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These little first responders are ready for the Kids First Responders Parade Contest with their homemade Engine 74 made by Saxon Ross. Pictured left to right: Saxon Ross, Jacob Hale, Fallon Schaaf and Rebekah Poole.

Story and photo by Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - In honor of our first responders and holding to the theme of Red Suspenders Day 2024, the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce has added a fun new event to this year's Red Suspenders Day festivities – the first ever Kids First Responders Parade Contest. In addition to the annual bed races, parade, fireman games and activities that stretch throughout the third Saturday in May, children in grades kindergarten to second are invited to use their imaginations to turn a cardboard box into the vehicle of their favorite first responder, be it an ambulance, firetruck, police cruiser or even a boat for water rescue. In addition, they are asked to dress up in the uniform that corresponds with their chosen vehicle for a shot at winning the First Responders Parade Contest. There are no entry forms, so those

wanting to participate simply need to don their costumes and grab their homemade first responder ride. Contestants will meet at the Gridley Post Office parking lot the day of Red Suspenders Day, May 18, at 10:15 a.m. Their vehicles will be judged between 10:30 and 10:45, just before the parade. A winner will be chosen from each age group: Kindergarten, first grade and second grade. Winners will receive a prize of \$25. After judging, participants will have the opportunity to join the main Red Suspenders Day parade. This is not limited to those just in grades k-2. Children of any age can dress up as their favorite first responders, including nurses, doctors, and paramedics, not just firemen and police officers, and join the parade with their younger counterparts. An adult or guardian must walk the parade route with them. Chamber ambassador and organizer Jessica Flatt says that she is excited

for this new addition to the RSD schedule and hopes that they have a great turnout. In addition, she shared with the Herald she hopes the children who participate become excited about their own futures and may choose to become first responders. Local kindergarteners Fallon Schaaf and Jacob Hale say that they are very excited for the contest. Hale shared with the Herald that he wants to be a police officer when he grows up and exclaimed, "I want to make a police car!" for the contest. Schaff said he wants to perform sea rescues, or water rescues, when he grows up and hopes to make a rescue boat for the competition. The Chamber is hoping for a strong turnout for this inaugural competition and encourages eligible children throughout the Biggs, Gridley and Live Oak communities to save their boxes, spread the word, and let the little ones have a blast while honoring our local heroes. ★

## Hospital Association Applauds Dahle's Bill to Save Rural Hospitals

Office of Senator Brian Dahle News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** -Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) recently met with members of the California Hospital Association (CHA) to discuss his landmark legislation, Senate Bill 1423. As a sponsor of the bill, CHA advocates spent their Capitol Day meeting with Democrat and Republican legislators underscoring the need for the measure and much-needed change to the state's healthcare system. "Investing in critical access hospitals is essential to guarantee that Californians have access to quality healthcare services. These hospitals play a crucial role in serving vulnerable populations, particularly those residing in rural and underserved areas. We must continue to support and invest in these hospitals to strengthen our healthcare system," stated Dahle. "I appreciate the members' collaboration and taking the time to come to Sacramento. They're on the forefront fighting to keep these critical hospitals open."

With a looming state budget deficit, and the existing system as a road to bankruptcy for rural health providers, Senator Dahle introduced SB 1423 earlier in the year to preserve vital emergency and acute-care services for California's rural residents. The bill would require Medi-Cal to pay the actual costs of providing outpatient services in designated critical access hospitals. Currently, the 37 critical access hospitals serving rural communities in California are not fully reimbursed for providing outpatient services to patients covered by Medi-Cal, resulting in the hospitals losing money for every dollar spent on caring for patients. SB 1423 changes that so these hospitals continue to be an indispensable part of the health care system for rural California. "SB 1423 is not just a healthcare initiative; it's an economic cornerstone for rural communities. By supporting critical access hospitals, we're preserving not only local healthcare access but also sustaining jobs and stimulating economic growth. Keeping these hospitals open means securing a healthier future and a more vibrant economy. *Continued on page 2*

## Orchard View Going Up Fast

Story and photo by Seti Long

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Despite a rainy start to 2024, construction on Orchard View Apartments is going quickly. The site of the future Orchard View Apartments, located on the west side of Highway 99 across from Archer Ave on the south side of Gridley has been a flurry of activity and construction since Phase 1 of the apartment complex began. According to City Planning Commissioner Donna Decker, Orchard View apartments is a three-phase development. The community is now witnessing the construction of Phase 1, which will bring 48 housing units to Gridley. Phase 2 is soon to follow. Although plans for Phase 2 have been submitted and approved by City Council, development has



Construction workers are working hard to build the apartments.

not begun and won't for a little bit longer according to Decker. Phase 2 of the apartment complex will be situated behind and to the west of the current construction. Decker tells the Herald that construction of Phase 3 is still in the concept planning stage, but that Gridley can look forward to that being submitted to Council for review and approval in the future. It is hoped that Phase 3 will bring an additional 20 units to the public for future housing needs. Orchard View will be

an affordable multifamily development that will serve income levels of 30% to 60% of the Butte County medium income. At this time, there is no completion date, but Decker hopes that Phase 1 will see construction wrap up by the end of the year. ★

# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Exciting news for those who love baseball and the Oakland A's. The city of Oakland completed its total historic epic failure, and the A's are leaving Oakland 3 years sooner than had been planned since their approval to move to Nevada. The latest development will have the A's playing at Raley Field in West Sacramento. This will be an unprecedented and fantastic opportunity to see major-league baseball up close and closer to home.

Rite Aid Pharmacy announced another series of closures of California locations. Gridley's location did not make the list. Not that everything is a competition, but Gridley/Biggs/Live Oak just beat out Gardena, La Habra, Bellflower, Lake Elsinore, Palmdale, Lemon Grove, San Jose, Venice, Winchester, and Moorpark who lost their Rite Aids.

You may hear more and more about ACES scores. ACES stands for Adverse Childhood Experiences.

The rougher your childhood, the higher your score is - and the higher your risk for later health problems. So, this is not something coming to you as a moralistic or religious concept; it is a measure of how much abusive relationships impact us all. Here are the types of questions that get quantified and reported to create an ACE Score: For each "yes" answer, add 1. The total number at the end is your cumulative number of ACEs. Before your 18th birthday: Did a parent or other adult in the household often or very often... Swear at you, insult you, put you down, humiliate you? Or Act in a way that made you afraid you might be physically hurt? Did a parent or other adult in the household often or very often... Push, grab, slap, or throw something at you? Or ever struck you that you had marks or were injured? Did an adult or person at least five years older than you ever... Touch or fondle you, or have you sexually touch their body? Or attempt or have oral, anal, or vaginal intercourse with you? Did you often or very often feel that ... no one in your family loved you or thought you were important or unique? Or did your family not look out for each other, feel close to each other, or support each other? Did you often or very often feel that ... You didn't have enough to eat,

had to wear dirty clothes, and had no one to protect you? Or were your parents too drunk or high to take care of you or take you to the doctor if you needed it? Were your parents ever separated or divorced? Was your mother or stepmother often or very often pushed, grabbed, slapped, or had something thrown at her? Or sometimes, often, or very often kicked, bitten, hit with a fist, or hit with something hard? Or ever repeatedly hit over a few minutes or threatened with a gun or knife? Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic or who used street drugs? Was a household member depressed or mentally ill, or did a household member attempt suicide? Did a household member go to prison? Add it up for yourself. I have a low score, and I am grateful to God and my parents for that. Butte County and Northern California have some of the highest scores in the State. Knowing that many people you work with may have a high score and reading from above what it takes to get a high score, would it change how you interact and respond to people? Would you be more kind and mindful?

Josh F.W. Cook is an educator, administrator, and Chaplain. Views expressed here are solely his own. ★

# Hiking Table Mountain



The Mattos family makes hiking atop Table Mountain part of their annual spring fun. Pictured left to right: Olivia, Henry, Vivian and Amelia Mattos. Photo provided by Jeannie Mattos

By Seti Long

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - With warmer temperatures and clear skies in the forecast, it is the perfect time to get out and enjoy some of our area's natural beauty.

Ever popular at this time of the year, Oroville's North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve is a fantastic place to view an expanse of wildflowers, pools and waterfalls. This area formed by ancient lava flows is a

great location for families to explore or a solo hiking trip.

If you are looking for more than just a burst of color from the bright flowers that carpet the top of Table Mountain in spring, you can also enjoy one of the many waterfall hikes. These include Phantom Falls trail, the Beatson and Phantom Falls loop, and the Many Waterfalls Cross-County Loop which, during rainy season, can feature 9-14

waterfalls depending on recent precipitation.

Visitors to Table Mountain will find limited parking in a lot provided off Cherokee Road. According to Explorebuttecounty.com, parking on the pavement 3.0 miles north of the intersection of Oregon Gulch Road to Derrick Road is restricted. Those able to find a spot along Cherokee Road must be parked fully off the pavement.

Guests are also cautioned to stay on the established trails, respect cattle by staying 300 feet away, keep dogs on leashes and follow the "leave no trace" principle by packing out all garbage and waste.

If you plan to visit this unique area, keep in mind that those 16 and older must carry a CDFW land pass. Visitors with a valid hunting or fishing license carried on their person are exempt.

According to Explore Butte County's website, land passes can be purchased online at ca.wildlifelicense.com, by calling 1-800-565-1458, or wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

For this and more information, please visit Explorebuttecounty.com. ★

# K9 Named Jocko Helps with Crucial Arrest



Jocko helped deputies make an arrest on April 7. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office

**Butte County Sheriff News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On Sunday, April 7, at approximately 5:15 p.m., Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies

were dispatched to a reported domestic violence incident on Bell Ranch Road, Berry Creek. Upon arrival, deputies discovered the suspect, identified as Jason Tripp, age 38 of Berry Creek, had an arrest

warrant from a previous domestic violence incident, as well as a warrant for the illegal cultivation of marijuana.

Deputies utilized a UAS (Unmanned Aerial System), in an attempt to locate Tripp on the property, but were unable to make contact with him. BCSO K9 Jocko was deployed to conduct an area search for Tripp. K9 Jocko led deputies into the wooded area north of Tripp's residence. K9 Jocko began showing changes in behavior which was recognized by his handler as a proximity alert. After multiple K9 announcements were made requesting the suspect to surrender and identify himself, Tripp verbally announced himself asking deputies not to release the K9. Tripp then walked out from a heavily wooded area ahead of deputies and was arrested without incident.

Great work to our deputies and K9 Jocko! ★

# Hospital Association Applauds Dahle's Bill to Save Rural Hospitals



Senator Dahle stands with California Hospital Association advocates. Photo courtesy of the Office of Senator Brian Dahle

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for our rural areas," said Rena Salamacha, CEO of Mee Memorial Healthcare System.

Support for Senate Bill 1423 continues to grow and will be heard in the Senate Health

Committee on April 24.

Another critical healthcare measure Dahle authored, Senate Bill 1258, would provide much-needed fiscal relief for California providers. ★

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# Local Speaker: The Nuclear Threat

By Carol Anderson

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Navy Commander Clay Maynard (Ret.) will be speaking at the Oroville Republican Women Federated meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at 1 p.m.

CDR Maynard will discuss his personal opinions about the nuclear threats facing the United States today. The views expressed at this meeting are his own and not those of the Navy or any other organization.

Many believe that these threats are real and should be

taken seriously. Much of the news nowadays concentrates on threats inside the United States and turns a blind eye to the greatest threats of all coming from outside the country.

Please join the Republican ladies in Oroville for a great lunch and an interesting speaker. Men and women are all welcome to attend.

The meeting is in Oroville at the VFW Hall, 1901 Elgin Street (corner of Lincoln Street). Come as you are and reservations are not required, so bring a friend. ★



Retired Navy Commander Clay Maynard is to speak on April 24. Courtesy photo

# Fair Invites Community to Volunteer Day and BBQ



Community members gathered last year for the annual Volunteer Day & BBQ at the Butte County Fair. Students from the GHS Interact Club helped other community members replant the flower barrels. Photo by Cindy Scott

By Cindy Scott

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Fair expects more than 300 community members to attend this year's Volunteer Day & BBQ. Projects begin at 8:00am and are as varied as the volunteers: pressure washing, sewing, painting, gardening, and more.

This year, projects will also be available at community locations. Volunteers will be completing projects in downtown

Gridley, at The Garden at St. Timothy's, and at Sycamore Middle School. Several community groups are involved: Calvary Chapel, Quota, Lions, GHS Baseball, FFA, Garden Club, and Interact Club.

Volunteers are encouraged to wear work clothes. The sign-in table will be next to the fair office. Volunteers will complete projects and then gather in Farmers Hall at 11:00am for barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. All are invited to come join in. ★

# Libraries Share a Wealth of Knowledge

By Mickey Mrakuzic

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The week of April 7-13 was celebrated as National Library Week.

Would you like to know what it was like to be a pirate on the high seas, follow adventures in the Hundred Acre Wood or visit the magical world of Narnia? These adventures and many others are waiting for you! All you have to do is pick up a book and read all about it! As Dr. Seuss said, "the more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Libraries provide access to information and resources for all members of the community. In addition to checking out books, they offer a variety of services such as researching records for family trees, programs for younger readers to encourage lifelong reading, free use of computers and internet, and one can even check out a California State Library Parks Pass to enjoy free vehicle day-use to over 200 participating state parks.

In the internet driven world, libraries continue to provide essential services for the community and preserve our history for future generations. ★

# Main Spillway Releases Ongoing at Lake Oroville



Releases from Lake Oroville during the spring months help maintain storage capacity in the reservoir to capture runoff, while optimizing storage for the benefit of water supply, recreation, and fish and wildlife enhancement. Photo courtesy Department of Water Resources

Department of Water Resources News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - With warming temperatures and the mountain snowmelt season underway, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) continues to perform required flood protection releases from Lake Oroville using the main spillway and Hyatt Powerplant. Releases from Lake Oroville during the spring months help maintain storage capacity in the reservoir to capture runoff, while optimizing storage for the benefit of water supply, recreation, and fish and wildlife enhancement. Over the past week, DWR decreased total releases from Lake Oroville to account for reduced inflows into the reservoir. DWR coordinates releases closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other water operators and adjusts releases as needed to maintain balance throughout the water system.

The information below reflects current reservoir level estimates. Forecasts can change quickly and may affect the estimates provided.

-Current Oroville Reservoir Level:

875 feet elevation  
-Current Storage Capacity: 89 percent  
-Total Releases to the Feather River: 7,000 cubic feet per second (cfs)

Total releases to the Feather River amount to 7,000 cfs with 650 cfs being routed down the Low Flow Channel through the City of Oroville. An additional 6,350 cfs is being released from the Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet, located 5 miles downstream from Oroville. Feather River recreation users are advised to remain alert as river flows are expected to be swift and cold and may change based on projected weather forecasts.

Lake Oroville is the largest storage facility in the State Water Project, providing flood protection while supporting environmental and water delivery needs to 27 million Californians. DWR continues to monitor lake levels, weather forecasts, and mountain snow levels to optimize water storage while meeting environmental requirements and allowing for carryover storage into next year.

To read the full DWR Lake Oroville Update for April 12, 2024, please visit <https://water.ca.gov/News/Blog/2024/Apr-24/Lake-Oroville-Update-4-12-2024> ★

# A Look at History



The Rideout Bank building still stands proudly in historical downtown Gridley. Photo by John Raspanti

By John Raspanti

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Ancient but proud, the elegant 124-year-old building stands quietly on Hazel Street in downtown Gridley. Reddish window frames and green pillars rise to a peaked roof where one can see the year the Rideout Bank opened for business.

The bank bears the name of its founder, Norman Rideout, who would also open establishments in Marysville, Oroville, Willows, Chico, Sacramento,

and San Francisco.

After Rideout's passing in 1907, his widow, Phoebe, administered the banks. E.E. "Ed" Biggs, who had been with Rideout since 1885, was the manager. Well-liked and known for his generosity, Biggs worked long hours, his office light shining into the night.

On August 1, 1910, Biggs appeared before the board of trustees of Gridley to ask for a permit to build a bank on Hazel Street. The vote was unanimous.

Gridley resident Pleasant

Perkins applied for a job at the bank soon after it opened. Known for his "can-do" attitude and affable personality, Perkins worked at the bank for the next twenty years.

Many changes have occurred inside the bank since Biggs and Perkins worked there. The marble baseboards, ornate wood counters, and tellers' cages with glass panels have long since disappeared. Reportedly, the original title lives on.

The Bank of Italy took over the location in 1921, then the Bank of America of Gridley from 1936 to 1963. Later occupants included a teen community center, the local chamber of commerce, an architect, and McDowell Printing.

Nowadays, peering through the old front window reveals a hodgepodge of shelves, boxes, and a lone soul reclining in a chair.

At dusk, time can stop as one stands and thinks of all the people who passed through the wood frame doors.

History lives on. ★

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# LaMalfa, Thompson Introduce Legislation to Mitigate Insurance Crisis

**Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - On April 1, Representatives Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) and Mike Thompson (D-CA) introduced legislation providing homeowners

in disaster-prone regions with tax credits to harden their properties against wildfires and other risks. The legislation is intended to help address the ongoing insurance crisis in California and other states, as the rising frequency and intensity of natural disasters has

led insurers to raise rates and, in several cases, exit certain markets entirely. "Homeowners must be able to harden their property as they see fit, especially as the risk of wildfires due to poor forest management escalates. With this bill, we're bolstering

resilience, but this will also hopefully reduce overall insurance rates and bring back suppliers that have left California entirely because of the risks," said LaMalfa.

"Property insurance has quickly become one of the single biggest issues I hear about in my district. People can't get covered: either the available options are completely unaffordable, or there are no options available at all. It's an untenable situation - which is why this legislation is necessary," said Thompson. "By incentivizing homeowners to mitigate disaster risks on their property, we aim to

bring insurers back into the market and bring rates back into more affordable territory."

The legislation includes four main provisions. The first creates a grant program, administered through State governments, through which individual households in designated disaster-prone regions (with certain limitations) are eligible for up to \$10,000 for specified disaster resiliency work on their homes. The second and third provisions (Sections 3 and 4 of the legislation) mirror existing legislation (H.R. 4070) stipulating that payments from

State-run disaster resiliency programs and payments from various federal emergency agricultural programs are not considered income for federal tax purposes. The final section, which also mirrors legislation previously introduced by Rep. Thompson, provides a 30 percent tax credit for qualified disaster risk mitigation activities conducted by individuals or businesses. The credit is meant to complement the grant program by providing meaningful assistance to larger property owners for whom mitigation activity costs would far exceed \$10,000. ★

**The Manzanita Elementary School District**  
Applications are being accepted to fill a vacancy on the Manzanita Elementary School District Board of Trustees.

Applicants must be district residents and be registered to vote.

A new board member will be Interviewed/Appointed at the Board Meeting scheduled for May 8, 2024.

Interested residents may email Brittany Lobo [blobo@mesd.net](mailto:blobo@mesd.net) to request application or set up appointment to pick up paper copy. Applications are also available on our school website. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 3:00 PM on May 3, 2024.

Contact person: Brittany Lobo, Manzanita Elementary School District

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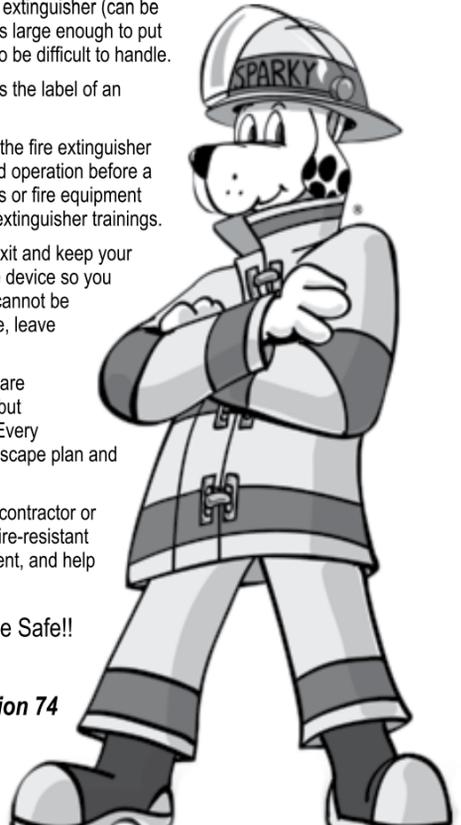
Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

**SAFETY TIPS**

- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:
- **P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- **A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- **S**weep the nozzle from side-to-side.
- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

Check your local nursery, landscape contractor or county extension service for advice on fire-resistant plants that are suited for your environment, and help to plan your landscape.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!  
**Sparky the Dog**  
**Gridley Fire Station 74**



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

**Understanding Food Costs & Pricing for Your Restaurant, Catering, and Food Business (Orland)**  
Join Butte College SBDC for a 2-hour workshop on understanding food costs and pricing. This training is for both existing and startup restaurants and food businesses. Topics will include: Understanding profit and loss statements; Industry benchmarks for food costs; How to work from a budget; Industry techniques for calculating plate costs; How to price for profitability; and best practice for managing inventory and food spoilage.  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am  
**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College-Glenn County Center, 1366 Cortina Dr, Orland

**Basic Sales & Use Tax and Tax Return Preparation Workshop (Chico)**  
Gain an understanding of sales and use tax, district tax, taxable and nontaxable labor, as well as foreign and interstate taxability. Discover exemptions and deductions which may be available to you. Determine how AB 147 and the Market Place Facilitator Act affects your business. Finally, get step-by-step instructions on how to file a Sales and Use Tax Return electronically using California Department of Tax and Fee Administration's new online services system.  
**Date:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am  
**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

**First Steps to Successfully Opening A Restaurant or Food Business (Paradise)**  
If you are a first-time start-up restaurateur, a food entrepreneur who is looking for help with putting together a road map for successfully opening your business, or you are a new startup (less than 6 months) this workshop is for you! We will guide you through an overview of organizational strategies and timelines required from concept, to finding a location and working through the permit process up to opening day. Topics include: Organizational Timelines, Strategies and Resources; Business Plan Overview; Investors and Funding Options; Entity/Bookkeeper or Accountant; Location & Lease; Permits and Licenses Overview; Opening checklists; and other keys to success.  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am  
**Cost:** Free | **Location:** Paradise Ridge Chamber, 6161 Clark Road, Paradise

**Practical QuickBooks for New Users 2-weeks 2 hours per week (Oroville)**  
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. This 4-weeks, 2 hours per week series includes 4 focus areas:  
**Week 1 - May 2: Accounting Basics & Getting Started with QuickBooks**  
**Week 2 - May 9: Setting up Items and Creating Forms**  
**Week 3 - May 16: Accounts Receivable**  
**Week 4 - May 23: Accounts Payable, Banking Reconciliations, and Reports**  
**Date:** Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2024 | **Time:** 10:00am - 12:00am  
**Cost:** Free | **Location:** The Barrell Room, 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

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# Newly Rerouted Trail Opens Near Hyatt Powerplant

## California Department of Water Resources News Release

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - Heavy rains caused slope failure along a portion of the Brad Freeman Trail near the Hyatt Powerplant, making a quarter mile long trail section unsafe for public recreation. DWR and the California State Parks assessed impacts to the trail with a decision ultimately made to reroute the trail for continued recreation use.

DWR and State Parks opened the newly rerouted trail this week, which now runs along the north side of Oro Powerhouse Road. The trail reroute provides continuous access to the 41-mile-long Brad Freeman Trail loop, offering multi-use recreation for hiking, biking, and equestrians. The nearest access points to this trail segment are the Diversion Pool parking lot off Oro



Trailhead marks the start of rerouted trail. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources

Powerhouse Road and the Upper Overlook Day Use Area on Canyon Drive.

Read more in the Lake

Oroville Community Update at <https://water.ca.gov/.../Lake-Oroville-Update-4-12-2024>. ★



Fishing rating scale: (b) Excellent • (a) Good • (g) Poor (bad)

### LOCAL FISHING

Mile Pond; Oroville WA. Spend a leisurely day catching Red Eared Sunfish. Try: Size #6 Brown Woolly Bugger. (b) Tisdale Boat Ramp is closed!

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Heddon River Runt

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Lake Almanor; big Rainbow Trout on the take. Try: Rapalas. (b) Clear Lake Sunfish are active. Try: Crappie Jigs. (a) Union Valley Reservoir; big 10lb Mackinaws are eating seven inch



Cotton Cordell Red Fin

Kokanees for lunch. Try: Cotton Cordell deep diving 7-inch Red Fin. (b)

### RIVERS

#### A Ticking Time Bomb

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# Chico Man Sentenced to Prison for Hate Crimes Again

## Butte County District Attorney News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On April 3, a Chico man was sentenced to state prison for two 2022 hate crime arsons after previously serving a prison sentence for prior vandalism and hate crimes he committed in 2019.

Thomas Bona, 38, was sentenced to the maximum term of nine years and eight months in state prison for one count of vandalism for throwing a rock through the window of a local Chico restaurant, and two counts

of arson as a hate crime for the burning and defacing of the sign of a Chico synagogue and a Chico tribute mural to missing or murdered indigenous women.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Bona had previously been sentenced to a six-year prison sentence for a June 12, 2019 incident when Bona approached a man in a vehicle yelling racial slurs at him. Bona kicked the driver's side of the man's vehicle and carved a swastika into the hood of the vehicle with a knife. He also marked a Chico gas station

with white power statements, broke a window of a food truck, and drew multiple swastikas near the Chico City Plaza where people had gathered in response to the death of George Floyd.

Lisa Rappaport, the synagogue's rabbi, addressed the court April 3 describing how Bona's crimes had an impact on the local Jewish community. She described how Bona's crimes acted to frighten away persons from fully participating in the Jewish way of life and noted the measures the congregation leadership took to improve the

synagogue's security in response.

The defense pointed out Bona's struggles with drug and alcohol use, mental health issues, and homelessness. While acknowledging Bona's struggles, the prosecution argued Bona posed an unreasonable risk of danger to the public if released noting Bona's current hate crimes were committed while on supervised release for his prior hate crimes.

In sentencing Bona, Butte County Superior Court Judge Corie Caraway noted the defendant's criminal history and threat

to the public justified the upper term.

Ramsey said, "In navigating the complex terrain of hate crimes and mental health, this office remains steadfast in safeguarding both the rights of the individual and ensuring a community where safety and religious freedom can flourish."

In addition to the prison sentence, Bona was ordered to pay restitution of \$785.14 to replace the damaged restaurant window and \$92,767 for the damage and added security measures to the synagogue. ★

# Chico Man Sentenced for Killing His Wife

## Butte County DA News Release

**CHICO, CA (MPG)** - A Chico man was sentenced April 8 in Butte County Superior Court for killing his wife in a brutal shooting last year. John Waveng Her, 53, of Chico, was previously charged and convicted of first-degree murder with the use of a firearm and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and was sentenced to 25 years to

life in state prison.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the Sept. 27, 2023, shooting occurred at approximately 6:10 p.m. in the driveway of a family member's home in the 2700 block of White Avenue in Chico where Her, his wife of 30 years, Xe Lor, 50, and family members had gathered to discuss the couple's separation and possible divorce. Lor was leaving the family meeting when Her

pulled a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol from under his jacket and shot Lor twice at close range in the driveway. Her then attempted to shoot himself in the head with the same pistol but the fired round only grazed the side and top of his head. Her fell to the ground but held onto the gun and shot at his now prone wife at least twice more. Family members ran to Lor's aid, took the handgun from Her, and held him until officers

arrived. A short time later at the hospital, Lor succumbed to her wounds.

Her told Chico police detectives that on the morning of the murder, he retrieved the pistol from within a hole he dug, loaded it, and took it to the family meeting. Her said when Lor informed the family she no longer wanted to be married to him, he felt "there were no other options" and he had to kill Lor and himself. Her admitted

he wanted to die in the driveway because he did not want to go to prison. Ramsey said Her had previously been convicted for threatening his family in 2021 which resulted in the loss of his right to possess any firearms for ten years. Lor had recently moved out of the family home and was petitioning the Butte County Superior Court for a temporary domestic violence restraining order just eight days before the shooting. ★

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Filed on March 26, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2024  
OLANSEN 5-3-24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME - STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000269  
The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Izzys Bar and Grill, 13915 Southpark Drive, Magalia, CA 95954

Randy Rash and Jini Rash, 15049 Pinehurst Way, Magalia, CA 95954

Original filing date: 2/23/2022; Statement expires: 10/18/2026. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: A Married Couple. Date Filed in Butte County: March 26, 2024. This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024 IZZYS 4-26-24

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WANDA JUANITA CHILTON AKA WANDA J. CHILTON AKA WANDA CHILTON AKA WANDA MATHIS AKA WANDA HARLES CASE NO. 24PR00096 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Wanda Juanita Chilton aka Wanda J. Chilton aka Wanda Mathis aka Wanda Harles.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Danielle LeClerc Klein, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Danielle LeClerc Klein be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of

the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months

from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661 Publish: April 12, 19, 26, 2024 CHILTON 4-26-24

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Butte County. Notice is hereby given that BCAG will hold a public hearing to receive input on the draft North Valley Passenger Rail Strategic Plan. The BCAG Board of Directors is scheduled to hold its public hearing at their regular meeting on Thursday, April 25th at 9:00am at the BCAG Board Room located at 326 Huss Drive Suite 100 Chico, CA 95928. A Zoom meeting invite will be available at the BCAG website at [www.bcag.org](http://www.bcag.org). Comments or questions can be directed to Chris Devine, Planning Director, at 326 Huss Drive Suite 150 Chico, CA 95928. Comments or questions may also be phoned in to 530-809-4616 or emailed to [cdevine@bcag.org](mailto:cdevine@bcag.org).

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### Gridley City Council ORDINANCE 849-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRIDLEY TO REZONE AN APPROXIMATELY 40 ACRES FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/AGRICULTURE OVERLAY (R-1/AO) ADDING THE AGRICULTURAL OVERLAY DISTRICT ZONING DESIGNATION TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION UNTIL THE RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY IS DEVELOPED. (TSM 2-20, APN 022-210-092)

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on April 15, 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes: Farr, Johnson, Calderon, Roberts  
Noes: None  
Absent: Sanchez  
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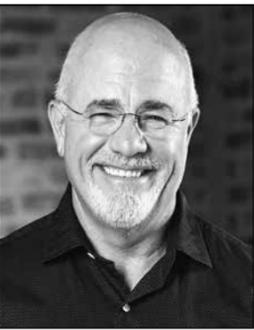
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God bless you both!

— 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* ★

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church

How do you know God is real, that He exists? How would you explain God to a non-believer or someone who totally disagrees with you? You must show examples of life, with God and without Him. Start with yourself if you are a believer reading this. If you are reading this by chance I hope I can give you are starting point to find God.

First, look at a person who is at peace, joyful, and content even while under difficult situations. A person who has cancer seems hopeful, and happy at the result of good medical tests. Yep! They walk with a God that offers faith and hope here on earth or eternity with Him.

Find a mother with little means to raise her children with, yet the kids are growing and progressing. Clean clothes, food on the table most days, and a joyful happy home to come home to. Where does that joy come from? It comes from a Creator who promised to never leave His people, to provide, and care for the least of these creations. God promised.

Now take a look at a former drug addict and learn the reason he/she no longer uses drugs. The answer is usually,



"God told me He loved me as I was but I could be better without the crutch I was leaning on." Maybe on the street at night God visited that person. Maybe while in jail or close to death the hand and voice of God reached out. God does that.

Now, take a look at your life, as bad as you think it is, God is there ready to help. Read to offer answers and guidance to the mess surrounding you. Think, did you feel a warmth from a person who offered you help? God is there. He put people along our path of life to be His hands and feet.

You are never too far out of God's reach to be saved, to be better, to turn around and leave the destructive path you are on. I ask one thing, get a Bible! God's word, God's guide, and God's answer book. Read it! You'll find God from the day of creation until the final day of life.

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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



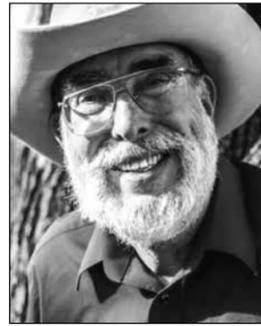
By Barbara Ott

Candelario Ace Hardware held an interesting event a week or so ago. I knew I wanted to support a local business with plants. So off I went in the rain with a friend to Ace Hardware. I thought there would be a lot of people from the area because they had speakers and new plants from the company Proven Winners. There was also a raffle. We were surprised

at how many cars filled the parking lot. It turns out that the speakers were popular YouTube celebrities. Shoppers were grabbing flats of plants full of colorful Petunias and million bells or baby petunias, easy-to-grow calibrachos. My friend and I wandered and looked at plants. We wondered when the speakers were going on. I decided to stand in line to find out when they were going to do their presentations. This is when a friendly woman asked if when they got to the front would I take their picture with Janey. I asked her who Janey was. She gushed about Janey's YouTube channel she and her friend had driven from Vacaville I realized the shopping frenzy was

probably based on plant recommendations from the YouTubers. After taking pictures it was my turn to meet Janey and Robbie. She came in for a hug and I put out my hand. I told both of them I had no idea who they were but obviously they were popular. They both laughed and she said "Well, at least you're honest. In the less than one minute I chatted they both suggested at least five times to subscribe to their channels. The city atmosphere of get your plants first and fast was exhausting. My friend and I left. It really was a city mouse, country mouse experience. We knew we could go back to Ace another time. We live in Gridley. I hope Ace benefitted from this event. ★

# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Ran into Doc down at The Mule Barn the other day, so naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee and solve the world's problems for an hour. It is the duty of all true Americans of our age, you know.

Doc said he'd been aching a little bit lately. Joints or something. He'd been out fixing the pasture fence where the mare had

## It was Embarrassing, and She Shouldn't Have Done It

been pushing on it. The next morning it made him walk funny.

"I remember when my dad was my age," he said. "I asked him how it felt to be this old. Well, he looked at me as though I were committing a crime by having brown hair, you know? And then he said, "To be this old? Well, I guess it beats the alternative."

The truth is, the morning coffee drinkers of our area aren't really old, not inside. We hurt a bit more the next day when we do things, that's all. And having to

walk funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

Being experienced sounds better.

"The other day," Doc said, "I was down to the feed store, and the kid there took one look at me and carried those heavy sacks out to the truck for me. It was embarrassing, and she shouldn't have done it."

*Tired of aging? Let's do something about it that will make others laugh.* <https://www.scientificamerican.com/video/decoded-aging/>. ★



### California Imposes Restrictions on Cattle Imports Due to Avian Flu

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has implemented import restrictions on cattle from premises with confirmed or suspected cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza. The move comes as agricultural officials acknowledge the H5N1 virus has spread between cows, affecting dairy herds in six states. This has prompted calls to minimize dairy cattle movement. Some affected states had received cattle from an affected dairy in Texas. Dairy cattle entering California from states with infected cattle must be inspected by a veterinarian within seven days of shipment.

### Research Supports Clustering of Organic Farms for Curbing Pesticide Use

Researchers have found that organic agriculture can increase pesticide use on nearby conventionally farmed fields. The findings, based on data from Kern County, suggest that organic farms can further reduce their pesticide use when organic fields are clustered. But when organic acreage is interspersed among conventional fields, overall area-wide pesticide use can increase in some scenarios, researchers found. The new research could have impacts for farmers and policymakers worldwide as governments set targets for converting more farmland to organic agriculture. ★

### Organic Strawberries Benefit from New Soil Treatment

Organic strawberry growers in California have increased adoption of a technique that suppresses soil-borne pathogens and, in some cases, weeds, leading to more robust plants and improved yields. The preplant soil treatment known as anaerobic soil disinfestation, or ASD, has emerged as a nonchemical alternative to methyl bromide, a phased-out fumigant used in conventional strawberries that proved effective in controlling pathogens, weeds and nematodes. Growers apply the ASD technique in the fall before planting to initiate a biological process of anaerobic decomposition.

### Spring snowpack raises hopes for California water year

California's snowpack has reached 110% of its seasonal average, up from 28% of average on Jan. 1, according to the state Department of Water Resources. The April 1 measurement was closely watched by California water managers because it is an indicator of peak seasonal snowpack. It also signals the transition to spring snowmelt into rivers and reservoirs. The snowpack survey results came after state and federal water officials on March 22 increased water allocations after accounting for storms that improved snowpack and reservoir levels. ★

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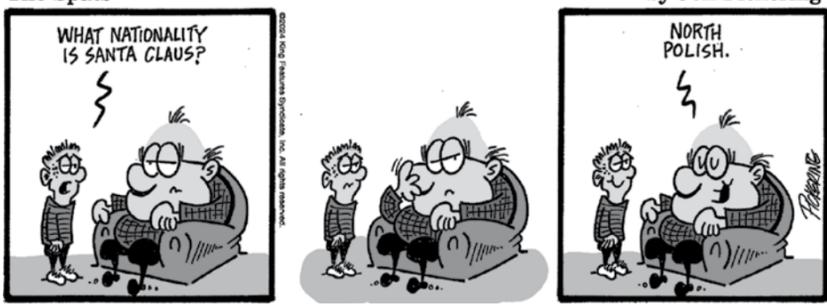
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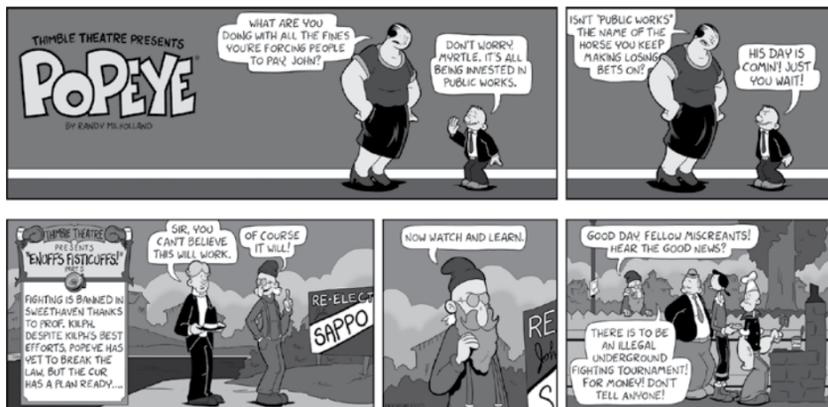


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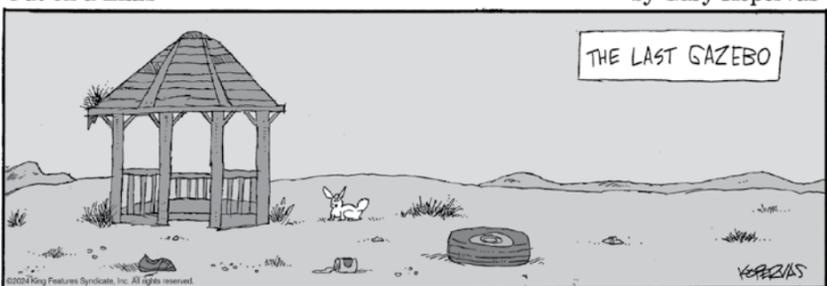
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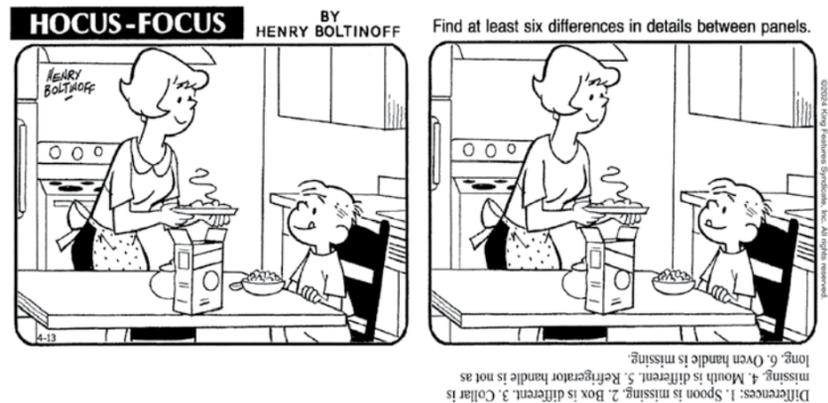
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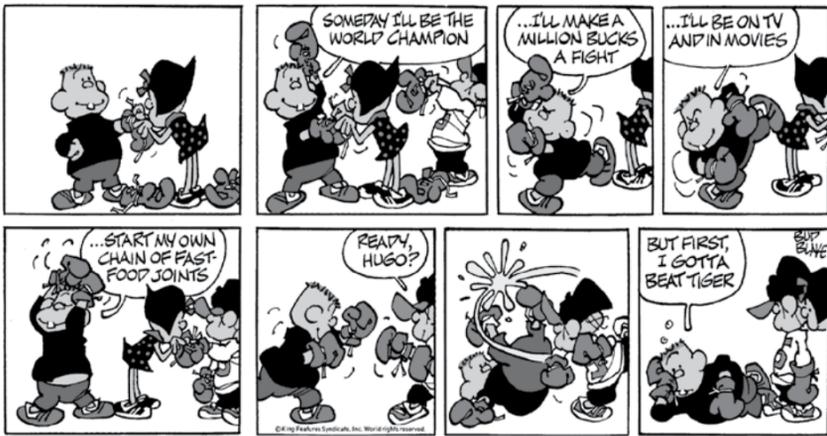


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# Biggs Baseball Wins 14th Straight

# Lady Wolverines Sweep CORE Butte



Biggs senior infielder Emiliano Bermudez (3) lifts a ball into the outfield during the Wolverines' 14-0 win over Lindhurst on Wednesday, April 10.



Biggs senior pitcher Zach Smith (2) throws a pitch in the Wolverines' 14-0 victory against Lindhurst on Wednesday, April 10.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The Biggs Wolverines baseball team won their 14th consecutive game of the season as they shut out the Lindhurst Blazers 14-0 in a non-league matchup on Wednesday, April 10.

This was the second time this season that Biggs has played and shut out Lindhurst as they were participants in the Wolverines tournament last month.

The win over the Blazers last week was the team's 15th victory of the season, which is tied for the most in the program since the 2018 spring season.

Biggs Head Coach Allen Lee expressed to the Herald that the biggest word to describe this team is dedication. Lee told the Herald this group of players has put in the work throughout the entire school year, including when some of the players were playing other sports in fall/winter seasons.

"When the kids would be done with basketball, they would come out to the cages and get some swings in," Lee said.

He added the team collectively bought in as a unit at the end of last season when

they got a taste of the playoffs as they had the program's first playoff victory against Fall River in the 2023 CIF Northern Section Division VI playoffs since the 2018 season.

"We spent a lot of time in the cages to get their timing down," Lee said.

The Wolverines used five different pitchers in the win over Lindhurst and surrendered one-hit in the shutout. Lee added that the pitching staff he has is deep and he feels comfortable to throw any of his pitchers through any type of situation.

Biggs freshman utility Dennis Dewhurst led the Wolverines in the game with three hits and four runs-batted-in (RBI's).

Biggs scored four runs in the first and two in the second inning before they broke the game open and scored the final eight runs of the game in the third inning where they had four of their seven hits in the game.

Wolverines senior third baseman Zach Smith and senior second baseman Emiliano Bermudez are two of the multiple leaders of the Biggs senior class.

Smith told the Herald the chemistry among the roster as everyone has played with one another for a few years has helped this team get better each day.

Bermudez added that the energy in the dugout has picked up more this season compared to last season as they are more vocal as a squad this season.

Smith and Bermudez had a hit each in the win over Lindhurst. Biggs was scheduled to play their next Mid-Valley League series against Hamilton this past Tuesday and Thursday before they are scheduled to play at Durham tomorrow, Saturday, April 20, at 9 a.m. ★



Biggs sophomore pitcher Gracie Sheppard (28) tosses a pitch in the 9-0 win against CORE Butte for the Lady Wolverines on Tuesday, April 9.



Biggs junior third baseman Allie Little (22) hits the ball during the Lady Wolverines' 9-0 win against CORE Butte on Tuesday, April 9.

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**BIGGS, CA (MPG)** - The Biggs softball team continued their historical dominance over CORE Butte as the Lady

Wolverines swept and shut out the Lady Lynx in 9-0 and 12-0 victories last week.

The two victories over CORE Butte carried the streak of 18 consecutive victories for Biggs this season and Head Coach Michelle Felkins expressed to the Herald that she has an entire team of leaders. She added that her entire roster is full of leaders from all levels as freshmen through seniors have all shown leadership skills.

Lady Wolverines sophomore pitcher Gracie Sheppard sat down 12 CORE Butte hitters back to the bench on strikes as she gave up two hits and walked two batters in her six innings in the circle of the Biggs 9-0 win on Tuesday, April 9. Sheppard hit a two-run double in the game at the plate.

Sheppard told the Herald the first thing

she does in the circle is find where the umpire's strike zone is and when she finds out the zone, she adjusts her release points after that.

The Lady Wolverines' offensive numbers that have been produced so far through their 19th game on Friday, April 12 are insane. As the whole team hits with a batting average of .480 as a team, the 276 runs that have crossed the plate already eclipsed their run total from last season of 262.

Felkins told the Herald that the hitters have adjusted well throughout the season and adjustments inside the game have been a part of their hitting success. "We tell them to take a shorter path to the ball," Felkins said.

Biggs had 47 extra-base hits going into play this week, but the simple fact of getting the bat on the ball has led to over 170 singles on the season.

In the Lady Wolverines' 12-0 shutout over the Lady Lynx on Friday, April 12, Biggs freshman pitcher Riley Harrison pitched a five-inning complete game where she allowed three hits and walked one for her eighth win of the season.

Harrison also had two hits in the game, including a runs-batted-in single in the first inning.

The Lady Wolverines were scheduled to continue Mid-Valley league play this week against Hamilton.

Hamilton was swept last week by Los Molinos, who is also the only other undefeated team in MVL play besides Biggs. ★



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