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VFW Recognizes Outstanding Locals



Dignitaries and award winners joined Gridley VFW at their last meeting. Pictured left to right are Teri Dubois, Kathrine Hutchison, Julie Busch, Mike Farr and Tod Kimmelshue.

Story and photo by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5731 recently honored two locals for their dedication and hard work – one an educator and one a student.

On behalf of the VFW, Commander Mike Farr recognized Julie Busch with the "Teacher of the Year" award and a plaque for her outstanding work with the youth of the community. Busch teaches kindergarten at McKinley Primary School and said her room 5 students would be so excited to see her sparkling award, featuring a golden apple.

Farr was joined by Butte County Supervisor Todd Kimmelshue and Teri Dubois from Congressman Doug LaMalfa's office. Both bestowed awards on the educator.

Kimmelshue presented Busch a certificate on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, reading aloud, "The

Board of Supervisors presents the certificate of appreciation to Julie Bush, the service to the people of Butte County, the efforts to which you contribute to a better way of life for the citizens of the community are acknowledged ...through this official recognition."

Dubois would add to Kimmelshue's statements, also awarding a certificate to the teacher and thanking her for her contributions and passion for educating children about our nation.

Busch took a moment to speak to those in attendance, expressing her love of our country and how she felt it was important to instill that passion in our youth. The educator shares how she has invited VFW members to visit her classrooms to speak to the children, how she encourages the singing of patriotic songs, and continues to practice the flag salute in her classroom.

Another outstanding community member was recognized the same

evening, Live Oak student Kathrine Hutchison.

Hutchison penned a powerful essay for the nation VFW Voice of Democracy contest entitled "We the People." Commander Farr said that when he read her essay, he was so impressed he "couldn't believe it." With Hutchison's permission, Farr read the essay aloud to the crowd. She would join Farr at the podium to be acknowledged as the contest's winner and awarded a certificate for her efforts by Gridley VFW.

Afterwards, Dubois presented Hutchison with a congressional recognition certificate on behalf of Congressman LaMalfa, followed by Tod Kimmelshue who also recognizing the youth's work with a certificate from the Butte County Board of Supervisors, saying "those are beautiful words, and you should be very proud...This is the kind of thing we need in America." ★

Live Oak Council Audits the Audit

By Sharon Pearce

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - A long closed-door session followed by almost two hours of review of Business items such as past due water and sewer accounts, the mid-term audit, and the budget made for a lengthy February 7, 2024, Live Oak City Council meeting.

James Ramsey, Finance Director, walked the Council through the Business items, stating the city's biggest issue was writing off past due water and sewer bills. After one more effort to collect by May, then remaining bills will become action items for write off. It was noted renters' amounts would be posted to their DMV records, so the property owners would not be affected. This item was approved unanimously.

It was recommended the Council accept and file annual financial statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2023. The City was given a clean opinion with no financial impact this year. The City reportedly has over \$84 million more in assets than liabilities, with capital assets of \$61 million. Ramsey stated CALPERS decreased its discount rate, so all entities' state pension liabilities have nearly doubled as well. The General Fund contains a little over \$3 million with Reserves of \$2.6 million. Overall, the General Fund decreased \$240K due to decreased revenues.

Auditors recommended a couple more controls on journal entries, Ramsey reported, saying there is an ongoing input problem in the software, not just for this city, but it is a management override problem that must be discussed with Encode. A lesser issue is that the city must take the precaution to have a second party review signed checks before they go out. The audit was adopted unanimously.

The Budget report indicated that in 2023 investments were good, including as to the lake investment. A \$200K grant was allocated as miscellaneous income to the General Fund. No money is kept in the water fund he reported, and Ramsey said there was a drop in sewer write-offs. The Finance Director indicated there was "a decent swing in health insurance," which was expected, and this was the biggest adjustment in the mid-year budget.

Ramsey said there was a change in the discount rate; the actuarial rate went up. The city will pay less on certain costs; for example, police will be about \$300K

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Butte College Spring Gala to Honor Two Outstanding Alumni

Butte-Glenn Community College District News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte College's largest fundraising event, the Butte College Spring Gala, will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Sierra Nevada Big Room in Chico. This year's theme is "Creating Careers and Futures."

Each year, the event honors outstanding alumni who have excelled in their professions and given back to their communities. This year's honorees are Julie Martin, vice president of ambulatory operations at Enloe Health, and Brandon Slater, president of Slater & Son.

JULIE MARTIN
Vice President of Ambulatory Operations, Enloe Health



Julie Martin. Photo courtesy of Enloe Health

Julie Martin is a distinguished healthcare professional with a career spanning over 18 years at Enloe Health. Martin's career has been marked by increasing scope and responsibility; she



Brandon Slater. Photo courtesy of Butte College

currently serves as the vice president of ambulatory operations. Martin began her journey in healthcare as a certified nursing assistant in various California care settings before obtaining her LVN certificate from Butte College in 2001. She returned to Butte College to earn her associate degree in registered nursing in 2003. Throughout her tenure at Enloe, Martin's work

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Back in the day, the various newspapers would battle back and forth over ideas on their editorial pages. Around the time of the Civil War (war between the states) papers took on the name of which Party's opinion they would advance; hence we see the Appeal Democrat and The Cazenovia Republican. This ideological exchange was a part of the American experiment in freedom and democracy; people having ideas - then debating and defending them with written words. In the spirit of taking on another Editorial Board, I write today to cast shade upon the Chico Enterprise-Record and Oroville Mercury-Register. Their recent endorsement of Doug Teeter and Tod Kimmelschue for re-election to the County Board was far too weak for the high caliber of selfless, dedicated public servants these men are. Moreover, the naive editorial assertion that the two untested candidates seeking to displace the incumbents could be reputable replacements left many wondering which standards these North County newspapermen enjoy in proffering their political

recommendations. In the paraphrased words of the venerable Texas Senator Lloyd Benson - I knew Jane Dolan, and neither of these other candidates is Jane Dolan. Our informed opinion aligns with our illustrious and respected County Sheriff Kory Honea; the 2nd page of the Gridley Herald stands resolutely in recommending to voters Supervisor Doug Teeter, Chairman Tod Kimmelschue, and the "Dean of the Board" of Supervisors Bill Connelly. Numerous are their governmental accomplishments for the good of our communities. Most noteworthy to the Pi Line is the scheduled repair of the Gridley Veterans Hall, emergency funding for Fair building maintenance, and making law enforcement and public safety a priority. *** Local woman Julie Busch was honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars as an outstanding educator. Seems the men and women who went to war for America wish to praise and recognize those who are making the country they fought for - worthy of the sacrifices involved. *** International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers leader Jake Carter (the Electric Chief Foreman for Gridley and Biggs) has left the cities employ and returned to his native land of Oregon (and yes the grass is greener there). He intended to stay- and we would have benefited from his time-tested talents - but his filial commitment to his parents and their need for

his assistance drew him homeward. He is now managing the Cooperative electric grid in Hood River. *** More electioneering... Former Biggs Mayor Sharleta Basset is on the March ballot contesting for U.S. Senator. She is the best choice to take on Rep. Adam Schiff in the General election. *** We saw an ad for "Steak fingers". This new delicacy is the calculated response of the Beef Industry to the ever more popular chicken strips, nuggets, and other forms of breaded fried poultry with no bones. "Steak fingers" are breaded strips of steak that look a lot like Chicken McNuggets. For clarity to readers in Richvale and Nelson (and local members of Congress), these ads are like another prequel in the "Starch Wars" in which the out-of-state "big potato" industry disseminates slick advertisements to persuade and convince people that baked potatoes, french fries, potatoes au gratin, cheesy scalloped potatoes, and tater tots are as good as eating rice. Again, all of these warring food industry associations are welcome to purchase advertising in the historic Gridley Herald. Ryan Schor at the Butte Farm Bureau will tell you Steak Fingers and Chicken nuggets both go good with rice. *** Josh F.W. Cook is an alumnus of the nationally ranked Butte College; opinions expressed here are solely his. ★

Good to Know: Resources for the Incoming Storms



Another round of wind, rain and snow is expected mid-week and through the weekend into the next. Some of the damage done by the last storm is pictured here.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After what meteorologists have called an atmospheric river slammed into California in early February, whipping the state with record high winds in some areas, and pelting rain, causing flooding and landslides, the aftermath was not pretty for many. Hundreds of thousands of Californians were left in the dark Sunday February 4th, including those in Gridley and Live Oak. Some unfortunate Gridley residents were without power until Wednesday, February 7th, 3 days after the storm took down power lines, blew transformers, toppled trees and whisked away not only trampolines, but roofs and sheds. California is expecting another round of storms. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services urges residents to be prepared for incoming weather and suggestions on how to plan can be found on the Cal OES website at <https://wp.me/pd8T7h-95Z>. The US National Weather Service Sacramento suggests drivers winterize their vehicles, check their wipers and



A downed tree takes out powerlines and a fence, landing atop a vehicle.



A downed tree takes out powerlines and a fence, landing atop a vehicle.

lights, and take measures such as unclogging gutters and storm drains before the storm's arrival. Locals should be prepared for potential road closures as the ground is still saturated as potential flooding in experiencing power loss, please visit pgealerts.alerts.pge.com for information regarding your outage or call 1-877-660-6789. As always, if you are experiencing an emergency, please call 9-1-1. ★

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Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

Practical QuickBooks for New Users – 4 Weeks, 2 hours 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:
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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
Cost: \$50 per person for entire 4 weeks series **Location:** 724 Main Street, Red Bluff

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
Cost: Free **Location:** 1366 Cortina Dr., Orland

The Basics of Bookkeeping Accounting (Colusa)
Learn basic concepts for setting up your bookkeeping and develop an understanding of financial statements to better manage your business. Learn and understand common terms used in bookkeeping so you can converse confidently with lenders and financial advisors. Learn key concepts for good record keeping for your business.
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost: Free **Location:** 425 Webster St, Colusa

ServSafe Food Safety Training and Certification (Chico)
California Uniform Retail Food Facility Law requires re-certification of competence in Food Safety and Sanitation every 5 years. Passing the ServSafe® exam is necessary to renew your certification. Training includes National Restaurant Association ServSafe® Exam, Essentials book, Answer Sheet and Certificate. Training is recognized by the California Health Department and fulfills the State of California certification obligations. Learn the importance of food safety practices and how to implement them. Trainer is State certified. Participants must register & purchase books 3 weeks before training.
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 **Time:** 9:00am - 5:00pm
Cost: \$120 per person (includes book); \$80 per person (book not included)
Location: Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

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

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SBDC programs are nondiscriminatory and available to individuals with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least 72 hours in advance. Contact Sophie Konuwa, director, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico, CA 95928. KonuwaSo@butte.edu. (530) 895-9017

BHS Basketball Homecoming Nothing but Net



Teachers got into the spirit of homecoming week, dressing up as a "rhyme without reason." Pictured left to right are: "4th of July, Butterfly, FBI, Night Sky, Chicken Thigh, Googly Eye, Wi-Fi, Tie-Dye, Golf Guy, Bill Nye the Science Guy, and Pie Guy." Photo courtesy of Adam Sharrock

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs High School recently celebrated basketball homecoming week.

The festivities kicked off with a stretch of spirit days. Monday was "throw-back" day where students and staff were invited to wear their favorite duds from decades such as the 70s, 80s, and 90s. Tuesday pushed participants to be creative with "rhyme without reason" day. Biggs High School staffers would show their students how it was done with their collective dress-up efforts, creating the lengthy rhyme, "4th of July, Butterfly, FBI, Night Sky, Chicken Thigh, Googly Eye, Wi-Fi, Tie-Dye, Golf Guy, Bill Nye the Science Guy, and Pie Guy!"

As the week continued, Wednesday would flip the script as teacher/student roles were reversed. Students dressed as their instructors and vice versa. Thursday, or "theme day"



Biggs' Emilian Bermudez and Addie Scott are crowned basketball homecoming king and queen. Photo courtesy of BHS

would designate specific colors for each grade level to wear. BHS students wouldn't disappoint, showing their Wolverine spirit with pride.

Homecoming wouldn't be complete without a king and queen. This year's queen candidates were Addie Scott, Jazmin Ibarra, and Kloe Seipert. King candidates were Brody Hudson, Chase McLean and Emiliano Bermudez. It would be Scott and

Bermudez crowned as Biggs' 2024 basketball homecoming royalty.

Both boys' and girls' basketball teams would emerge victorious from their respective games, ending homecoming week on a winning note.

For king and queen candidate bios, pictures and more Biggs High School news, visit the Biggs High School newspaper at <https://bhs.biggs.org/documents/BTSOTW-2-6-2024.pdf>. ★

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has had a profound impact on the communities she serves. From roles such as staff nurse and charge nurse to her pivotal position as director of quality management, she has consistently demonstrated exceptional knowledge of healthcare operations and regulatory requirements. She went on to earn a bachelor's and master's in nursing with an emphasis on leadership. As a certified professional in healthcare quality, Martin has played a key role in innovations such as expanding Enloe's command center structure during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Martin finds joy in her role as a wife, mother to four children, and grandmother to four grandchildren. Her interests extend to crafting, reading and traveling, reflecting a well-rounded individual whose curiosity and passion take her beyond the walls of Enloe Health.

BRANDON SLATER President, Slater & Son

Brandon Slater began his college journey in Butte College's welding classes while still in high school. This commitment paved the way for him to enter Chico State as a sophomore. In 2006, he graduated with a degree in construction management. In 2011, he joined his family's construction company, Slater & Son, as vice president and became president in 2020. His leadership has steered the company through managing multi-million-dollar projects, including new commercial, residential, and school facilities and school modernization endeavors. Slater's philosophy centers on constructing vital community assets with unwavering quality.

A full-circle moment came in 2018 when Slater & Son broke ground on Butte College's new Welding and Manufacturing Facility, a testament to Slater's connection to his alma mater.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Slater continues his family's legacy of philanthropy and civic engagement. Actively involved in causes such as youth development, empowerment, and education, he generously contributes to organizations like Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley. Slater's commitment extends to various board affiliations, including serving as secretary for the Valley Contractors Exchange and contributing to the CSU, Chico Construction Management Industry Advisory Board; Chico Police Department Business Support Team; and Evangelical Free Church of Chico Community Service Team.

"Julie and Brandon reflect the far-reaching effects a Butte College education has in our community," said Superintendent/President Virginia L. Guleff. "Both started at Butte and have gone on to be exemplary leaders in their industries and communities."

This special event is hosted by the Butte College Foundation and benefits scholarships, foundation services, Butte College Industrial Technology Programs, and the Ag Leadership Club. Tickets to this year's gala have sold out, but community members can still support the event by donating at butte.edu/give.

Incorporated in 1992, the Butte College Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the college and its students, faculty, and staff. Last year alone, the Foundation distributed more than 200 scholarships directly to deserving students. The Butte College Foundation relies on community donations to support as many as 13,000 students each year.

Platinum sponsors are Tri Counties Bank, MJB Welding, Modern/Clark & Sullivan, Rock Creek Construction / Holt Heating and Air Partnership, and The Law Offices of Dan Alexander. ★

Live Oak Council Audits the Audit

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less, but that will be offset by the police study. The yearly health insurance rate increase was \$23K. Ramsey stated property tax was expected to remain flat, adding that some tax revenue has decreased at the state level affecting cities across the board but how much is unknown.

Councilmember Nancy Santana asked about police, fire, and animal services budgets, as over \$2.1 million had been budgeted. Ramsey reported the bill for the first half of the year came in at only \$470K for police and fire and anticipated the second half to be about the same. The city is also expecting a grant of \$500K for the Shelter (Homeless) to offset the current negative amount of -\$451K. The Budget recommendation was approved unanimously.

The item on which the Council met in Closed Session addressed a Public Employee Discipline/ Dismissal/ Release

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.5 and possible action on the City Manager's Contract.

Dale Carlson left a public message read early in the session to review the Sheriff's contract carefully and not be drawn into overspending.

City Manager Aaron Palmer reported the pool was being prepped for summer use, and that there has been a major increase in animal shelter and veterinarian costs. Vice Mayor Santana reported work is ongoing at the soccer park, and asked if Council could initiate a local hero award as some other councils do? The Vice Mayor requested this meeting be dedicated to two young females who lost their lives in an accident between Live Oak and Yuba City? Mayor Ashley Hernandez remarked on business upgrades, especially at the Candy Store, and noted that a food market of 7400 square feet was for sale in the city for \$474K. ★

MEMORIAL

JANET ELIZABETH DEWEY THEISS • 4/6/1953 - 2/2/2024

Janet Elizabeth Dewey Theiss, strong in her faith, passed from this earthly life Friday morning, February 2, 2024. She was 70 years old. Janet was born on April 6, 1953, in Yuba City, California, and resided both in Richmond, California and in Live Oak, California. She was a member of the Live Oak Presbyterian Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Gridley. She attended Live Oak schools, graduating from Live Oak High School in 1971. Janet attended the University of California, Santa Barbara, and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley (Cal) with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Professionally, Janet was a manager at ETS in Berkeley.



She loved her volunteer work being an officer/leader in many clubs and community organizations.

Janet, a loving family member, is preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Alice Dewey, brother Allan Dewey, and son Martin Michael Theiss. She is survived by her loving husband of almost forty-eight years, William (Bill)

Theiss, her brother Martin Dewey, brother Bruce Dewey (Julie), and numerous nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

A service celebrating her life and faith will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Gridley, 495 Kentucky Street, Gridley, California, on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM. A reception will follow the service, with inurnment at Sutter Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Shriners Hospital for Children, American Association of University Women Yuba-Sutter, and/or the American Lung Association.

Janet will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

MEMORIAL

PHRONSIE JOAN DEEN • 10/23/1941 - 1/22/24

Phronsie Joan Deen, 82, a resident of Biggs for over six decades, passed away in her home on Monday, January 22, 2024. Phronsie was heavily involved in her family farm, passionate about her family, and was dedicated as one of Jehovah's Witnesses 51 years ago and spent her life sharing her personal convictions of the Bible's hope for the future of the human family and of



the earth. She is survived by her daughter Dandrea Deen, her grandson, Colton Graff, and granddaughter

Fairryn Graff. Also, her brother and two sisters along with her brother-in-law Stanley Deen as well as multiple nieces, nephews and friends.

There will be a public memorial on February 24, 2024 at 12:00 pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 140 Idaho Street, Gridley, CA. A luncheon will immediately follow in Butte Hall at the Butte County Fairgrounds

New Dermatologist Available to Serve Paradise



Jennifer Tomelden. Photo courtesy of Adventist Health

Adventist Health News Release

PARADISE, CA (MPG) - Adventist Health welcomes Jennifer Tomelden, PA-C, to the Paradise community and the care

team at the Feather River Health Center at 5125 Skyway in Paradise.

Jennifer is a board-certified physician assistant with extensive experience in medical dermatology care. She treats acne, eczema, psoriasis and skin cancers. Her patient panel includes all ages, including children as young as age two. Her desire to be in the healthcare field stems from being in a family of healthcare providers.

"Because the skin is the largest and most complex organ in the body," notes Jennifer, "treating skin conditions supports a patient's overall health, including physical and

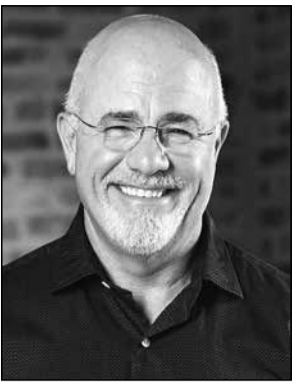
psychological needs as well."

Jennifer provides evaluation, diagnosis and treatment for a wide range of dermatologic conditions, and offers shave/punch biopsies, incision and drainage of cysts, cryotherapy, and intral-lesional injections as needed for her patients.

To learn more about Jennifer and all Adventist Health providers, visit AdventistHealth.org/Feather-River.

To make an appointment with Jennifer, schedule it directly from our website at AdventistHealth.org/JTomelden or call the clinic at 530-872-2000. ★





Dave Ramsey Says

you wanting to help him out. It means you've got a good heart, and you love him. No parent likes seeing their child in a bad situation.

There's a reality here, though, I hope you won't overlook. It's his debt, not yours. He knew what he was doing when he signed up for that credit card. He knew what it meant, what was expected, and he's the one who should make good on the repayment. There's nothing unfair about that.

Now, you're right. This is a typical young person's mistake. And like a lot of mistakes our kids make, it's one that's bad and wonderful at the same time. It's bad because if he had just listened to you and his dad, he would've avoided the whole mess. It's wonderful, though, because it gives you two the opportunity to provide him with a real world, teachable moment.

At this point, my advice is for both of you to give him a great big hug, and lovingly explain where he

went wrong and why it was a bad idea. If you want, you can even go a step further, and help him find a part-time job if he doesn't have one right now, so he can pay off his debt and get out of this mess. It'll take some planning and discipline on his part, but leave the payments to him. Hopefully, by the time he finishes working his tail off—and scrimping and saving to pay this debt—he will have learned a lesson he'll remember for the rest of his life.

– 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 ★

A Lesson He'll Remember for the Rest of His Life

Dear Dave,

Our 21-year-old son is in college, and we've always warned him to stay away from credit cards. Despite our warnings, we recently learned he got a store-branded credit card. The good news is he has stayed under the credit limit. The bad news is he has never made any payments on the purchases he made, and now he owes about \$3,800. He's a good student, and my husband and I want to look at this as a young person's one-time mistake. Do you think we should pay off the card for him just this once?

– Melinda
Dear Melinda,
Believe me, I understand

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church



Did you celebrate Feb. 14th? Did you spread love for one another, or did you make plans for the coming of Easter? Strange question? Maybe, but Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent) fell on the same day.

The celebration of love can be very important in both events. St. Valentine loved people and married couples. Jesus, the Passover Lamb, loved His people and made it possible for us all to attend the marriage supper of the Son, The Lamb, and the Messiah.

To tell someone to love another is tough. Sometimes hurt feelings fit into the situation. But Jesus told us to help our enemies as if heaping coals upon their heads. My mom always told me, "You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar." Being nice and helping people is the main goal of "love your neighbor as yourself."

When Jesus came He preached a surprising religious theme, give to the poor. Take care of the poor widows and orphans. Stand beside and heal the diseased. The religious leaders really hated Him for His, and God's views.

As you ate your chocolate hearts and

devoured your red velvet cake be thankful for those who love and care for you. So many older Americans suffer from loneliness and being forgotten. But all of us can be assured God loves and cares for us every moment of our lives.

That's why the weeks before Palm Sunday and Easter are so special. Every day we can read of God's promises and covenants He made with man and fulfilled with Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

God sent His son to give His people examples how to live and love not to destroy and hate. Even with His last breath, Jesus offered forgiveness. Now that is true love. To die because of another and then forgive them for the hurt and pain they cause is the real meaning of "agape" love, to give all!

Practice God's word and love those around us but remember to love your Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind. He deserves it!

Please join us at the Gridley United Methodist Church in this season of love. We meet on Sundays at 10 am, at 285 Magnolia Street. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

The annual music of bees is humming in the tree in the front yard. It is quite intense and tells me that Spring is on its way. Mini daffodils are popping out in their tiny yellow glory. Buds are fattening on the peach trees. It is a time of rebirth. I found some bulbs I missed sitting in their delivery box. When this happens, I plant them anyway. They

will bloom a month or so later. One more time I am ripping out some of the snowdrop bulbs. They multiply rapidly. I find people who love the look of my front yard when these little early beauties burst forth and I give the bulbs to them. If you know me give me a call and I'll include you. My friend and fellow garden club member Elaine Lopes just turned 100 years old. Her family put on a great party for her.

Here we are at Valentine's week. I'm cheating a little. I found some chocolate covered cherries I'd bought for my husband at Christmas. They got lost in the shuffle so now he'll get them at Valentines Day. He

loves chocolate covered cherries. I do not. I'm starting plants for the Red Suspender's Day annual plant sale by Green Thumb Garden Club. The money earned goes to our horticulture scholarships at Gridley and Biggs High schools. Come buy up all our plants.

It is a great time to start seeds for flowers and vegetables. Keep them warm, moist but not wet, and give them plenty of indirect light and you will have big plants before you know it. I'm also digging up iris rhizomes. These too will be given to any one who wants them; I have one yellow rebloomer that is so wonderful. A great color and it blooms at least four times a year. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Hey, I was there to help, right? Right there in the kitchenette loaned us by the Roosevelt Hotel in Anchorage. My wife, Pam, ran the headquarters for the Iditarod Dogsled Race, and it was the second year of the race, 1974, and there I sat, a genuine Alaskan long-distance dog musher who had participated in the first race the year before.

So when a nicely dressed elderly gentleman with a thick Boston accent stopped by for coffee and questions about the race ... hey, I'm there for you.

He said his name was Norman Vaughan and he had some questions, and we talked for more than an hour. Oh, I explained to this obvious city guy all about how the dogs were hooked up, and how far we could go each day, depending on weather. He was a good student, too. When he rose to go, he said, "Slim, I think we'll

"Well, at least now, he knows how to do it the right way"

be seeing a lot of each other and become good friends."

There was something about Norman that I genuinely admired, even if I couldn't have said exactly what it was.

For the record, the race begins (for 50 years now) on the first Saturday in March in Anchorage, then crosses 1,100 miles of Alaska to end up on Front Street in Nome. This gives a guy a long, cold camping trip before he gets to Front Street. Many aren't able to complete the race for various reasons, and I was one of those. Four days in, I crushed an ankle. I crawled in the sled and the team took me 20 miles to the next checkpoint, where I was ignominiously airlifted to a hospital in Anchorage by Army helicopter.

So about a half hour after Norman left, we were discussing him and sipping coffee when the news guy on the radio said, "The special guest at the musher's banquet tonight will be Colonel Norman Vaughan, who

drove a dog team to the South Pole in 1928."

Yes, there was laughter. A lot.

Norman Vaughan drove his dog team to the South Pole as a possible rescuer in case Richard Byrd's plane was forced down. During World War II, Norman was in charge of dog team rescue in Greenland, where they could rescue any air crews forced down on the ice cap. More than 100 fliers were rescued by his dog teams.

He and I were friends for the rest of his life, and when Norman Vaughan finally was able to finish the Iditarod Race in Nome, one of my dogs was his leader.

But after giving this polar explorer the benefit of my "vast" experience, about all I could do is grin and shrug and say, "Well, at least now he knows how to do it, the right way."

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Fruit Fly Quarantines Multiply to Prevent Threats to Farms

Seven counties remain under quarantines in a battle to eradicate and stop the spread of four different species of invasive fruit flies that agricultural officials say could wreak havoc on California farms and hundreds of crops. The Oriental fruit fly triggered quarantines in parts of Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Portions of Los Angeles County have been under quarantines due to findings of the Mediterranean, Tau and Queensland fruit flies. The Queensland quarantine largely affects Ventura County centered around Thousand Oaks.

Governor Announces Strategy to Protect Salmon Populations


As California experiences hotter, drier temperatures due to climate change, Gov. Gavin Newsom has announced the state's first strategy to protect and help restore salmon species to reduce their risk of extinction. The California Salmon Strategy, released last week, is a 37-page document that outlines actions state agencies are already taking to stabilize and recover salmon populations. The strategy calls for steps including removing barriers and improving infrastructure for salmon migration, restoring habitat, protecting water flows in key rivers and modernizing hatcheries.

Pg&E Electric Transmission Project Raises Concerns in Lodi Wine Country

Farmers and vintners in northern San Joaquin County are expressing concern about an electrical transmission project they say would bisect farm properties, restrict the ability to change crops and negatively affect property values in one of the state's top wine regions. Growers with farms in the path of the transmission system proposed by investor-owned Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and the local municipal power provider, Lodi Electric Utility, raised concerns during a virtual meeting last week of the California Public Utilities Commission.

Wine Sales Slow Amid Messaging Discouraging Drinking

Winemakers in the U.S. and abroad are struggling to sell their product, and leaders in the sector are increasingly focused on anti-alcohol messaging. Shanken, a news organization that collects data on wine, beer and spirits, reports that 2023 was the third consecutive year of negative volume growth for U.S. wine sales, following more than a decade of flattening consumption. Some in the wine sector have traced the origin of negative health messaging around wine to a 2018 study published by The Lancet, which found there was "no safe level" of alcohol consumption. ★



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Bill to Help Wildfire Recovery Efforts Passed Out of T&I Committee

Office of Representative Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - On January 31st, 2024, Congressmen Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) and Greg Stanton's (D-AZ) legislation, H.R. 7070, the Wildfire Response Improvement Act, was passed out of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. It is now eligible to be voted on the House floor.

H.R. 7070 directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update its regulations and guidance for the Fire Management Assistance Grant, Public Assistance, and mitigation programs to better respond to the unique challenges of wildfires and improve wildfire mitigation—including debris removal, emergency protective measures and impacts to drinking water resources. The bill would also improve FEMA's benefit cost analysis for wildfire mitigation projects to help them be more competitive for federal funding.

Today, federal support for fighting wildfires ends as soon as the fire is extinguished. But post-fire risks are immense: burn scars from the blazes can lead to life-threatening mudslides and flooding, which create serious public safety risks and can cause significant property damage. Currently, state and local governments must bear the entire cost of post-fire expenses.

"Northern California is no stranger to devastating wildfires. Many towns, businesses, and residents are still struggling to rebuild from wildfire destruction that happened years ago, and this bipartisan bill will greatly help improve the recovery process and help those impacted rebuild. Our rural counties struggle to get by financially already and adding disaster recovery to their long list of costs put basic services like police, fire, and roads at risk. I thank Congressman Stanton for working with me on this and for Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Sam Graves

for moving it quickly through the committee," said LaMalfa.

"I want to thank Congressman LaMalfa for his leadership on this bill to ensure the FEMA appropriately considers wildfire mitigation measures, which will both save lives and reduce future costs of wildfire disasters in Northern California and across the country," said Sam Graves (R-MO), Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

"As we enter another dangerous fire season under historic drought conditions, it's more important than ever that the federal government supports our communities as they respond to and recover from disasters," Stanton said. "Our bipartisan bill will directly help state and local governments respond to wildfires, and I'm grateful for my colleagues' strong support."

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Congressman Doug LaMalfa is a lifelong farmer representing California's First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, and Yuba Counties. ★

Missionary Returns from Service in Louisiana and Mississippi

By Cindy Scott

Elias Counihan of Gridley has completed a full-time mission to the Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in New Orleans and Covington, Louisiana, and also in the Mississippi towns of Laurel, Greenville, and Biloxi. Of his experience, Counihan says, "Give up something you love for the God you love more."

Counihan will share his mission experiences to his home congregation, Liberty 1st Ward, at 10:00am this Sunday, February 18. All are



Elias Counihan served as a full-time missionary for two years in Louisiana and Mississippi. Photo provided by Elias Counihan

invited. His future plans are work, education, and a possible career in law enforcement. His parents are Ben and LaDonna Counihan. ★

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Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by debris.

Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

FACT

- The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.
- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
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- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.



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ICE FISHING

2 of 5 Articles

Davis Lake elevation at 5,886 ft is frozen. We entered Lightening Tree boat ramp wearing snow shoes. Abe set up his Humming Bird Ice Helix 5-Chirp fish finder in each of the four ice holes, while Bob set up two ice huts. Our fat rainbows were wrapped in two layers of Reynolds Wrap foil, and stuffed with slices of bacon, lime and spices. Big, fat, live Grubs were used for bait.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

San Francisco South Bay; Pacific Sanddabs are flat fish with two bulging eyes located on the right side of their heads, light brown in color with mottled brown spots...sometimes with white or orange spots. A sweet meat when grilled. Size...6"-8"/ 1 lb. Try: Cut Squid. (b) Limits of 3 Leopard Sharks. Clean immediately for best taste. Try: Fish Offal. (b) Both the Sacramento and San Joaquin Deltas are muddy and unfishable.

COASTAL WATERS

Monterey Bay. Perch being caught off the beach, some Dungeness Crabs. Perch...Try: Jerk Bait. (b) Dungeness Crabs...Try: rotten Chicken Guts. (a)



Rouge Rattling Jerk Bait

LAKES RESERVOIRS

Folsom Lake/ Backyard Pond. Turning out 11 1/2" to 16" Kings. Hooked eight and landed seven. Try: Speedy Shiner. (a) Lake Oroville. Spotted Bass bite is hot. Troll...15'-25' deep. Caught and released 35 fish, all fat and sassy.. Try: Swim Bait. (b) Los Vaqueros Reservoir/Livermore. Plant of 2000 Mt. Lassen Rainbow Trout. Five fish limit of 2-6 lb fish. Shore fishing in South Cove. Try: Garlic scented Power Bait. (b)

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Yellow Humpy

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV00132

Petitioner Lindsey Elizabeth Munn filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lindsey Elizabeth Munn to Lindsey Elizabeth Flynn and Annie Ethlynn Munn to Annie Ethlynn Munn Flynn.

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 13, 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 22, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME - STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001065
The following person(s) has

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SUMMONS

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- ACROSS**
- Falling out
 - Bottle top
 - Door fastener
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 - Staff note
 - Home to Buccaneers
 - Thor's father
 - Kidman's husband
 - *He served two nonconsecutive presidential terms
 - *JFK and RFK's relationship, abbr.
 - Foreword
 - J. Edgar Hoover Building org.
 - Pac-Man venue
 - Long and adventurous journey
 - Rudolph's Clarice, e.g.
 - Like life, according to some
 - Is it enough?
 - Jalisco plant
 - As opposed to rent
 - Grassy mound
 - Flat-top hill
 - *W in George H. W. Bush
 - Nicki Minaj's genre
 - Reusable painting pattern
 - Sacred songs
 - Horse control
 - Laughing predator
 - Gunk
 - *Nobel Peace Prize winning president
 - Social media button
 - Tangerine-grapefruit hybrid
 - Greek god of love
 - Cautious gambler
 - Trousers
 - Baltic capital
 - Port in Yemen
 - Follow ems
 - Not ever, poetically
- DOWN**
- Campus drillers
 - One on a pedestal
 - Golfer's warning
 - "Jeopardy" question, e.g.
 - Closet wood
 - ___ acid
 - Body between England and U.S.?
 - *President who spent the shortest time in office
 - Orator's stand
 - Pampering establishments
 - J.M. Barrie's Peter
 - Like hot lava
 - Short and plump
 - Endow
 - *WW2 Pres.
 - *Thomas Jefferson was his VP
 - "Thesaurus" author
 - Cut it out
 - Sound on Old MacDonald's farm
 - Annoy a bedfellow
 - "Bravo! Bravo!" e.g.
 - Online reviews
 - Delivered by a mare
 - Hole punching tool
 - *a.k.a. Old Kinderhook
 - Danish money
 - Intelligent humor
 - Vomiting
 - Pressed beverage
 - Tap house
 - TV classic "___'s Heroes"
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Bulldogs Take BVL Title, Gridley Girls' Basketball Falls at LP

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

BOYS BASKETBALL

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley boys basketball team won the Butte View League championship outright as they dismantled the Las Plumas Thunderbirds in a 64-53 victory on Friday, February 9.

On top of winning the BVL championships, Gridley honored their five seniors (Brian Brown, Travus Boyd, Shmaas Khan, Conner Johns and Aaron Kullar) prior to the start of the game like all schools do for their final home regular season game.

Las Plumas opened the game up with a 3-0 lead shortly after the tipoff, but that's all they would manage to score in the first quarter as the Bulldogs' applied relentless defensive pressure and grittiness, diving on the floor for every loose ball.

Gridley was able to get the ball into the basket, unlike the Thunderbirds, as they went on a 20-0 run to end the quarter and led 20-3 at the end of the first.

Las Plumas did manage to make shots in the second quarter, but the Bulldogs continued their aggressiveness on both sides of the ball and took a 34-19 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Gridley had an entire week to prepare for the game against the lone team who had beaten



Gridley senior forward Aaron Kullar (23) throws a pass inside the paint in the Bulldogs' 64-53 victory against Las Plumas on Friday, February 9.

them in BVL play, and Head Coach Nathan Link expressed to the Herald that they emphasized defense during practice leading up to the game.

"When we played them last time (Jan. 23) we knew they had a lot of good shooters; we emphasized defending the three-point line," Link said.

He added that during the Jan. 23 game film at Las Plumas, he noticed the Bulldogs were focused on defending the perimeter too much and the Thunderbirds were driving

through the Gridley defense to get a lot of easy shots.

"We focused on containing them and forcing them to shoot from the outside," Link said.

Las Plumas depended on the three-point shot in the game as they attempted three-point shots and were successful with them.

In the third quarter, the Thunderbirds closed the Bulldogs' lead to nine with a lot of help from making those three-point shots.

In the fourth quarter, Las Plumas was only able to get

their deficit down to eight points at the least before Gridley was able to build the lead back to double-digits and close out for the 11-point victory.

Bulldogs senior forward Aaron Kullar told the Herald he and his teammates were locked in on practice this week and they accomplished a team goal of winning the BVL, but they are not done. "This is step one," Kullar said.

Kullar added that focus is going to be the emphasis

moving forward into the playoffs.

"We can't make little mistakes, we have to stay locked in," Kullar said.

Gridley was given the first overall seed in the Northern Section CIF Division IV playoffs and host the winner of Pierce/Winters tonight at 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Gridley girls basketball team fell to the Las Plumas Thunderbirds on the road in a 52-37 defeat on Friday, February 9, and fell into a four-way tie for first place in the Butte View League.

Las Plumas opened the game with a 9-0 run and the Lady Bulldogs were able to get the game within one possession a couple of times in the first half, but the lady Thunderbirds eventually made the margin too big for the Lady Bulldogs to get within striking distance.

Las Plumas was up 30-16 at the end of the first half.

Despite 23 points from junior forward Brook Marr, Gridley couldn't pull off the comeback in the second half. The Lady Bulldogs were given the sixth seed in the Northern Section CIF Division IV playoffs as brackets were released on Saturday, February 10.

Gridley hosted Lassen on Tuesday night in the first round of the playoffs. The winner of the game traveled to Colusa. ★



Gridley junior forward Brook Marr (2) blocks the game-tying shot for Las Plumas on January 23 in the Lady Bulldogs' 37-35 win.

All Area Soccer Teams Make NSCIF Playoffs



Live Oak senior striker Esteban Alvarado shoots a shot against Pierce on January 18 in the Lions 2-1 victory.

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - All four local area high school soccer programs between Live Oak and Gridley High School made the Northern Section CIF playoffs and will compete in the Division II bracket.

The Gridley boys soccer team was given the second seed in the Division II bracket as the Butte View League champions.

The Bulldogs have won 12 straight games and found their stride after a competitive conclusion to the first part of the season.

Gridley junior Nolan

Weagant leads the Bulldogs offensively with 32 goals, but is also the team leader in assists. Gridley hosted the winner of West Valley/Orland yesterday afternoon in the second round of the playoffs.

The Bulldogs beat West Valley 6-0 on Dec. 5, 2023, and swept Oroville by a combined 17-0 margin in the two BVL games this season.

The Gridley girls soccer team made it to the playoffs as the ninth seed in the Division II bracket and had to travel to Lassen on Tuesday in the first-round matchup.

The winner of that match

traveled and played at Live Oak in the quarterfinals.

Gridley had a pair of senior strikers Rafaela Anguiano (24) and Janessa Delgado (14) who led the way in scoring. The Lady Bulldogs are searching for their first playoff victory in the MaxPreps era.

The Live Oak boys soccer team clinched the third seed in the NS Division II bracket as we can only get a semifinal matchup between the Lions and Gridley for the only time this season as the two crosstown rivals will both be in the BVL next season.

Live Oak finished second in the Sacramento Valley



Live Oak senior striker Johanna Petrone (17) pushes a pass upfield in the Lady Lions' 1-0 victory on January 23 against Winters.

League this season behind Winters as the Lions had a couple late ties in the final two weeks of the regular season against Colusa and Pierce.

Live Oak hosted the winner of Corning/West Valley. Live Oak and Gridley met one another in the final of the NSCIF Division II bracket last season, which was a phenomenal game for both programs and the communities.

If we're lucky enough to see both teams battle one another for the first time this season, it would be in the semifinals next Tuesday, February 20, for a trip to the NSCIF Division II finals and

bragging rights until both teams compete against one another in the BVL next season.

The Live Oak girls soccer team was given the first overall seed in the NSCIF Division II girls bracket as they finished the SVL with an undefeated 10-0 record and took the title for the first time since the 2019-20 season.

The Lady Lions hosted the winner of Gridley/Lassen. Live Oak looks for redemption after they lost in the NS finals to University Prep (Redding) last season.

Everyone is aware of the dominant offensive weapons Live Oak has in junior

striker/midfielder Johanna Petrone (48 goals, 24 assists) and senior midfielder/striker Mckayla Holmen (25 goals, 34 assists) based on their statistics.

What others aren't aware of is the youth the Lady Lions have spread all over the field that is now experienced with getting a lot of game time run through the season.

Live Oak's scrappy and hard-nosed defense is headlined by senior defenders Maya Goodson and Maria Medina, who are capable of cleaning up any front line in the NS attempting to get through the Lady Lions defense. ★

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Deadly Wrong Way DUI Driver Sent for Prison Evaluation

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A 26-year-old single mother was sent for a diagnostic evaluation in state prison in Butte Superior Court today on her conviction of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated for a head-on collision on the Highway 99 freeway in Chico. Shelby Alvarez, 27, of Chico, had previously pleaded guilty as charged at her first court appearance with her public defender, admitting that on December 16, 2023, at approximately 11:00 p.m., she drove with a 0.25% blood alcohol content, while texting on her cell phone, the wrong way on Highway 99 near Highway 32 in Chico. Her 2009 Subaru Outback sedan crashed head-on into a northbound 2007 Chevrolet Corvette driven by Octavio Alcaraz-Jimenez, 21, of Maxwell. California Highway Patrol officers who responded to the crash scene found Alvarez had been traveling southbound in the northbound section of the freeway, when her Subaru hit the front of Alcaraz-Jimenez's Corvette, riding over the front of his car, ejecting him out of his car, and killing him at the scene. The Subaru was found on its side, but Alvarez suffered only minor seat-belt injuries and lacerations. Alvarez said she was texting on her phone at the time of the collision and did not see the oncoming car.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said as part of the sentencing hearing in court today, Alcaraz-Jimenez's family and friends spoke about the enormity of his loss and the effect it was having on the family. They said Alcaraz-Jimenez was a provider for and helped his family in every way possible, describing how they would miss his laughter and smile. The family and friends asked for the maximum sentence and stated that the 10-year maximum prison sentence Alvarez was facing under the law for killing Alcaraz-Jimenez was not enough. Alvarez's public defender pointed out to the judge that Alvarez had no criminal record and expressed extreme remorse for her actions. However, in a probation report given to the judge today, an experienced probation officer expressed some doubt as to whether Alvarez's remorse was genuine and also noted that Alvarez's statement to CHP officers that she had tattooed a friend's name who was supposedly killed by a drunk driver on her arm was false. To assist in determining a final sentence, Judge Corie Caraway ordered Alvarez to prison for a comprehensive 90-day evaluation. Ramsey said after the evaluation the judge will receive a report from prison experts who will recommend whether Alvarez is suitable for prison or whether she merits a chance on probation. ★

Fire Investigators Make Arson Arrest in Butte County

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Dept. News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Thursday, January 18, CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Officers arrested Dillon Jones in Chico. On January 8th, 2024, just after 2 a.m., firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in west Chico. The fire spread and caused damage to an occupied structure. Crews extinguished the fire quickly and there were no injuries. Following an investigation, officers

identified the 31-year-old Jones as an arson suspect. On January 18, a warrant was issued, and Jones was arrested for four felonies: Two counts of violating Penal Code section 452(b), arson of an inhabited structure, and one count each of violating Penal Code section 451(d), arson of property and Penal Code section 451.1(5), arson caused by an accelerant. Jones was taken into custody without incident and transported to Butte County Jail, where he is being held on \$315,000 bail. ★

Biggs Wrestlers Advance



Pictured left to right: Jessie Avram, Emma Bowles, Coach Cody Walsh, Jayden Beck and Karma Oliverez. Photo provided by Cody Walsh

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Regular season wrestling has come to a close for some Biggs High School wrestlers, while others are moving on to higher levels of competition. According to Coach Cody Walsh his athletes traveled to East Nicholas High School to compete in the Division 3 and 4 northern section championships. Biggs's Xavier Pinedo qualified for sections, while many of his lady wrestlers placed at division championships. Karma Oliverez would take 1st place at division championships wrestling at 112 lbs., Jayden Beck also took 1st place wrestling at 137 lb. weight class and Emma Bowles took 2nd place in the 192-weight class. Jessie Avram would secure a third-place medal wrestling in the



Xavier Pinedo takes a bite out of his medal as he advances to section championships. Pictured left to right: Cody Walsh, Xavier Pinedo. Photo provided by Cody Walsh

172-weight class. The ladies would also have the distinction of winning Division 4 team championship. The ladies will be moving on to the NSCIF Masters competition in Red Bluff February 16th -17th. The top two boys will qualify for the NSCIF State Tournament. As for the ladies, only the champion will advance to the State level competition. ★



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