte County CALFIRE team applauded as his significant other pinned the medal upon his chest.

Many of the American Legion personnel present were awarded Meritorious Service Citations and corresponding Medals. The recipients include James Thomas, Aaron Burks, Norris Anderson, Frank Bartolomucci and Brad McDonal. Sharron Gayton also received this award but was not present at the beginning of the ceremony.

In addition to Meritorious Service



CALFIRE/Gridley Fire Departments Dakota McGinnis is awarded Firefighter of the Year by American Legion Post 210.



American Legion Awards ceremony.

Citations and Medals, Commander Owen Stiles also presented two of the Legionnaires with an additional award in recognition of their service and commitment. Norris Anderson was awarded Legionnaire of the Year, and Frank Bartolomucci was awarded a Life Member Certificate.



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# Princesses for a Day!

Miss Butte County hosts first Princess Project since 2016



The princesses were greeted with a limousine to start their day.

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Court to join them in this year’s Biggs 4th of July Parade.

The Princess Project serves to recognize local youth who’ve overcome great hardship in their lives. The Honorary Princesses were crowned into the local Court due to their courage, strength, kindness, and resilience. Miss Butte County Scholarship Program Director Raina Wright-Reynolds says, “The honorary princess project is a true representation of our program’s values. During this event, we have the honor of making a positive impact on the lives of youth in Butte County.” She continues, “The two young girls who were nominated for this title have faced challenges that no child should ever have to endure. Despite what they have been through, Lincoln and Melly have shined brightly like the royalty they are.”

None of these events, activities or scholarship programs would be possible without the help of sponsors like Royal Kingdom Transport, The Erickson Family (on behalf of Maybelle), WRR Creations and the Castaneda Cookie Co.

With the return and success of this year’s Princess Project, the Miss Butte County Scholarship hopes to continue hosting this annual event for years to come.



The group of princesses holding hands.



Butte County Royal Court.



Lincoln with her fellow princesses.

## Cold Case Suspect Sentenced to Life in Prison for Murder

### Butte County District Attorney News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Dustin Troy Kimball, 48, of Magalia, was sentenced in Butte County Superior Court to 15 years to life in state prison, after previously pleading no contest to a single count of murder for the 2017 homicide of Jennifer Coleen Moore, 41, of Orland.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that on June 20, 2017, Moore was reported missing to the Glenn County Sheriff’s Office. Friends and

family had last seen her the day prior, leaving her home in Orland with Kimball, her then-boyfriend. Moore left her special-needs son at home with her roommate while she went to purchase a car for herself, but she never returned. Glenn County Sheriff’s Office investigated the missing person report, but Moore was not located during their investigation and the case went cold for the next three and a half years.

On January 10, 2021, the Butte County Sheriff’s Office responded to a call that human remains were found in the area of

Forest Ranch off of Highway 32. The skeletal remains were evaluated by the Chico State Forensic Anthropology Program and ultimately determined to be those of Jennifer Coleen Moore.

In previous hearings, Butte County prosecutors presented evidence that established Kimball was the last person to be seen with Moore and that he picked her up from her home in Orland and drove her to the Chico Walmart – the last location they were seen together. A search of Kimball’s internet search history revealed that less than an

hour before picking Moore up from her home in Orland, he was searching things such as “jugular vein” and “how to cut a jugular vein.” Kimball’s cell-phone location data revealed that after leaving the Chico Walmart, he spent an hour at the exact area where Moore’s remains would later be found. Kimball then returned to that site the following day, though Moore would not be found at that site for another three years.

At the recent hearing today, four of Ms. Moore’s family members addressed Superior

Court Judge Jesus Rodriguez and spoke of the pain and suffering the family has dealt with since her disappearance in 2017. Most specifically, they highlighted the struggles the victim’s son has gone through since the disappearance of his mother.

The prosecutor noted that a life sentence was appropriate in the case due to the nature of the killing and the complete lack of remorse Kimball has shown for his actions. The judge agreed that a life sentence was appropriate, and sentenced Kimball to 15 years to life in prison.

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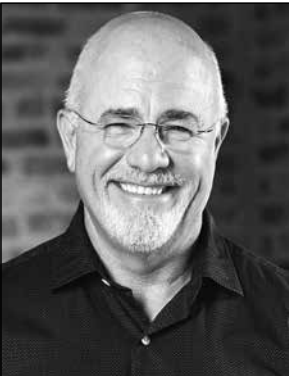
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– Debbie

Dear Debbie,

When I made the decision to get intentional with my money, I just used cash. It's hard to spend it when you don't have any on you. It's a tough thing, I know, but you have to make a conscious decision to start living differently. You've got to get mad at the things that steal your money a dollar or two at a time enough to take action.

Try looking at your life as a whole, not a moment at time. All the moments

***Dave Ramsey Says***

you're living right now will have either a positive or negative effect on your future. I decided I wanted the greater, long-term good, so I gave up on the short-term stuff.

Debit cards are great tools. You can't spend money you don't have with them like you can with a credit card. But you've still got to budget very carefully for each month, and give a name and a job to every single penny of your income. Otherwise, you can still overspend.

– Dave

***Put The Money In Your Own Pocket***

Dear Dave,

Are home warranties a waste of money if you already have a fully-funded emergency fund containing six months, or even more, of expenses set aside?

– Jodie

Dear Jodie,

I don't do extended warranties, because they're not a good deal. In my mind, you're better off to self-insure against damage or things breaking down. That way, you can put what would have been profit and marketing

dollars for the extended warranty company in your own pocket. I mean, think about it. If you buy something, but can't afford to fix it if something goes wrong, it's not really a smart move to buy it in the first place, is it?

I always recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses to cover the unexpected things that life will throw at you. In most cases, this amount of cash—sitting in a good money market account with check writing privileges—will allow you easy access in the event of unexpected expenses or a financial emergency.

– Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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* ★

# Thoughts to Ponder

*by Kathy Neal*

## Gridley United Methodist Church

All of us have scars, some visible some not so much. One thing we can say is that we've learned from these scars. We've learned, that is too hot don't touch, that is too sharp to handle, that is something not to pick up or pet, and many others.

Then there are the scars no one sees. The hurt of the heart, the hurt of the mind, and most of all the hurt of the soul. We carry these as battle scars we've been given over the years. One thing we can say is, "We learn from both visible and invisible hurts."

The people we meet, or even live with hide scars for different reasons. They are embarrassed, afraid, or even too shy to let others see their scars. True love from family and friends can't erase scars but can offer the people carrying them a better way to accept themselves. Love covers a multitude of broken spirits. Try it!

During this month of love, let's try to help heal scars that people carry. Offer peace and comfort to those in need. Give a helping hand to lift up those climbing slowly up the ladder of life. A pat on the



back, a smile here and there, and of course words of encouragement.

The stores are filled with flowers, cards, candy, and gifts from the heart for the upcoming day of love, Valentine's Day. That this year is also Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent the days leading up to Easter.

As believers we start to think about the life Jesus led and the examples He gave us. He healed the sick, cured the blind, and unbound the chains of sin to all He met. He walked toward Jerusalem when He knew that sinful men waited for Him so they could end His mission and His life. Yet He continued that walk.

On each day as we go to work, walk with our family and friends, do so with love, strength, and courage.

Show love! Live love! Be love!

*Come be with us this season of Lent. Go on this journey with us to celebrate Jesus and redemption of us all from sin. The Gridley United Methodist Church meets every Sunday at 10 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street.* ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



***By Barbara Ott***

There have been a couple of beautiful days between the rains. Time given to trim, cut and prune. While I had some back problems, my husband did some interesting hedge trimming to the Mandarin tree. It had gotten a bit wonky after that trimming I also noticed a lot of small dead branches inside the canopy. This made me curious. It seems

that a certain amount of dead wood is natural as a tree develops. This tree is about nine years old now. An interesting fact that I uncovered is that dead wood in citrus trees can also let you know that the tree is maintaining a good root to shoot ratio. Selective pruning is my answer or so the information said. Thankfully I don't have exterior wood dieback. That is the result of several factors that cause defoliation. These factors include damage from freezing, drought or severe pest pressure, as well as root rot. The freezing of leaves is minimal to almost none. The Mandarin is next to the turtle tank, which provides a warmer microclimate.

Leaves might get bit a small amount by the freezes, but not much. I think I watered less last summer. It must have been enough because there has been a lot of fruit and it is juicy and sweet.

One thing I did notice while pruning is that some interior branches had gotten very long and were overlapping each other. I got rid of some of that spaghetti mess. We had eaten our mandarins so I did this after the fruit was off the tree and before it buds out. It looks a bit sparse but we'll see if next year's production has been sacrificed or not. If so, I'm hoping the overall health of the tree will make it worthwhile. I think I will also fertilize this spring. ★



**Slim Randles**

Almost all of us know how to pronounce pandemic now, and we have a pretty good idea of what it means since everyone we know spent more than a year under virtual house arrest.

But that didn't help Billy much. Billy's our town dog, of course. He's been our town dog since Sally passed away on Doc's porch, and Billy was the official cross-the-street escort.

But when the pandemic hit, the kids were suddenly home schooled and Martin

## *Billy was the Official Cross-the-Street Escort*

require an election.

Billy took right to it. He made his daily rounds to the back door of the Chinese restaurant and the Mule Barn coffee shop. He drifted over to the Rest of Your Life retirement home often to give the old folks another reason to enjoy life.

And there was his job, too. Every weekday morning Billy was on duty at the street crossing where the kids went to school. Martin, the crossing guard, was always there with his vest and his sign, and Billy was the official cross-the-street escort.

But when the pandemic hit, the kids were suddenly home schooled and Martin

stayed home as well. This threw a big monkey wrench into Billy's gear box.

So about once a week, a bunch of us masked coffee drinkers would go to the school intersection and stand there until Billy showed up. He'd look both ways and take us across the street, and then continue on his daily rounds.

Just because we're in a pandemic doesn't mean we can't do our job.

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# Smartsville to Host Pioneer Day

## ***Smartsville Church Restoration News Release***

**SMARTSVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Smartsville and Timbuctoo are hosting their 15th annual Pioneer Day on Saturday, April 27th. Starting at 9 A.M., the event is general admission and goes until 3 P.M. All funds accrued during Pioneer Day will go towards restoring a historic former Catholic church in the gold rush town of Smartsville.

The annual historical festival is meant to show what the gold rush town was like back in the day. Citizens tell about the folks who settled here. Many come to see where Smartsville, Timbuctoo and Sucker Flat were and what they were like. It has turned into a town reunion of sorts. People have been able to learn more about the original settlers and even unite cousins who had lost track of the family tree and introduced people whose ancestors were neighbors and friends.

Pioneer Day started out as a way to get

people to come to Smartsville and see the work that has been done on the restoration of the former Church of the Immaculate Conception. Then they add a dose of gold rush living history to demonstrate what the area was like and why the church was such an important part of the community.

Old Time music makes it festive, and of course some great food is necessary for any party. Activities for the kids make it family friendly and educational. There will also be historic characters, craft vendors, and Blue Point Mine & Sucker Flat Tours. You can also tour the historic Smartsville church.

Pioneer Day has become something that locals and people from out of town look forward to. Some even come back again and again, so whether you have been before, or are new to our festival, we welcome you!

For further information, please call (916)-838-2757 or (530)-701-5090. Visit [www.smartsvillechurchrestoration.org](http://www.smartsvillechurchrestoration.org), as well. ★

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# Putting Students to the Test

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big feather in their cap.”

The 2024 Arbuckle Field Day provided a venue for students to explore career opportunities, skills, and proficiency in the agriculture industry through contests that emphasized critical thinking and problem solving. Contests included public speaking, floriculture judging, farm equipment operation, dairy identification, surveying, soil evaluation, vegetable crop judging, ag mechanics, wood working, veterinary science, among others.

For students just starting out in the FFA high school program, reciting the FFA Creed or being tested on the aims, purposes, and history of the FFA organization, emphasized the opportunities that membership has provided them.

“I like seeing and meeting new people,” said Cindel Oliver, 15, a Colusa High School ninth-grader, who took four written tests for Best Informed Greenhand, and plans to show a lamb at the Colusa County Fair this year.

The FFA Creed outlines the organization’s beliefs regarding the agricultural industry, FFA membership, and the value of citizenship and patriotism, said Kennedy Nall, 14, also a Colusa High freshman.

“Out of the creed, I learned what FFA was like back in 1930 when it was written, and all the changes that were made over the years,” Nall said. “I learned what agriculture meant to people then, and what it means now.”

Nall, who hopes to attend Oklahoma State University for a degree in animal nutrition, has grown up around livestock and has shown animals in 4-H since she was four years old. In her first year as a member of Colusa FFA, Nall plans to show a market goat at the fair, along with her six heifers.

About 20 Gridley High School students

attended the Arbuckle Field Day, competing in contests from floral identification to welding.

Gridley High School junior Nolan Weagant, 16, senior Gabriela Avelar, 18, and sophomore Gracie Leishman, 16, competed in the Cooperative Marketing Test, which effectively prepares students with the practices and operations of agricultural cooperatives.

Avelar said she was distant from agriculture, despite it being the primary economic driver in the Gridley area, until she joined FFA three years ago.

“FFA fosters a love for agriculture,” said Avelar, who plans to become a veterinarian. “FFA introduced me to it, and I just fell in love with it.”

The Arbuckle Field Day was a mix of sunshine and sprinkles, but students, who were bussed from as far away as Crescent City and Eureka, came prepared for inclement weather.

At the end of the competition, students gathered in the gym to find where they placed in their contests and what chapters will advance to state competitions.

Students, who were also fed a lunch of tri-tip and beans in the cafeteria, said the Arbuckle FFA Field Day is one of the best events in the state.

It’s just a fun experience, to be honest,” said Weagant, who competed last year. “People are great; instructors are great; it’s just a great place.”

Pierce High School sophomore Jocelynn Sastre, 15, who worked the event scoring tests, said the FFA Field Day has run smoothly the last two years she has been involved.

“It’s a great opportunity to meet new people and see how they grow in their knowledge,” Sastre said. ★

# Bipartisan Tax Deal That Includes Exemption of Wildfire Relief Payments from Taxes Passes



Doug LaMalfa

## Office of Representative Doug LaMalfa News Release

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Today, the House voted on and passed the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024, by a vote of 357-70. The bill was passed under suspension of the rules, a streamlined process that sidesteps the Rules Committee’s approval and amendment process but requires a two-thirds majority for passage.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa’s (R-CA) bill with Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA), the Protect Innocent Victims of Taxation After Fire Act, which exempts all wildfire relief payments from federal income taxes and taxation on legal fees, emotional distress, lost wages, and additional living expenses has been included in the legislation. Once the bill is signed into law, any taxes already paid on wildfire settlement money since 2020 will be eligible for retroactive refund during this tax season. The legislation also includes LaMalfa’s

cowritten legislation, the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act, which makes it simpler to write off losses from other natural disasters.

“Fire survivors have waited too long for certainty regarding the settlement with PG&E. To have to pay a huge portion to the government because the IRS deemed disaster aid as income adds insult to injury, especially paying the income tax on the lawyers’ fees. My staff and I have worked diligently on this initiative for many months to finally see it come to fruition. I thank Ways and Means Chairman Smith for negotiating this deal, and Speaker Johnson for getting it to the House Floor for a vote expeditiously. The Senate needs to quickly act, as the new tax period will be upon us soon,” said Congressman LaMalfa.

“Today’s strong bipartisan vote to provide essential tax relief to fire survivors is an important step towards recovery for those who lost homes, businesses, and loved ones in disastrous wildfires,” said Congressman Thompson. “Rep. LaMalfa has been a tremendous partner in this effort as we have worked closely with House Leadership to secure the inclusion of this bill into the tax package. The Senate must swiftly consider and pass this bill so that our fire survivors receive the tax relief they desperately need.”

"We are grateful for the collaboration and

leadership of Rep. Doug LaMalfa in shepherding this critically important bill to the floor. If successful, this bill will be the most important legislation ever passed for fire victims, affecting hundreds of thousands of disaster survivors, and correcting a grave error in the tax code. This legislation will determine whether or not families can finally get home. Rep. LaMalfa's commitment to fire victims and bipartisan ship on this issue is deeply appreciated by megafire victims at home and across the country,” said Jennifer Gray Thompson, MPA, Founder and CEO of After the Fire USA.

“This is absolutely the best news Fire Victims have received since the fire, a lot of hard work has gone into this bill by many people, and we will be forever grateful, a special thank you to Congressman LaMalfa and Thompson, they fought so hard for this bill,” said Paradise Councilman Steve Crowder.

The bill is fully paid for by repurposing funds previously authorized for COVID relief. This bill also expands the Child Tax Credit, increases supply of low-income housing by enhancing the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, builds up Main Street by reducing bureaucratic paperwork and expanding the small business expensing cap, and improves trade agreements with Taiwan to bolster competitiveness with China. ★

# Jerrett Davis Takes Helm as Executive Chef for Hard Rock Hotel and Casino



Jerrett Davis

## Heather Atherton PR News Release

**WHEATLAND, CA (MPG)** - Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain is proud to introduce our new farm to fork focused Executive Chef, Jerrett Davis. Davis will oversee all culinary operations for eight dining venues including the award-winning Council Oak Steaks & Seafood and the signature Hard Rock Café as well as the Fresh Market Buffet, YouYu Asian Bistro and Constant Grind. A California native who spent 10 years cooking for the Maloof family after serving as a Marine

around the world, Davis brings his unique flavor and perspective to the Hard Rock team in Wheatland.

Raised in southern Central California, just North of the Santa Ynez wine country, Davis moved to Sacramento in high school and graduated from McClatchy High School. He then enlisted in the Marines and spent four years traveling to 20 countries. Throughout his career he has also had the opportunity to work in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and San Francisco prior to landing at Hard Rock Sacramento in Wheatland. He worked for the Maloof family for a decade as their personal chef and was able to cook for celebrities, sports stars, and dignitaries.

“I love what I do. Seeing people enjoy what I create and snapping photos of their plates is a guilty pleasure,” explained Davis. “I’m thrilled to join the band and be able to work with such an incredibly iconic brand like Hard Rock Café and

the other amazing restaurants here on the property to deliver my vision to the palates of our guests.”

Davis lives on seven acres in Grass Valley with his family. He loves the outdoors and enjoys hunting, fishing, foraging, and farming. He collects whiskeys and has a passion for Bourbon and wine and holds a collection of rare bottles.

“We are thrilled for Jerrett to join our team and oversee our restaurant menu development. His food and beverage background coupled with his experience as a veteran is incredibly valuable in the fast-paced environment of restaurants,” explained Jarrett Hipp, Director of Food and Beverage for Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sacramento at Fire Mountain. “His familiarity with the Central Valley farm to fork connection and his roots in Sacramento make him a great fit to design our menus and lead our culinary team.” ★

# A Bag of Thanks!



**Pictured L to R Back - Antonio Santillan, Leo Donati, Alianna Santillan, Isabella Thompson, Amelia Wakefield, Hailey Thompson, Crystal Carter, Armando Santillan, Kevin Tippetts Middle - Nielle Warfield, Heath Ogino, Naryah Warfield Front - Meyah Ogino, Alonzo Santillan, Leland Warfield.**

## By Christy Santillan

**MANZANITA, CA (MPG)** - Manzanita 4-H would like to thank everyone who contributed to our recent Luggage Drive

for Children’s Hope Foster Family Agency.

We appreciate everyone’s donations! Pictured is just a small sample of what was gathered. ★

## WE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS



### LOCAL FISHING

Lake Oroville South Forebay; Channel Catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) is the most populous fish in the South Forebay, and in fact a cannibal. They will not eat their own offspring, but chew down on other species of baby fish. A four lane boat ramp accommodates power boats, and a fishing pier for handicap fishermen. You may also rent a Kayak, or take he hiking trail... cross over the walk bridge to access Mr. Whiskers haunts in the West Bank of the South Forebay. My fishing buddy fed me a lot of “razzmatazz” about the bait he was using. However, the-cat-is-out-of-the-bag. Try: Hormel Hot Dogs...soaked in Strawberry Jello and Garlic Powder. Umm, Umm good!

### ICE FISHING 1 of 5 Articles

Caples Lake; 7,820 ft Elev. Use cross-country skis to access. Gas powered 8-inch auger used to dig four fishing holes, Sonars installed in each hole. No open fires allowed. Hungry Mackinaw to 6-lbs. Jigging...Try: Drop Shot, rigged Wacky style.



Wacky Style

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

S.F. Bay/Berkeley Flats; Flounder of the flatfish species to 4.4 lbs. Both eyes located on top/left side of the head, looking up at your bait offering. Jigging... Try: Trap Hook setup with Live Squid. (b) Avoid the Sacramento Delta, muddy roily waters with sunken debris. Go to the San Joaquin Delta, fish the Bishop Cut on Disappointment Slough. Plenty of small 18-inch stripers. Try: Grass Shrimp. (a) The Cut is known for its Chain Pickerel (*Esox niger*) a

Pike Hybrid. Mouth full of sharp teeth, 36-inches long/seven pounds. An aggressive fighter and excellent tasting meat, but super bony. Try: Live Shiners. (a)

### COASTAL WATERS

Both commercial and sport crab fishermen continue with successful Dungeness Crab limits. Try: Chicken Guts. (b) Note: Game Wardens in hot pursuit of “pot robbers.”

### LAKES RESERVOIRS

Folsom Lake; King Salmon of 6lbs. caught at 7’-30’ deep. Try: Speedy Shiner. (b) Clear Lake winter Red Ear... 3-anal spines. Bluegill ...3-anal spines. Black Crappie...8-anal spines. Try: Crappie Jigs. (a) Lake Del Valle, Orinda, Calif. A small 80 acre impound, stocked with Crappie and Red Eared Sunfish. Try: Crappie Jigs. (b)

### RIVERS

Most rivers in Northern California are blown out. American River; steelhead in the upper section. Try: Salmon Roe. (a) Smith River; a few steelhead



Crappie Jigs

caught. Try: Salmon Roe. (a) S.F. Eel River; a few chromies caught. Try: Salmon Roe. (a)

### Spinner Bait

Take a fresh anchovy, remove the scales, fillet it lengthwise, take that half and split it lengthwise so the head is broader, tapering to the tail. Insert the fish hook in then out of the flesh near the head, then push the hook tip through the flesh at mid-section. This makes bait spin slowly

“Brass Monkey Weather.”  
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<div>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS</div> <div>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001046 The following person(s) are doing business as: Coach House Mobile Estates, 982 E. Lassen Avenue, Chico, CA 95973 Rojak, LLC, 845 South Ridgemark Drive, Hollister, CA 95023 Date filed in Butte County: December 15, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2013 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. 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Publish: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024 FEATHER 2-9-24</div> <div>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000005 The following person(s) are doing business as: Swallowtail</div>	<div>Quilts, 95 Beaver Road, Oroville, CA 95966 Carol J Kampstra, 95 Beaver Road, Oroville, CA 95966 Date filed in Butte County: January 2, 2024. 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: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024 SWALLOWTAIL 2-9-24</div> <div>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000021 The following person(s) are doing business as: Reylins House Room and Board, 1720 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Jorlyn Manuel Pacis and Rey Aldrin Pacis, 1720 16<sup>th</sup> 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: 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 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024 REYLINS 2-9-24</div> <div>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 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Los Molinos, CA 96055 Date filed in Butte County: January 11, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 10, 2024 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: Jan 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 2024 MAS 2-9-24</div> <div>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000050 The following person(s) are doing business as: RRA Builders, 1201 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969 Reconstruction &amp; Recovery Advisors Inc, 1201 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969 Date filed in Butte County: January 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1,</div>	<div>2020. 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: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 2024 RRA 2-16-24</div> <div>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000022 The following person(s) are doing business as: Erlmon Room and Board, 1817 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Erlinda Cortez Duldulao, 1817 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Date filed in Butte County: January 8, 2024. 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: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 2024 ERLMON 2-16-24</div> <div>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. 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: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 2024 PRIME 2-16-24</div> <div>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000059 The following person(s) are doing business as: A Stich Above, 2050 Lincoln Street, Oroville, CA 95966 Steve Crowder and Lori Crowder, PO Box 1327, Paradise, CA 95967 Date filed in Butte County: January 17, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact 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</div>	<div>federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 2024 STITCH 2-16-24</div> <div>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000071 The following person(s) are doing business as: M C Oriental Market, 3596 Myers, Street, Oroville, CA 95966 Seng Vang, 3574 Myers, Street, Oroville, CA 95966 Date filed in Butte County: January 22, 2024. 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. 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Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 WESTERN 2-23-24</div> <div>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001024 The following person(s) are doing business as: Gulbransen Organizational &amp; Educational Leadership Consultancy, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928 Dr. Michael Alan Gulbransen, Date filed in Butte County: December 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December</div>	<div>6, 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: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 GULBRANSEN 2-23-24</div> <div>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001025 The following person(s) are doing business as: Project Christian, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928 DR. Michael Alan Gulbransen, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928 Date filed in Butte County: December 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 20, 2004 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. 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This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County Publish: Feb 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2024 SANGHA 3-13-24</div> <div>ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME</div> <div>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV00069 Petitioner Ryan Gilbert Hurst-Alcantar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ryan Gilbert Hurst-Alcantar to Ryan Gilbert Alcantar. 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 March 6, 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 January 17, 2024 Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 ALCANTAR 2-23-24</div> <div>SUMMONS</div> <div>SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 23CV01354 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: James R. Archer and does 1 to 10, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Mike Grosberg. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (<a href="http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp">www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp</a>), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney,</div>
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BIGGS-WEST GRIDLEY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT CEQA MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines, the Biggs-West Gridley Water District ("BWGWD") hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project:

1. **Name of Project:** Biggs-West Gridley Water District 2024 Water Transfer Program.

2. **Project Proponent and Lead Agency:** Biggs-West Gridley Water District, 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road Gridley, California 95948; principal contact - Danny Robinson, General Manager, (530) 846-3317.


3. **Project Description:** BWGWD proposes to sell during the 2024 irrigation season up to 18,780 acre-feet ("AF") of water to participating member districts of the State Water Contractors, Inc. or other south of Delta purchasers, including Central Valley Project contractors, or a buyer diverting the transfer water from within or upstream of the Delta (collectively, "Buyers"). Buyers and others are seeking up to approximately 1 00,000 AF of transfer water from various willing sellers in the Sacramento Valley during the 2024 irrigation season. Purchasing this water would lessen potential water supply shortages to these parties that may occur as a result of dry hydrologic conditions and regulatory restrictions on pumping in the Delta. As a willing seller, BWGWD would make up to 18,780 AF of water available to Buyers by idling cropland (i.e., non-irrigation of farmland by voluntary participants). Water made available by crop idling within the boundaries of the BWGWD would then be retained and stored by the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") in Lake Oroville; for delivery to Buyers. BWGWD's proposed transfer will comply with the most current Draft Technical Information for Preparing Water Transfer Proposals prepared by DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation dated December 2019 (Draft Technical Information), as applicable to land idling transfers.

4. **Project Location:** The project area, from which the water for this transfer will be made available, is defined by the BWGWD's legal boundaries, which encompasses approximately 34,800 acres in the northern Sacramento Valley, mostly in Butte County with a small portion of that acreage in Sutter County (See attached draft IS/MND). Within the BWGWD's boundaries are approximately 31,300 irrigable acres, of which approximately 22,739 acres are dedicated primarily to the production of rice.

5. **Hazardous Waste Sites:** The project location is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

6. **Public Review:** A copy of the draft Initial Study and related documentation is available for public review at [www.bwgwater.org](http://www.bwgwater.org) and during business hours at BWGWD's office at the above address. Public comments on this proposal to adopt a negative declaration will be received by BWGWD at the above address beginning on February 2, 2024, and ending at 3:30 p.m. on March 4, 2024. Following the review and comment period, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be on the District Board of Directors' agenda for potential adoption at a noticed regular or special meeting to be held at a later-determined date at the District's offices located at 1713 West Biggs Gridley Road, Gridley, California.

Dated: February 2, 2024



Danny Robinson, General Manager

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BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENT TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 24 (ZONING), – ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SECTION 24-20, TABLE 24-20-3 PRIMARY AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SIDE AND REAR YARD SETBACKS IN THE VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on February 22, 2024, at 9:00 am, or shortly thereafter, in the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Room, County Administration Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California. Public comments will be accepted in-person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to view the meeting remotely.

Link: <http://bccds.net/PlanningCommission>

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Amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Zoning Ordinance, Article II, Division 3, Section 24-20, Table 24- 20-3

Project #: ZCA23-0002: The following County-initiated zoning code amendments are proposed: 1) Creating a distinction between setback standards for Primary and Accessory Structures within the Very Low Density Residential zone, and 2) Reducing setback standards for Accessory Structures under 15 ft. in height within the Very Low Density Residential zone.

It is determined that the Zoning Ordinance amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

At this hearing, the Planning Commission will make its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to be heard at a future date.

A full copy of the amendments summarized above are on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by entering the project number (ZCA23-0002) at <https://permits.buttecounty.net/ETRAKIT/Search/project.aspx>.

Comments regarding the zoning code amendments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to the public hearing. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Assistant Planner Austin Forde at [aforde@buttecounty.net](mailto:aforde@buttecounty.net) or 530.552.3686.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact us at (530) 552.3662. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

Paula M. Daneluk, AICP, Director, Butte County Department of Development Services

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Date: (Fecha) May 22, 2023  
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February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a special meeting scheduled **Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, via email to [csantana@gridley.ca.us](mailto:csantana@gridley.ca.us) or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Planning Commission for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting, will be provided on the Planning Commission agenda available to the public on Friday, February 16, 2024, located on the City of Gridley website.

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# Gridley Battles LP for Boys and Girls BVL Title

Story and photo  
by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley boys' and girls' basketball programs are looking to bring a Butte View League title back to the trophy case like they did in the 2019-20 season.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Gridley boys' basketball team took care of business last week as they extended their win streak to four games in a row over the Orland Trojans dating back to last season in a 74-53 victory on Tuesday, January 30.

The Bulldogs came out flat in the first couple of minutes in the game and had a few early fouls in the first quarter, but recovered and trailed by two points at the end of the first quarter.

Gridley didn't look back after the first quarter as they outscored the Trojans 60-37 for the rest of the game. Bulldogs Head Coach Nathan Link used everyone available, and 11 different players entered the game.

Gridley had four players who scored in double digits and sophomore forward Bikram Kullar led the night with 19 points.

The Bulldogs were able to sink 13 three-point baskets through the night as they lit up the scoring sheet and also distributed the ball unselfishly as they had 19 assists on the night.

Gridley went on the road and



Gridley senior forward Aaron Jullar (23) shoots a shot in the Bulldogs' 74-53 victory against Orland on Tuesday, January 30.

beat Oroville 84-51 on Friday, February 2. The win set up a rematch and chance to avenge the long league loss they suffered against Las Plumas.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley girls basketball team avenged their two first-half BVL losses as they beat Orland and Oroville

last week.

The 58-51 victory over Orland on Tuesday, January 31, never got too out of hand, but the Lady Bulldogs had three double-digit scorers in junior forward Brook Marr (30), senior guard AnaGloria Luevano (10) and sophomore Aubree Weber (10).

One of the biggest differences in the game was that Gridley

took better care of the ball as they committed nine less turnovers than Orland.

In the 58-43 victory over the Oroville Tigers on Thursday, February 1, the lady Bulldogs had a 15-1 lead at the end of the first.

In the second quarter, Gridley was up by 18, but the lady Tigers scored the last 15 points of the

quarter to make it a game.

The lady Bulldogs had 24 turnovers during the game and it was the first time they hit that number in the last couple of weeks.

Gridley will look to make history against Las Plumas on the road as the last time these two teams played on January 23, Marr scored her 1000 career point. ★

# Boys' Soccer Clinches Share of BVL Title

Story and photo  
by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Gridley boys soccer team brought the Butte View League title back home where it belongs as they clinched at least a share of the league title as they beat the Orland Trojans on Thursday, February 1, in a 2-1 victory.

In the win against Orland, it solidified the fifth BVL title in six years. The game was moved up to play an hour-and-a-half of the regularly scheduled time to try and avoid potential thunderstorms later in the day, according to Bulldogs Head Coach Jesse Barajas.

Prior to the opening whistle of the match, Barajas told Gridley in the pregame speech of getting back what was theirs and Orland was the team last season who took their BVL crown.

In the 14th minute of the game, the Bulldogs got on the scoreboard as the Trojans kicked in an own-goal as they tried to clear an inside pass from Gridley junior striker Nolan Weagant.

The Bulldogs went up 1-0 and Weagant was awarded with his 31st goal of the season. Gridley went up 2-0 in the 52nd minute when sophomore Cesar Alvares added another goal for a 2-0 lead.

Bulldogs senior captain Gregorio Ramirez and sophomore captain Omar Palafox told the Herald they have a big



Gridley junior Eddie Rodriguez (7) and Orland junior Alex Rangel (8) fight for the ball in the Bulldogs' 2-1 win against Orland on Thursday, February 1.

home field advantage of having a wider field than most of their opponents.

Barajas added that the visible dimensions on the field are a big advantage compared to other schools due to Gridley's field not being in the football stadium.

The Gridley athletic director told the Herald that the soccer program's fields were leveled and reseeded in 2023. He added that the infrastructure of the layout is

set up for lights and a permanent scoreboard in the next couple of years.

Four new bleachers were purchased with grant money from the North Valley Community Foundation as a part of the Butte Strong Fund for both sides of spectators.

The Bulldogs have yet to be defeated on their home field in the last 14 matches. Barajas told the Herald it is going to take a

special effort for an opposing team to come in and beat them at home.

Gridley senior goalie Elias Santillan had 12 saves, as in the final minute of the game Orland was able to get on the scoreboard late in the 89th minute.

As the Bulldogs completed the regular season, Barajas told the Herald the biggest step moving forward is staying healthy as a squad and the touch-and-go

structure in their offensive approach.

The first set of the CIF Northern Section playoff soccer points came out on Tuesday, January 30, and Gridley was placed in the second position of the Division II University Prep of Redding.

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# Missile Site’s TCE Spreading to Border of Active-Adult Community

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**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Remediating a trichloroethylene (TCE) plume that moved from the defunct Titan 1-A missile site in Lincoln to properties across the street and today bordering an active-adult community is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) priority.

That’s what U.S. Army Corps’ Sacramento District Deputy District Commander Lt. Col. Dianna Lively stressed during a Jan. 31 meeting with the grassroots Lincoln-based Titan1-A Missile Site Environmental Contamination and Remediation Committee. Right before an Army Corps’ public informational meeting about the former missile site’s soil vapor and groundwater contamination, Lively and other Army Corps representatives assured the committee that the agency was working on removing the contamination.

Minutes later at the public meeting, however, Army Corps representatives told about 250 residents that remediation would not begin until at least 2027. Army Corps representatives at both meetings would not estimate when remediation would start.

The Titan 1-A Missile site at 401 Oak Tree Lane in Lincoln was one of 18 former intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) silo sites in California, Colorado, Wyoming and Washington during the Cold War.

Each Titan 1 missile site stored three missiles in the underground silos. Beale Air Force Base 851st Strategic Missile Squadron near Marysville oversaw the Titan I missile sites in Lincoln, Chico and Live Oak. Lincoln’s missile site operated from 1962 to 1965.

According to the Jan. 31 public meeting presentation, the Army Corps will place three soil vapor probes and a groundwater monitoring well at a church property located in between the missile site and the Sun City Lincoln Hills (active-adult community) border. The Army Corps will add probes and five monitoring wells along the Sun City Lincoln Hills border. The reason for the probes and the monitoring wells is because the federal agency “wants a better understanding of the amount of contamination in the area,” according to Army Corps Deputy Chief for Public Affairs Tyler Stalker.

“It’s hard to say when everything will be finished,” said Army Corps technical



Sun City Lincoln Hills residents looked at charts and information from the U.S. Army Corps showing a trichloroethylene (TCE) plume bordering the active-adult community. The residents also listened to a presentation by Army Corps representatives saying that more information was needed to determine the contamination’s extent.

lead Matthew Marlatt during the public presentation. “We don’t know yet.”

Asked by the Messenger Publishing Group when remediation could possibly start, Marlatt would not answer and said to look at the meeting slide that described the CERCLA process. CERCLA stands for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

The project is in the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) phase. Samples of soil, soil vapor and groundwater are collected and analyzed to determine the contamination’s extent. The Army Corps expects to finish the study in 2024, followed by a proposed plan in 2025 and an approved record of decision with the state of California in 2026, according to the Jan. 31 public presentation.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the federal agency responsible for cleaning up the contamination and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is the state agency responsible for remediation oversight.

Eliminating the TCE “is not a fast process,” said U.S. Army Corps Project Manager Tim Crummett. “When the record of decision is done, there’s always the unknown. Things don’t go as planned.”

The Jan. 31 presentation was the Army Corps’ second public presentation on the Lincoln missile site’s remediation efforts.

During the first public presentation on May 31 at Sun City Lincoln Hills, Crummett said, “We have a carcinogen in the groundwater. It’s under the ground. It’s not too far from you. It’s in your neighborhood. We all agree, everyone in this room, we want it removed.”

Crummett, at the May 31 presentation acknowledged that several Lincoln residents and the Army Corps representatives disagreed about the health risks and levels of TCE contamination in the groundwater. He said residents were not at risk.

Others, including Center for Public Environmental Oversight Executive Director Lenny Siegel, Lincoln resident and grassroots committee member Anne Constantin Birge, Lincoln City Councilmember Bill Lauritsen and Lincoln City Manager Sean Scully strongly disagreed and have pushed for remediation.

Exposure to high TCE concentrations can cause dizziness, headaches, sleepiness, confusion, nausea, unconsciousness, liver damage and death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention.

The Army Corps included a fact sheet in a Jan. 18 email blast inviting the public to the Jan. 31 public informational meeting.

The fact sheet stated, “However, the data collected as part of the Remedial Investigation (2018-2023) indicates that there is no imminent risk to residents that live or work near the former missile complex as the impacted soil vapor is within undeveloped land to the southwest, and groundwater is not used as a drinking water source. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), the government regulatory agency coordinating with USACE on this project, concurs with this finding.”

The grassroots Lincoln committee has said that the health risks are not from the drinking water supply, but from TCE vaporizing from the groundwater.

**What Lincoln Officials Said About the Jan. 31 Meeting**

“We were excited to hear about the additional testing measures that will be implemented in the very near term, which will hopefully give a better quantitative view of the contamination and its spread or movement,” said Lincoln City Manager Scully on Feb. 1. “...We consistently heard from USACE personnel about how important it is for the city and community to remain engaged on this issue as a partner in the process, so we will continue to advocate, participate and coordinate until remediation is complete.”

Lincoln City Councilmember Bill Lauritsen had another perspective.

“The USACE presentation was disappointing on several fronts, although I have two main concerns. The first was the ‘Area of Concern’ or testing zone outlined within the yellow border on their maps. This ‘Area’ excluded Sun City, even though it goes right up to the Sun City fence and the area immediately downhill south from the already contaminated zone...,” Lauritsen said. “My second concern is the timeline. If what I heard is right, the Army Corps of Engineers won’t really begin remediation until 2029 at the earliest. This is not a pleasant thought. Developers want to build on this land and residents of Sun City are rightly concerned about the spreading contamination... We need to begin testing beyond the yellow line and push for a speeded-up calendar.” ★

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