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Hippity, Hoppity, the Easter Bunny is on its Way



The Gridley Lions Club 47th annual Easter Egg Hunt is at Manuel Vierra Park on Saturday, April 19. Courtesy photo

Gridley Lions Club News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - It's time for boiled eggs, grass stains and kids dressed in fancy Easter clothes.

The Gridley Lions Club's 47th annual Easter Egg Hunt at Manuel Vierra Park on Saturday, April 19 is for children up to 9 years old and starts at 11 a.m.

There will be no hunting or going beyond boundary tapes before the "Go" announcement. The Easter Egg Hunt is divided into hunting groups.

One group is "very young" for ages 0 to 1, 2 to 3 and 4 to 5. Parents are allowed in the roped off "very young" areas and can help their

"very young child(ren)" find eggs. Each of the participants gets a raffle ticket for a separate raffle to win a stuffed bunny.

The next group is the "mid-ages" for ages 6 to 7 and 8 to 9. No parents or older siblings are allowed in the "mid-age areas." They look for eggs on their own.

For the "mid-age" group, five prize eggs will be painted silver, five will be painted gold, and one will be painted gold and silver. These prize eggs are hidden with all the other eggs. Prize eggs are turned in immediately to the hunt officials for a stuffed bunny prize.

The Miss Butte County candidates will be present on April 19, as will the Easter Bunny. Other fun

activities will be held then at Manuel Vierra Park. The Gridley Lions Club encourages those who attend to bring canned food to contribute to local food closets.

Gridley Lions will dye 400 dozen (4,800) hard-boiled eggs. It takes five hours for the Gridley Lions to dye the eggs, an hour to hide them and the hunt is over in approximately five minutes. It is such joy and fun for everyone, according to Lions members.

The Easter Egg Hunt is a time-honored tradition in Gridley. Get ready, set and go at the 11 a.m. April 19 Easter egg hunt.

Manuel Vierra Park is located between the far south ends of Haskell and Washington streets. ★

Gridley Council Considers Expanding Feather Flyer Service



Story by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - During the April 7 Gridley City Council meeting, two newly-promoted employees were recognized: Deputy City Clerk Carmen Santana and Assistant Finance Director Patricia Taverner, the former business services director.

Taverner spoke of being pleased to partner with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to complete the Water Main Relocation project, which is set to be completed April 18. Thanks were given to Santana for her work to support the finance team and other departments.

Gridley Finance Director Martin Pineda discussed options for improving and expanding the Gridley Golden Feather Flyer door-to-door transportation service during an informational presentation on strategic issues planning. The goal would be to increase ridership and revenue.

The transportation service has had increased costs and insufficient use, causing a shortfall of \$15,000 this year. The money has typically come out of State Transit Assistance (STA). Some of the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) had to be moved to the State Transit Assistance (STA) to offset the \$15,000 shortfall in 2025. Due to a \$120,000 cut in funding for the coming year, Pineda projected that there will be a shortfall more than \$132,000 in 2026.

Funds from the Local Transportation Fund would otherwise go to repairing streets, according to City Administrator Elisa Arteaga. Labor and insurance are the biggest cost factors in running Feather Flyer, according to Pineda and Arteaga.

"We are subsidizing the money we should be using for roads and streets, for the Flyer," Arteaga said.

Pineda proposed that the Feather Flyer service be expanded from one zone to three zones.

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Council Celebrates Soccer and Wrestling Champions



The Live Oak High School girls' varsity soccer team won the Division II championships and was honored with a proclamation from the Live Oak City Council on April 2. Photo courtesy of the City of Live Oak

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak City Council issued proclamations on April 2 recognizing the accomplishments of student athletes from Live Oak High School.

The girls' varsity soccer team and girls' varsity wrestling team competed in Division II of the 2024-2025 Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation, both emerging as champions for their sport.

Councilmember Bob Woten said all the councilmembers were so proud of the athletes.

"I know you can do great things, as shown in your ability to compete and get ahead," said Woten.

Councilmember Nancy Santana said the students are disciplined, motivated and ambitious, which

is "really great to have in your character."

Mayor Jeremy Chapdelaine congratulated both teams and said their hard work and dedication to their sport had brought positive attention to the Live Oak community.

During public comment, one caller wondered about the absence of Interim City Manager Rick Crabtree from the meeting. He also questioned when the city would mail Proposition 218 notices to inform residents about proposed water rate increases.

During council comments, Santana brought up a student stabbing that occurred last month at Gridley High School. She said a School Resource Officer (SRO) was onsite and able to render aid to the injured student.

"That just goes to show you a School Resource Officer could mean the difference between life and death

of a kid," said Santana, repeating her request for a School Resource Officer in Live Oak to ensure that safety is a top priority.

Vice-Mayor Aaron Pamma said he recently attended a meeting with the consultant group facilitating the proposed water rate increases. Pamma said the Prop. 218 notices are being translated into Spanish and Punjabi to ensure all community members receive the necessary information. The notices are scheduled to be mailed on April 11. Other important dates include a community outreach meeting on April 23, the written protest deadline on May 12 and the public hearing at the City Council meeting on May 28.

The council then went into a closed session to consider three matters: public employee recruitment,

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

ran fast, and I believed I'd be safe." That is your Pi Line deep philosophical thought for the week. That may even be your deep religious thought for the week. Many people do not know there's a lot of Civil War history on the coast of California, and under the Golden Gate Bridge is a place called Fort Point, which is a giant red brick fortress built to make sure the Confederate army did not come to California to get all the silver in Nevada that was funding the war. Great place to visit.

The flowers are out of Tabletop Mountain. It has become a family tradition to flock to the flat peak when the spring blossoms bloom. What flowers are visible depends on what

time you visit. If you perfectly time it, you can get five different colors while you stand in one spot. We were there on Sunday with the grandkids and kids and found a little ravine with a flowing creek and purple, white, blue, red, and orange flowers. There was a perfect breeze, and the temperature was exactly right. The scriptures say all things testify that there is a God. That place surely does. Listening as my grandchildren rescued a salamander from its boredom at the bottom of his pool of water and taking in the beauty of the place, I felt like Ricky Henderson when he arrived at second base.

Josh F.W. Cook is an educator and administrator. ★

Gridley Council Considers Expanding Feather Flyer Service



At the April 7 City Council meeting, Gridley Finance Director Martin Pineda discussed options for improving and expanding the Gridley Golden Feather Flyer door-to-door transportation service. Photo courtesy of the City of Gridley

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with the largest one serving Biggs and the migrant labor camp on E. Gridley Road. Increasing the ticket prices was also suggested, as was the purchase of a backup vehicle. Butte County Association of Governments has grant money available for the purchase of an additional vehicle.

Pineda recommended a three-month trial period to see if the changes work.

Gridley Mayor Mike Farr and Vice-Mayor Bruce Johnson requested ridership data, including averages of how many individuals use the service. "I don't want to start this and wait until the funding is reduced and then try to fix this, because we don't know if this is going to fix it," Johnson said.

Councilmember J. Angel Calderon suggested doing an assessment in each area to see what the needs are before trying the new plan.

"We can target areas and modify accordingly. If we go ahead and expand without knowing what the need is, we may end up with the same problem," said Calderon.

Arteaga maintained that "I believe the expansion to include all of these encompassed areas is so that we can establish that. You have to go to the maximum to see where the ridership is coming from. Let's see and trace and track to see where the use is coming from. We can use those numbers to establish a fixed route."

The next meeting item was a presentation from Fire Department Chief Chip Fowler. He went over the fire department's 2024 review, outlining the short and long-term goals. Goals included the previously-approved new ladder truck, which is due for delivery next year. A long-term goal that the chief highlighted is the department's continued efforts in having sponsored fire prevention and education events. According to Chief Fowler, it has

already reached thousands of children in the community.

The presentation included how city representatives from Gridley's sister city, Comala, Mexico, toured the fire department facilities. Surplus personal protective equipment will be delivered to the Comala Fire Department (and others in Mexico) by retired Fire Chief Hernandez. Chief Fowler and Councilmember Calderon both visited Comala, Mexico, where they were well-received.

The department's future goals include having a captain, engineer and firefighter on each call. In addition, Fowler foresees the need for additional stations to the west of the railroad tracks and to the north. This will help maintain the standard response time of five minutes as the city grows.

Councilmembers voted unanimously to approve the following:

Treasury consultant agreement with Linda Patterson to assist with Request for Proposal process (RFP).

The reclassification of the community service officer position to a code enforcement officer, with a salary adjustment.

Contract with Nick's ABC Towing for the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) program.

Copier and printer lease agreement with Global Office Inc. for copier replacement.

Committee reports included Councilmember Calderon who attended meetings for Behavioral Health, the Advisory Board, the County Board of Supervisors and the Homeless Continuum of Care for the first time. Calderon will have a consultation with the Chico Police Department about the homeless problem and will report on that at the next council meeting on April 21.

Councilmember James Roberts attended the Chamber of Commerce and Red Suspenders Day meetings. There will be a Police Motor Competition added to Red Suspenders Day. Yuba, Sutter, Live Oak and Chico Police Departments will participate in a fun demonstration of what the police vehicles are capable of.

Mayor Farr and Biggs Mayor Bo Sheppard attended a Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) meeting in Roseville. Hydrogen gas was promoted at the meeting as a cheaper substitute for natural gas.

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting was attended by Vice-Mayor Johnson who reported that several small communities' services were reviewed and left as they were.

Gridley's first block party will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 12 at Magnolia Terrace, next to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Admission is free. Gardening and composting workshops, mini-yoga classes, plants for sale and a mini-farmer's market will all be part of the festivities. In addition, law enforcement and other local government will attend. The event has been organized by Councilmember Catalina Sanchez, who invites everyone to come.

Quota of Gridley is holding a free painted rocks party for children from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 12 at Quota Park. Location is at the corner of Hazel and Washington Streets.

From 8 to 11 p.m. April 12, the Gridley Rotary Club will hold a silent disco at the Butte County Fairgrounds. Online tickets are \$7 and \$15 at the door.

Last on the meeting's agenda, City Administrator Arteaga met with California Consulting about recreation grants to fund a community building with a gymnasium. ★

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Council Celebrates Soccer and Wrestling Champions



At the April 2 Live Oak City Council meeting, the Live Oak High School girls' wrestling team was honored with a proclamation after winning the Division II championship. Photo courtesy of the City of Live Oak

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interim city manager; public employee performance evaluation, city manager;

and public employee discipline, dismissal, or release. Any reportable actions from the closed session

will be announced at the beginning of the next regular meeting on April 16. ★

Manzanita Students of the Month for March

By Shelly Cahoon, School Secretary, Manzanita Elementary School

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as Manzanita Elementary School's Students of the Month for March.

They have been recognized by their teachers and principal as students who demonstrate integrity, do their best and are great role models for Manzanita Elementary School.

The students are Brantley Howell, Isabel Alejo, Hunter Beaver, Logan Boucher, Zayla Mota, Clary Frazer, Isaac Medina, Isabella Vazquez Salgado, Mia Miskin, Ileri Corona Castaneda, Jorge Rosas, Mateo Mellin, Esaias Valdes, Emmanuel Navarro, Antonio Santillan, Mason Beck and Evan Kullar. ★



The following students were chosen as Manzanita Elementary School's Students of the Month for March. From left, front row, are Brantley Howell, Isabel Alejo, Hunter Beaver, Logan Boucher, Zayla Mota and Clary Frazer. From left, middle row, are Isaac Medina, Isabella Vazquez Salgado, Mia Miskin, Ileri Corona Castaneda, Jorge Rosas, Mateo Mellin, Esaias Valdes, Emmanuel Navarro and Antonio Santillan. In the back row is Principal Joe Lodigiani. Photo courtesy Manzanita Elementary School

Uprooted: An American Story

By Alice-Marie Boucher

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

A famous quote by George Santayana sums up the message learned from Manzanita School's eighth-grade class visit to the California Museum in Sacramento to see the exhibit "Uprooted: An American Story" about Japanese Americans during World War II.

The class had just finished reading historical fiction about World War II, including books "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas," "The Cay," "The Book Thief," "Farewell to Manzanar" and "Dear Miss Breed." The books taught the students about the effects of the Holocaust in Europe and the Japanese internment.

Japanese internment happened during World War II when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 in 1942, which forcibly removed people of Japanese descent, many of whom were American citizens, and relocated 120,000 people from the West Coast of the United States into 10

concentration camps across the U.S.

Families were moved to relocation centers before being forced into the newly-built internment camps. The relocation centers were not houses; they were merely horse stalls at fairgrounds and racetracks that had been modified to be barely habitable. From the relocation centers, families were moved to one of 10 internment camps, two of which were built in desolate areas of California, Tule Lake, and Manzanar. These were also tar paper or clapboard structures built hastily to house hundreds of families behind barbed wire fences.

While visiting the California Museum in Sacramento, the Manzanita School's eighth-grade was split into two groups, the bears and the poppies, where guides recounted personal stories from Japanese who lived in the camps.

One of the docents, Marielle Tsukamoto, said she was put into a camp when she was five and her mother, Mary Tsukamoto, wrote a book called "We the People." This book shares the hardships she



The Manzanita School's eighth-grade class visited the California Museum in Sacramento to see the exhibit, "Uprooted: An American Story," about Japanese Americans during World War II. Courtesy photo

and other internees endured in the camps. Marielle Tsukamoto spoke about the gun towers placed around the barbed wire perimeters of the camps and how they were supposedly there for the safety of the Japanese. She said, however, many questioned if that was true because the guns were pointed into the camps at the Japanese. Marielle Tsukamoto also emphasized the importance of learning about this time to prevent history from repeating itself.

The students also walked through a model of where the Japanese Americans stayed in the camps and learned about the struggles they had to endure.

The exhibit also teaches

about the valiant Japanese soldiers in World War II, specifically the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442 Infantry Regiment, the

most highly-decorated battalion in American history.

The most important lesson that the eighth-graders learned was this history is

personal to many families in our Gridley community.

Alice-Marie Boucher is a Manzanita School eighth-grader. ★

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How can you boost your savings?

It might not be on your calendar, but America Saves Week is observed from April 7-11. Are you saving enough? If not, how can you save more?

If you don't think you're saving enough, you're not alone. Just 22% of Americans are completely satisfied with the amount of money they've saved, according to a recent Yahoo Finance/Marist Poll survey. And the same survey showed that a third of households couldn't cover one month's worth of bills if they lost a job or other source of income.

What's behind this savings gap? Several factors are involved, including the high cost of housing. But while you can't control these external forces, you may be able to increase your savings by taking these steps:

- **Create a budget — and stick with it.** Following a budget is not everyone's idea of fun, but it can be of great use in managing your spending, which, in turn, can help you save more. You can find many free budgeting apps that allow you to track your spending and place it into categories. Once you know where your money is going, you may find it easier to cut back in certain areas, such as possibly eliminating streaming services you don't use much.
- **Pay yourself first.** Like everyone, you have a lot of bills to pay each month. But why not pay yourself first? Even if you can't put away a lot of money, any amount will help. And you can make it easier on yourself by having some funds moved automatically each month from your checking or savings account into a liquid, low-risk account — one you don't use for your everyday expenses. Over

time, as your income goes up, you can increase the amounts in these automatic transfers.

- **Take advantage of "cash-back" offers.** You may already use a credit card that provides you with cash back on purchases. But did you know you can also download cash-back apps? Like cash-back credit cards, these apps give you a percentage of your spending back, helping you save money on many of your regular purchases, such as groceries and gas. You can even find apps that offer promotions that let you earn more at specific times or for buying certain items.

- **Cut down — or consolidate — your debts.** It's easier said than done, but the more you can reduce your debts, the more money you'll be able to save. You can choose to tackle the debt with the highest interest rate or get rid of the smallest debts first, but whichever method you choose, try to be as diligent as you can. You also might be able to consolidate your debts — but be careful, because not all debt consolidation offers will work in your favor.

- **Get some help.** Your employer may provide an employee assistance program that offers, among other benefits, credit counseling and other types of financial guidance. You may want to contact a financial professional who can take a holistic look at your situation and offer recommendations on saving, investing and goal setting.

It's always important to save money — but it's not always easy. However, by exploring every avenue available to you, you may be able to improve your saving skills to the point where they can make a real difference in your life.

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Readathon Opens the World of Imagination



First-graders Jake Ryan and John Whitney enjoy their prizes. Photo courtesy Christine Santerre

By Mickey Mrakuzic

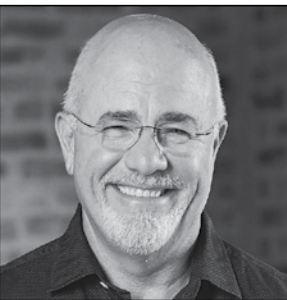
GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - McKinley Elementary School recently held a readathon for Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss Day.

During March, McKinley Elementary School held a readathon. The children read books and participated in school activities. Kindergartners read for a total of 60 minutes and first-graders read for a total of 100 minutes.

As part of the readathon, the children gathered sponsors to raise funds for field trips and activities. ★

The highest fundraisers for each grade received a prize. The winners for kindergarten were Grant Evans and Lily Arriola. The winners for first-grade were Jake Evans and John Whitney.

Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss Day is an annual event that promotes the joy of reading. Celebrated in honor of the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, famously known as Dr. Seuss, the day (and week) is filled with reading events, character dress-ups and a shared appreciation for the iconic stories that have captivated generations of young readers. ★



Dave Ramsey Says He's Going to Need You in His Life

you love that little baby with all your heart. But if it were me, I'd find a little bit larger used car—a good, reliable one—that either one of you, or both of you combined, can pay for with cash. No payments, no leases.

But Ewan, here's the important thing. Spend every second you can get hugging and loving on that little boy. And let his mom know you want to be part of his life as much as possible. He's going to need his daddy around.

— Dave

It's Not About Greed, it's About Doing Good

Dear Dave,

On your show, you're always talking about accumulating piles of cash. I've gone to church my entire life, and I know for a fact the Bible says not to lay up treasures on earth. Doesn't that mean we shouldn't be greedy or accumulate wealth?

— Lawrence

Dear Lawrence,

The Bible also says in Proverbs that in the house of the wise there are stores of choice food and oil. I ap-

preciate your concern, but when I talk about "piles of cash," my frame of reference is that we're to handle our money and other possessions for good and for God. It's not about greed, or to show off or to use it just to buy bigger and better things for ourselves.

If you look back through scripture, you'll find many of the Bible's major characters were wealthy people, who understood they were not the owners of the money and wealth. They understood God owned it all, and their job was to manage it all properly for God's glory.

But here's the thing. You can't do good if you don't have the resources to do good.

— Dave

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



Easter lily Producers Prepare to Ship Flowers for Spring Holiday

California's Easter lily producers are preparing to ship the flowers specially grown for the holiday. Rob Miller, a nursery operator and flower grower in Del Norte County—also known as the nation's Easter lily capital—said he expects to start making deliveries around April 7, with Easter falling this year on April 20. Easter lilies naturally bloom in the summer. To get them to flower for Easter, growers must manipulate the plants in the greenhouse. "Pushing lilies or plants earlier or holding them off later is a function of temperature," Miller said. "If you need them to be earlier, you have to force them at a warmer temperature. If you're going to hold them a bit later, you can run the greenhouses a little cooler."

Farmers Encouraged to Use Livestock Grazing to Mitigate Fire Risks

By increasing the use of livestock to manage vegetation, also known as targeted grazing, California farmers and ranchers may be an overlooked potential ally in preventing future wildfires. That's according to new research by University of California Cooperative Extension livestock and natural resources adviser Dan Macon and UCCE specialist Leslie Roche. "Farmers and ranchers are in a great position to adopt targeted grazing because of their lifelong and often multigenerational understanding of their location, along with their ability to balance livestock needs with landscape goals," Macon said.

Salinas Valley Vegetable Production Ramps Up As Season Changes

With winter turning to spring, vegetable production in California is shifting from the Imperial Valley—the primary region for winter vegetables—back to the Salinas Valley, which dominates the state's vegetable production for much of the year. "March, April, May is when we start to ramp up once the rain winds down," said Jonathan Merrill, a Monterey County vegetable grower. "We specialize in partner contracts and grow for bigger brands that you'll see in the grocery stores. The vast majority of what we do is driven by our customers, the shippers. They tell us certain amounts or acres per week."

California Farm Bureau TV Program, Host Win TASTE Awards

California Bountiful TV, the long-running lifestyle program produced by the California Farm Bureau, and its host and executive producer, Aubrey Aquino, won two TASTE Awards at the 16th annual event held last month in Beverly Hills. Aquino was named Best Producer, while California Bountiful TV earned the award for Best Green/Organic TV Program. "It's truly an honor to receive these awards, and I feel fortunate to be able to share and tell the many stories of California's agriculture with a television audience," Aquino said, adding this was the first time the show entered the TASTE Awards. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Glistening snail trails are on the back walkway in the early morning. Even on chilly high 30s mornings. Makes me wonder how they warm themselves in the cold since they are not warm-blooded animals. All winter they are tucked away in cozy places then all of a sudden, they are able to come out into the cold. Of

course, this cold journeying means they are using their thousands of rasp teeth to eat. I had to bait my mini hostas as usual because as I've stated in the past, "Hostas are the crack of the snail world." They will eat them down to the ground if I don't bait the pots these plants live in. Another snail mystery I've spoken about before is the "how" of them getting into what appear to be places that they should not get to. The hosta pots are about 18" of smooth glazed pots. Do they care, No! Up they go and start to munch. Some of the crafty slimers simply stay hidden under the lips of these pots that way they don't have to climb them again. I

am wise to this snail strategy; I look for them there daily. Those slimy crawlers really make me notice them each and every year. I am always amazed at what they eat. I have some very tiny daffodils in a pot. I think it is the little snails that eat the flowers, pedal by pedal until I notice and stop their feasting. These flowers are like very tiny with thread-like leaves. The stalks are not bent or broken but still the tiny flowers are chomped on. I wonder if snails can defy gravity. I know they can't because when I toss them off onto the lawn or into other places they fall. Real Spring is here I'm sure of it based on snail trails! ★

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Gridley FFA Shines at State Leadership Conference



Gridley Future Farmers of America members Gracie Yost and Joe Schohr were in the Top Three in the state for Swine Production Entrepreneurship and Sheep Production Entrepreneurship, respectively. Photo courtesy of Gridley Future Farmers of America

Story by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley students Joe Schohr, Gracie Yost and Gaby Roque claimed honors in their respective categories during the Future Farmers of America's (FFA) California State Leadership Conference in Sacramento on April 3 through April 6.

About 7,000 students, advisors and guests from 368 Future Farmers of America chapters around the state attended the conference. Students showcased their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) and competed in a wide variety of divisions.

Schohr was the state winner in Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency and was in the top three for Sheep Production Entrepreneurship. There was an extensive application required, outlining Schohr's skills and future plans. In addition, Schohr kept detailed records of his sheep and cattle projects for the last three years that were judged for the competition.

Finally, he had an interview in Sacramento. Schohr will be one of the four finalists at the national competition in Indianapolis, Indiana this October.

The Schohr family has been farming for five generations.

"I've been involved in the farming industry ever since I can remember," said Schohr. "I brought sheep into the family operation through 4-H when I was 9 years old. I started with a market lamb, then two ewes and developed my own herd of 30 sheep."

Yost won third-place in Swine Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency. Yost has raised swine for four years, with three years in Future Farmers of America. She, too, has maintained exhaustive records on her swine project for judging. When asked how she felt

about the competition, Yost responded, "Very exciting and nerve-wracking to be on stage."

Currently, Yost has one market hog but plans to have a small breeding operation with about 20 sows and two boars.

For the first time, Yost also served as a delegate at the conference, voting on important Future Farmers of America issues and for the state officers.

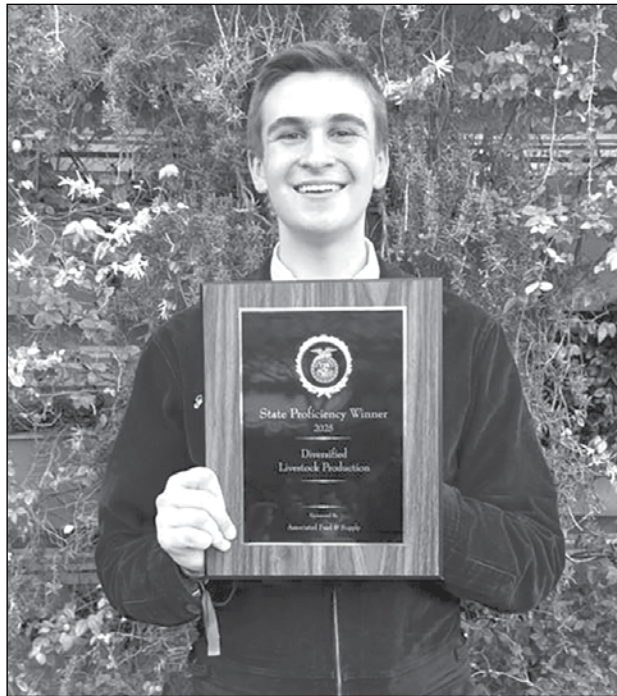
Roque, who competed in El Credo (Spanish

Future Farmers of America Creed), finished fifth. She recited the Future Farmers of America creed in Spanish and answered three questions related to it, also in Spanish.

The event is timed, with four minutes for the presentation and a five-minute time limit for answering questions. This event promotes cultural awareness while furthering the Future Farmers of America values, as well as developing public speaking skills. ★



Gaby Roque is shown with her fifth-place ribbon for the El Credo (Spanish Future Farmers of America Creed) competition. Photo courtesy of Gridley Future Farmers of America



Joe Schohr displays his first-place plaque for Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency at state level. Photo courtesy of Gridley Future Farmers of America

Biggs Searches for New City Administrator

By Connie Voss

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - During the regular April 8 Biggs City Council meeting, Biggs Interim City Administrator Cliff Wagner announced that the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) regulations require that active recruitment for a permanent city administrator be in progress for him to continue in the interim position.

This condition occurs when a public agency hires a CalPERS retired annuitant to temporarily fill a vacant executive position.

According to Wagner, if a suitable candidate is not found, the city retains the right to appoint another interim city administrator if needed, as long as the recruitment remains active.

Wagner further indicated that he planned to advertise for the position in professional publications through the Biggs website and social media. Resumes will be collected over a period of six weeks, beginning immediately after approval. Thereafter, resumes will be reviewed at a closed session of the council with subsequent interviews conducted by Wagner.

"I don't want to be pressured into hiring somebody just because June 30 is our deadline," Councilmember Anita Wilks said. "I think we need to take our time and look for someone who is really going to complement the city of Biggs, the

work that we're doing and the citizens we serve."

Wagner concurred that the effort "needs to be realistic and unrushed."

The action requires a resolution to document that the recruitment is happening in case CalPERS wants verification.

Several neighboring cities are also recruiting for city administrators, making the job market more competitive.

Councilmember Doug Arnold recognized the work Wagner has done and asked if he would consider

discretionary. In other words, housing projects can't be denied.

Summerville showed the information to city attorney Greg Einhorn, Interim City Administrator Wagner, and others. Therefore, Summerville has concluded that Realtor Kory Hamman can go forward with his long-disputed development.

"It looks like Mr. Hamman's project can be approved with this legislation," Summerville said. "As a matter of fact, we have to observe it. It's law."

Summerville did note that Assembly Bill 430 will sunset at the end of this year.

The next step will be a notice hearing held to present the information to the public and receive input.

For committee reports, Councilmember Arnold attended Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) and the Air Quality Budget; the latter is over budget by \$100,000 but there are grants to help cover it.

Councilmember Jerome Squires attended Small Cities Organized Risk Effort (SCORE). He indicated that he has confidence in the SCORE partners for risk management, although the agency is struggling financially.

Wagner discussed a CalRecycle Grant to help with the removal of the 160 tires and rims at the industrial park. Wagner also shared that the Gridley City Council might be expanding the Gridley Golden Feather Flyer service to include Biggs. ★



coming back as a periodic consultant. Wagner agreed on a volunteer basis.

Voting to approve the resolution was unanimous.

City planner Bob Summerville found Assembly Bill 430 (AB 430), the Camp Fire Housing Assistance Act, authored by Assemblyman James Gallagher. The bill incentivized building in the wake of the fire and eliminated some regulations.

The bill names several cities specifically, including Biggs. Under Assembly Bill 430, housing projects become "ministerial" instead of

Community Calendar

Butte County Libraries

Butte County Libraries have the following upcoming events: (G) Gridley branch, 299 Spruce St. and (B) Biggs branch, 464A B St. (open Saturday only). Call 530-552-5652 for more information.

Friday, April 11: Sure Start family play time, 9 a.m. to noon. (G)

Saturday, April 12: Biggs Chess club, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (B) Afternoon Kids' club, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B)

Tuesday, April 15: Creative writing group, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (G)

Wednesday, April 16: Color your world arts and crafts program, 11 a.m. to noon. (G) Afternoon Kid's club, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (G)

Friday, April 18: Family story time, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (G) Ladies' night out movie, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (G)

Saturday, April 19: Biggs Chess club, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (B) Afternoon Kids' club, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (B)

Saturday, April 12

Quota Rock Painting Party

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Quota Park, 542 Washington St. Free event, open to all ages.

Saturday, April 12

Earth Day and Community Garden

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 410 Jackson St. Shop our vendors and tour our community garden. For more information, call 530-846-4147.

Saturday, April 12

Rotary Club's Silent Disco

8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at 199 E. Hazel St.

Monday - Friday, April 14-18

Firefighter Camp for kids

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Live Oak Fire Station, 2745 Fir St. For more information, contact parksrec2@liveoak-city.org

Meeting Minders

Ongoing Activities (Current as of publication, please verify schedule with the organization):

American Legion Bingo, Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Biggs Community Hall, 280-B St., Biggs.

Biggs City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers, 3016 Sixth St., Biggs. More information available at 530-368-5493.

Gridley City Council meets on the first and third Monday each month, 6 p.m. to 7p.m. in the council chambers, 685 Kentucky St. Meeting agendas are posted to the following site on the Friday prior to each meeting: <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council> Gridley Senior Group Breakfast every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. includes Bingo at 9:30 a.m. Gridley Recreation Center 194 Washington St. For more information, call 530-846-3264.

Gridley Unified School District (GUSD) Board meetings on the first and third Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Live Oak City Council meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. Call 530-695-2112 for more information.

Rotary Club meets every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Hall, 446 Kentucky St. For more information or membership, call 530-632-5990. ★



Rep. LaMalfa Recognized for Leadership in Forestry and Rural Industry

Congressman Doug LaMalfa News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) was selected to receive the 2025 Congressional Leadership Award from the American Loggers Council (ALC) and the American Biomass Energy Association (ABEA) for his work to support the timber and biomass industries, improve forest management, and reduce wildfire risks.

Each year, American Loggers Council and American Biomass Energy Association recognize one Republican and one Democrat in Congress for their leadership on forestry policy.

“Our forests are in trouble, and the policies coming out of

Washington have too often made things worse. Decades of hands-off management have left our forests overgrown and our logging infrastructure on the verge of collapse, all while catastrophic wildfires get worse,” said Rep. LaMalfa. “We need active management, and we need it now. I appreciate this recognition from the American Loggers Council and the American Biomass Energy Association, and I’ll continue working towards solutions that keep our forests healthy and our rural economies strong.”

LaMalfa has led efforts in Congress to cut red tape and restore active management, pushing for legislation that prioritizes wildfire prevention, hazardous fuels reduction, and timber industry stability, including:

The Fix Our Forests Act, which cuts bureaucratic red tape to allow for better forest management.

The TORCH Act, which streamlines wildfire prevention efforts.

The Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act, which provides critical funding to rural areas affected by declining timber receipts.

\$75 million in federal funding for shaded fuel breaks across California.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa is chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus and a lifelong farmer representing California’s First Congressional District, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba counties. ★

Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Join the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers at historic Bryant Field April 15 to 17, as some of the top high school baseball teams in Northern California battle it out in this high-stakes NorCal Showdown tournament.

With powerhouse programs such as the Yuba City High School Honkers, C.K. McClatchy High School Lions and the University Prep Panthers in the



The Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers host the NorCal Showdown tournament April 15 to 17 at Bryant Field, 1431 C St., Marysville. Photo courtesy of Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers

mix, this is a must-see event for local baseball fans.

This tournament is all about showcasing the next generation of talent in NorCal high school baseball. Don’t miss the chance to see future stars compete at the highest level.

Event tickets are \$5 for a single day pass and \$12 for a three-day tournament pass.

The High Wheelers are also offering a combination NorCal Showdown tournament plus High Wheelers opening day ticket for \$15.

The tournament will be held at Bryant Field, home of the Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers, at 1431 C St., Marysville.

Tickets are available online at highwheelers.com. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000185

The following person(s) are doing business as: Lovingkindness, 170 Mountain View Drive, Oroville, CA 95966

Lizeth Gonzalez, 1380 East Avenue, Suite 124 PMB 150, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: March 4, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 24, 2024

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000197

The following person(s) are doing business as: Goldie, 49 Avalon Court, Chico, CA 95926

Marcheta Clyde LLC, 49 Avalon Court, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: March 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000207

The following person(s) are doing business as: An Honest Smog, 2270 Montgomery Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Casimir Enterprises Inc, 18 Harmony Dive, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: March 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law

(see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000194

The following person(s) are doing business as: Board Game Knights, 556 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Aidee L Rubio, 2 E Gridley Road, B245, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: March 7, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 7, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000196

The following person(s) are doing business as: Sisters Salon, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95966

Heidi E Hoskins, 1561 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: March 10, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000224

The following person(s) are doing business as: Running Brook Designs, 284 Rio Lindo Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Will K Brumbaugh, 284 Rio Lindo Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: March 18, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law

(see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000221

The following person(s) are doing business as: Impact Speech Therapy, 60 Declaration Drive, Suite D, Chico, CA 95973

Impact Speech Therapy Inc, 60 Declaration Drive, Suite D, Chico, CA 95973

Date filed in Butte County: March 17, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000187

The following person(s) are doing business as: Road Roaster Coffee, 3856 Cosby Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

TFD Family LLC, 3856 Cosby Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: March 5, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 2, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000206

The following person(s) are doing business as: Funes Enterprises LLC/Ocean Valley Hardscape and Excavation, 13371 Hog Ranch Road, Oroville, CA 95965

Funes Enterprises LLC, 13371 Hog Ranch Road, Oroville, CA 95965

Date filed in Butte County: March 12, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in viola-

tion of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000234

The following person(s) are doing business as: Bailey Septic and Excavation LLC, 14077 Wingate Circle, Magalia, CA 95954

Bailey Septic and Excavation LLC, 14077 Wingate Circle, Magalia, CA 95954

Date filed in Butte County: March 24, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000243

The following person(s) are doing business as: Kawaii Pop, 2163 4th Street, Oroville, CA 95965

Mallina Grey, 7390 Lincoln Boulevard, Unit 642, Palermo, CA 95968

Date filed in Butte County: March 26, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 24, 2025

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000167

The following person(s) are doing business as: Novacare Rides, 2237 Stump Drive, Oroville, CA 95966

Marvyn O Arabia, 2237 Stump Drive, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: February 28, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000264

The following person(s) are doing business as: Magenta Mountain Garden Design, 842 Bald Rock Road, Beery Creek, CA 95916

Dylan M Gibson and Claire N Sagerdahl, 842 Bald Rock Road, Beery Creek, CA 95916

Date filed in Butte County: April 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 1, 2025

This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious

business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-0000263

The following person(s) are doing business as: Prime Home Services, 87 Circle View Drive, Oroville, CA 95966

Omar G Felix Leyva, 87 Circle View Drive, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: April 1, 2025. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2025

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #25CV00671

Petitioner Susan Jacqueline Wilks filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Susan Jacqueline Wilks to Jacqueline Norma Shearer.

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 April 30, 2025, 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 March 6, 2025

Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #25CV00803

Petitioner Jaime Morales Avila filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Jaime Morales Avila to Jaime Morales.

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 April 30, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on March 17, 2025

Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2025

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #25CV00804

Petitioner Ashley Jackson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Bryce Andrew Sebring Jr. to Andrew David Ruckman.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), pursuant to Section 12878 of the California Water Code, will hold a public hearing Friday, April 25, 2025, in the CNRA Headquarters: 715 P Street, Room 2-301, Sacramento, CA 95814. **Note: The public hearing is currently scheduled to be held in person at the identified venue, however due to changing conditions the meeting venue may change and is also expected to be simultaneously held virtually. In the event of a meeting location change, we ask that the public confirm the venue location on the CVFPB’s website or attend the public hearing remotely via the Zoom link or telephone. The remote hearing link and telephone instructions can be found at CVFPB’s website, www.cvfpb.ca.gov, by selecting the Meetings icon.** This hearing is being held to consider the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget estimate for Maintenance Areas (MAs) Nos. 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, and 17 (Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yolo Counties) for maintenance and operation of the levees and flood risk reduction works within the MAs.

The purpose of the hearing is to confirm or revise the proposed maintenance and operation work program and budget submitted to the CVFPB by the Department of Water Resources for fiscal year 2025-2026. The CVFPB will receive evidence or testimony from any landowner or other interested person relevant to the proposed program of work, the necessity for such work, or the estimated cost thereof.

Within 10 days of the meeting date, please check the CVFPB website www.cvfpb.ca.gov for a copy of the proposed budget and an agenda for the April 25th meeting. If you need reasonable accommodations, call the Central Valley Flood Protection Board at (916) 574-0609, or contact the CVFPB Clerk at jonah.knapp@cvflood.ca.gov as soon as possible, for arrangements.



Oroville Man Pleads to New Proposition 36 Fentanyl Weight Enhancement

Butte County District Attorney News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - In one of Butte County's first uses of the new Proposition 36 fentanyl "weight enhancement" provisions, an Oroville drug dealer April 2 admitted to possessing more than five ounces of fentanyl for sale that will add an additional five years to his four-year prison sentence.

Carl Bly, 55, of Oroville, was in Butte County Superior Court April 2 where he pleaded no contest to being in possession of fentanyl for sale as well as being a felon in possession of a firearm.

As a part of his plea, Bly also admitted that he possessed 5.085 ounces of fentanyl and forfeited \$3,040 in cash that was seized from his home as his narcotics proceeds.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that Bly was caught in the Butte County Sheriff's parking lot on Feb. 6, when a sheriff's drug-sniffing dog

alerted to the presence of narcotics in Bly's car. Bly had driven to the sheriff's office that day to serve his Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) time and parked



his vehicle in the parking lot.

Bly had previously been sentenced to work in the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program for a 2021 petty theft conviction.

The search of Bly's vehicle located the fentanyl in the trunk with an additional 3.2 grams in

the vehicle's center console. This was equivalent to more than 1,400 doses of fentanyl. A later search warrant to Bly's residence located the cash as well as a loaded firearm. Bly is prohibited from possessing firearms, due to prior felony convictions.

Because of the new amendments made as a result of Proposition 36's passage in November 2024, Ramsey said, the Butte County District Attorney's Office was able to charge Bly with a sentencing enhancement based on the quantity of fentanyl that was located.

Under the old laws, the maximum sentence that Bly would have faced for his possession of the fentanyl was four years in the county jail. Under the new provisions, Bly is facing an additional five years for the quantity of fentanyl, all of which must be served in the state prison.

Bly is scheduled to be sentenced on April 30 where he will be facing a maximum of nine years and eight months in the state prison. ★

Individual Arrested for Arson

CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - At 8:20 p.m. Feb. 21, CAL FIRE Butte County Fire Department personnel responded to a structure fire at 3684 Oro Bangor Highway in Butte County.

CAL FIRE law enforcement officers determined the fire was intentionally set. Following an extensive investigation, a warrant was issued for 37-year-old Zachary Daniel Taylor.

At approximately 11

a.m. March 26, CAL FIRE law enforcement officers arrested Taylor in Oroville. He was booked into Butte County Jail on two felony charges: Penal Code 451(c) (Arson on a Structure) and Penal Code 453(a) (Arson with Use of an Accelerant).

During the arrest, CAL FIRE officers also contacted 66-year-old Kirk Addington. According to the officers, Addington was in possession of stolen property valued more than \$950. Addington was arrested and booked into Butte County Jail on a felony charge of Penal Code 496(a) (Possession of Stolen Property). ★



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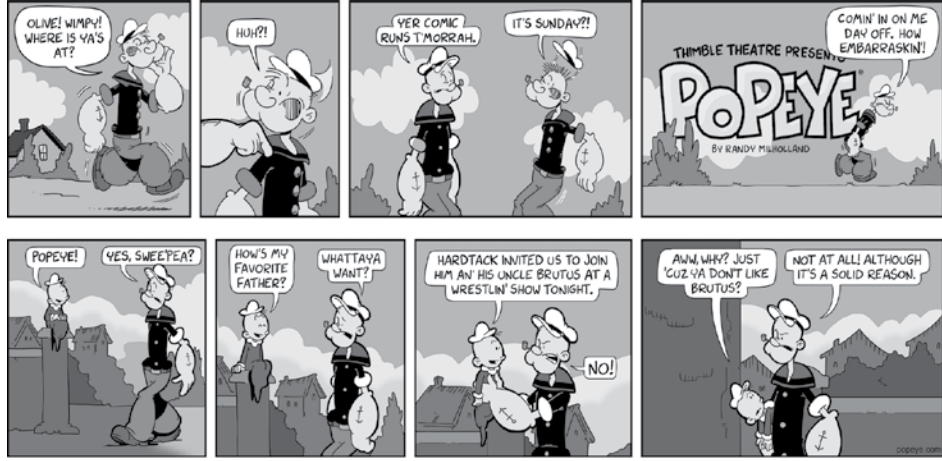
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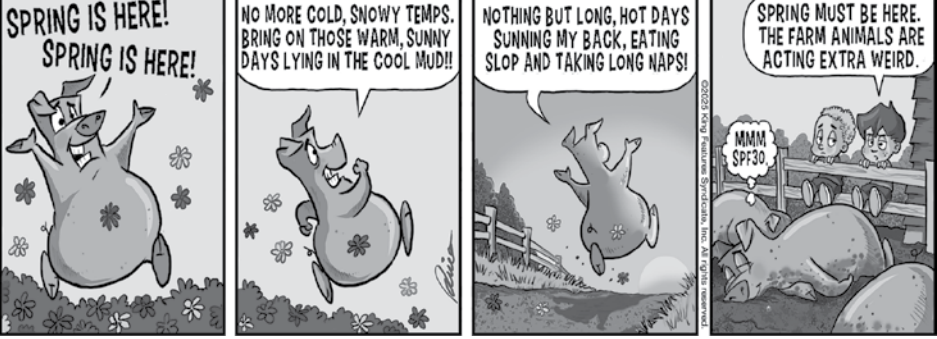
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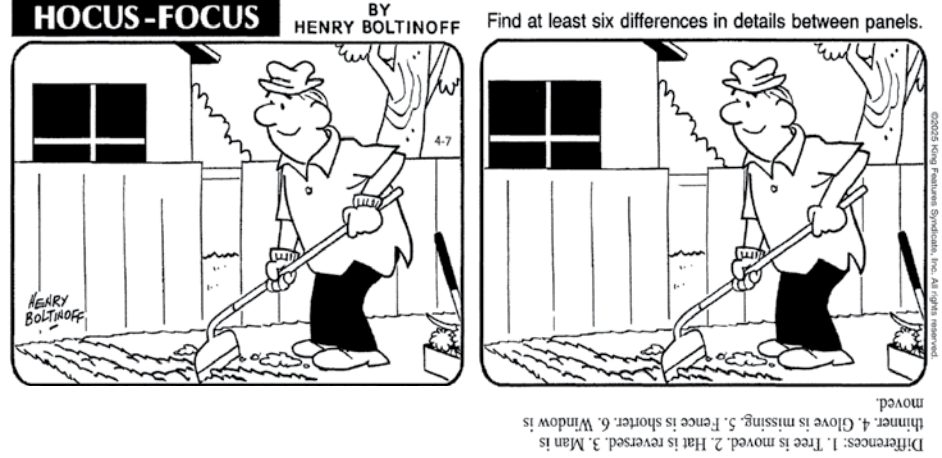
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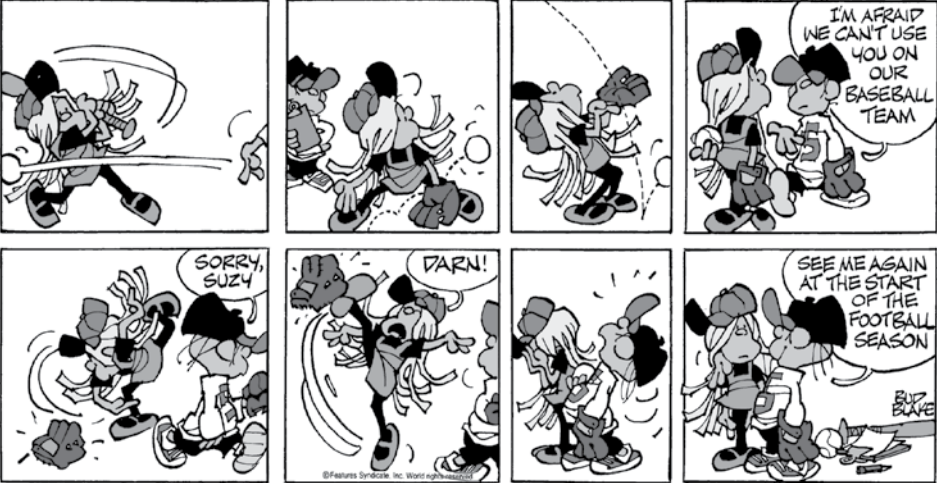


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 21. *Alex P. Keaton's sister
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 25. Banned insecticide
 28. Wolf, in Mexico
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 39. What scribes do
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 50. Rush job notation, acr.
 52. Stitch
 53. Belted out
 55. Mad Hatter's beverage of choice
 57. *Wednesday Addams' brother
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 65. Jersey call
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 1. Any doctrine
 2. "He ___, She Said"
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 6. "___ the Lonely," song
 7. *One "Sister, Sister"
 8. Bouquet garni ingredient
 9. Sushi choice
 10. "The Simpsons" palindrome
 11. Court petitioner
 12. Light on one's feet
 15. Rendered suet
 20. Tumult and commotion
 22. Any high mountain
 24. Carryall (2 words)
 25. *Vampire Stefan Salvatore's brother
 26. Harry Potter's antagonist
 27. 9 a.m. prayer
 29. *Lisa and Maggie's naughty brother
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 32. British elevators
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In California's Capitol, Some Political Fights Span Decades



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

Were we able to transport ourselves back in time 50 years and into California's Capitol, we would find a governor seeking and enjoying massive attention by national political media as he eyes some greater office. We'd also find a Legislature dealing with conflicts among influential interests with heavy financial impacts.

In other words, the Capitol's dynamics in 1975 were pretty much what they are today.

The resemblance even extends to specific issues. For instance, then-Gov. Jerry Brown was touting a "peripheral canal" in 1975 to carry water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Gavin Newsom was seven years old then, but now as governor is waging the same campaign for a tunnel to do the same thing and is facing the same opposition.

Other conflicts that confronted Brown and legislators a half-century ago can be found again among the hundreds of bills introduced so far in the 2025 legislative session.

On Tuesday, for instance, the Senate Judiciary Committee took up Senate Bill 29, a measure that would extend indefinitely the ability of survivors of people who died as a result of medical malpractice to sue for "pain,

suffering, or disfigurement." During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Legislature provided a temporary window for such suits because the court system was in pandemic-induced turmoil.

Insurers and other opponents of the measure contend that it violates a 2022 compromise on the limits of malpractice damages, a deal that seemingly ended a 47-year-long political battle that began when Brown signed the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act in 1975.

A half-century ago, doctors and other health care providers were also skirmishing over "scope of practice," the body of state law that defines in great detail which medical professionals can perform which procedures on which parts of the human body.

The hardest-fought battle pitted orthopedic surgeons against podiatrists over the legal right to perform ankle surgery, and it raged for years until the latter prevailed. Ever since, there have been similar conflicts too numerous to list, such as psychologists vs. psychiatrists over the right to prescribe drugs, optometrists vs. opticians over eye treatment — and even veterinarians vs. dog groomers over who could legally brush a dog's teeth.

The current version of this perennial turf battle is Assembly Bill 876, which would allow nurse anesthetists to provide their services more independently — the latest in a years-long string of legislative efforts by nurses to bolster the scope of their practices.

Soon after becoming governor, Brown pledged to reform workers' compensation, the system that

provides income and medical care to those with work-related illnesses and injuries. That effort failed, but as one of the last acts of his first governorship, Brown signed a bill to increase payments to such workers by about \$3 billion a year, angering employers who must provide coverage.

That touched off a predictable cycle in which a majority of the workers' compensation interest groups would work out some sort of systemic overhaul once each decade and get it enacted over objections of groups left out of the negotiations.

The last such instance occurred in 2012 when Brown, once again governor, negotiated and signed legislation to raise benefits again, but impose new rules on eligibility and medical care to save enough money to pay for the benefits.

The Capitol is overdue for another workers' compensation deal and a newly introduced measure, Senate Bill 555, could be the vehicle. It would increase benefits to workers with partial but permanent disabilities, which have been capped at \$1,256 a month for the last decade.

The bill would provide automatic cost of living increases and is certain to draw fire from employers — another chapter in what has been one of the Capitol's longest running high-dollar conflicts.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



For the Sacramento Kings, life is like a box of chocolates, you never know you're going to get.

After a blowout loss to the Orlando Magic, the Kings sustained back-to-back close losses to the Indiana Pacers and the lowly Washington Wizards. For many Kings fans, it was their darkest hour.

Radio talk shows lambasted the Kings, and many even suggested the team was playing to opt out of the play-in, in favor of securing a first-round draft pick.

I would never accuse the Kings of tanking, because I don't believe it's in their DNA. There is far too much pride in these gladiators for any of them to take a night off.

True, at times they look like they've never seen a basketball before, but I see effort on the court every night, and I believe in this eccentric group that has captured the hearts of so many fans.

With negativity abounding the Kings drubbed the Charlotte Hornets 125-102 in a game that was never in question, but looming ahead was the indomitable Cleveland Cavaliers.

No one gave the Kings a chance and considering that the Sactown boys had just handed the Cavaliers a shocking loss in Sacramento just three weeks earlier, the Cav's were just waiting for payback.

In a game that was thoroughly entertaining, the Kings played like a team on a mission, and outplayed the Cavaliers for 48 minutes, handing the Eastern Conference leader only their 16th loss of the season.

Domantas Sabonis came to play and made a statement early, scoring 15 of his 27 points in the first quarter. Zach Lavine showed off his offensive prowess by adding 37 huge points in a 120-113 win over the Cavaliers and making the potential for postseason basketball a very real possibility for the Sacramento Kings.

But this win doesn't just portend postseason basketball, it sends a message to every negative pundit, and every Kings fan, that on any given night this newly assembled group of ballers, can beat the

best that the NBA has to offer.

Hope is a fleeting emotion, but on this night in Cleveland, the Kings gave every fan a reason to play on. No more nonsense about playing for draft picks. Instead watch the movie "Hoosiers" again, and while you're at it why not plug in "Miracle on Ice".

I remember the 1976 Warriors that with only one star, went on a run that saw them winning four straight games over the Washington Bullets and shocking the basketball world.

These things happen, and they're the very reason we watch basketball.

We as fans are blessed with an eclectic group that have come together under difficult circumstances, and with a rookie coach, are trying to do what every supposed expert believes they can't do.

Well call me Pollyanna, because I decide what I believe, and I'll be rooting until they turn the lights out.

For many fans, your favorite player isn't even a member of the starting five, and that is what drives you. Bench rotations are ever so critical, and whether it's Malik Monk, Isaac Jones, or even Doug McDermott, fans live and die with every shot.

I was astounded to hear that Vegas has the Detroit Pistons as 6 ½ favorites over the Sacramento Kings Monday night, and every player on the Kings should take that as an insult. Put a chip on your shoulder and show the Pistons how they just defeated perhaps the best team in the Eastern Conference the night before.

Look for anything that brings motivation and let's end this season on a high note.

Will the Kings finish 500 or better? I don't know, but I'll be watching, and I know anything is possible.

The offseason and its moves will take care of itself. It's time to put the hammer down and play basketball the way every fan knows this team is capable of.

Stay tuned Kings fans because the playoffs are more than just a pipe dream!

All the best!

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Dryer Safety

Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

Dryers should be properly grounded.

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

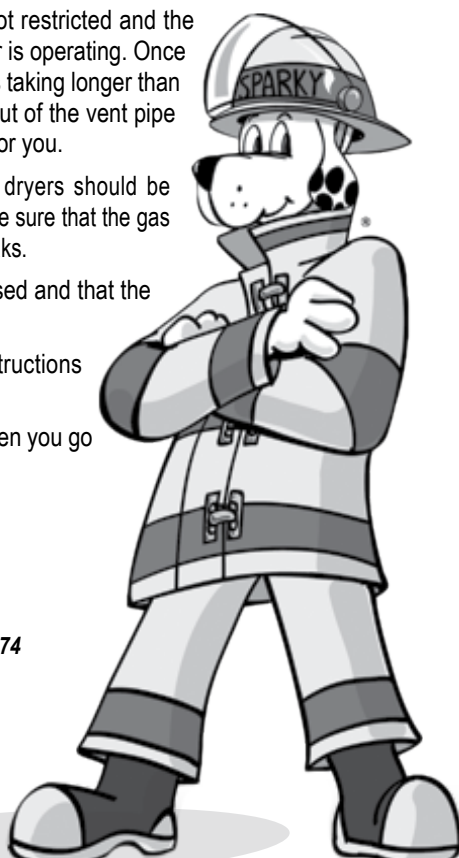
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- The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.
- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. 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.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.



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Bulldogs Baseball Show Grit in Tournament

By Dillon Longmire

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs baseball team traveled to San Diego to participate in the four-day Lions Tournament. The tournament started for the Bulldogs on March 31 and ended on April 3.

In their first game on March 31, the Bulldogs started the tournament hot as they dominated the Kearny Komets (San Diego), and the Windward Wildcats (Los Angeles) in back-to-back games. In those two games, the Bulldogs scored a combined 28 runs (13 against Kearny, 15 against Windward).

The great batting and base running lifted the Bulldogs to a 2-0 tournament start after a 13-4 win against the Komets, and a 15-3 win over the Wildcats.

Then on April 1, the Bulldogs faced the Kearny Komets again and were not nearly as successful as the previous day.

The Bulldogs contained the Komets until they took off in the third inning, scoring at least one run in the remaining innings. The Bulldog offense was contained as they only scored three runs (two coming in the 7th inning). That would be the only game the Bulldogs played on April 1.

On April 2, the Bulldogs played a nail-biting game



against the Washington Eagles (San Francisco).

The Bulldogs got the bats going early and scored all seven runs in the first two innings (two in the first, five in the second). While also holding Eagles to no runs. That was until the third inning when the Eagles responded with four runs of their own, followed by another in the fourth inning.

The game score would hold at 7-5 Bulldogs until the sixth inning when the Eagles would score yet another run making it 7-6 and setting up a tight seventh inning. Fortunately, the Bulldog defense would hold strong and stop the Eagles comeback. The Bulldogs escaped with a 7-6 victory making them 3-1 in the tournament.

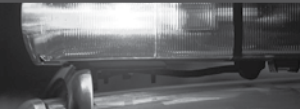
On April 3 (the last

day of the tournament) the Bulldogs faced the Palo Verde Valley Yellow Jackets (Blythe).

The Yellow Jackets took a commanding 7-1 lead through four innings leaving the Bulldogs with the tall task of making a comeback. After scoring three runs in the fifth inning, the Bulldogs were unable to keep momentum and didn't score the rest of the game leading to a 7-4 loss to end the tournament. The Bulldogs now hold a 9-6 overall record on the season.

The Bulldogs will go back on the road on April 8 to face the Las Plumas Thunderbirds. After that, the Bulldogs will face the Thunderbirds again on April 11 at home. Both games are scheduled to start at 4 p.m. ★

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Jack in the Box Opens in Live Oak

Story and photos by Connie Voss

LIVE OAK (MPG) - A crowd of about 100 gathered on April 7 for the grand opening of Jack in the Box at 10045 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak.

Festivities began at 11 a.m. where police, firefighters, residents, city officials, employees and construction personnel were all present.

Tull Construction of Yuba City built the restaurant beginning in June 2024. Tull Construction President Jesse Tull at the grand opening event described some of the challenges that slowed the building process.

"Utilities were expensive and problematic," Tull said. Attendees were each



The new Jack in the Box restaurant, located at 10045 Live Oak Blvd., was constructed by Tull Construction of Yuba City.

given a chance to spin a wheel to determine which door prize they would receive. There were T-shirts, key chains, cups, hats and lanyards.

Wendy Morgan, a training manager for Jack in the

Box, was running the door prize give-away. Morgan, who lives in Marysville, started with Jack in the Box in 1989 as her first job. She has worked with the owners of the Live Oak Jack in the Box since 2010.



Jack in the Box franchisees Anil Yadav and Dharmesh Patel cut the ribbon, accompanied by city and business associates.

Partners Dharmesh Patel and Anil Yadav are the franchise owners. The Live Oak store marks the 241st Jack in the Box franchise for Yadav and the 17th for Patel.

Yadav began working for Jack in the Box in 1984 as a teenager. Within a year and a half, he was promoted from fry cook to assistant

manager and eventually manager. Although Yadav studied engineering at San Jose State, he left that field for the restaurant industry. In 1989, Yadav said he "took the risk" and bought his first Jack in the Box franchise.

Patel became Yadav's partner in 2004. Yadav offered this

advice, "Do the right thing, keep working hard and you'll have success. There is no substitute for hard work. It's been fun, painful but fun! We have an amazing team. It has been a great journey."

After the ribbon cutting, all guests were treated to a complimentary by the new Jack in the Box. ★

Food Drive Benefits Biggs United Methodist Food Closet

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Children of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints participated in an annual service project. The children of the Gridley 1st Ward congregation enjoyed going door to door in Biggs, collecting donations for the Biggs United Methodist Church food closet. Youth and adults also assisted the children.

"It was nice to see people of all ages come together and help. The community was very generous," said Jessica Evans, who leads the Gridley 1st Ward Primary, the children's organization. Evans took her son and nieces and nephews door to door and let the children do the talking. "It's important

to show kids how to give back at a young age."

The Methodist Church food closet, which has been in operation for about eight years, serves about 20 households a month.

"There were lots of kids. They brought in a large amount of food," said Jan Meyer, a volunteer with the food closet. Meyer said it went well, with volunteers from both churches organizing the donations so they could be stored for use.

Unlike bigger food closets, Meyer said, they don't get donations from local grocery stores. Biggs schools conduct food drives and individuals make donations to help. They also get occasional food surplus from the Bishops' Storehouse

of The Church of Jesus Christ, located in Chico.

The Methodist Church Food Closet is open from 10 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Church volunteers also distribute government commodities from 10 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The food closet also serves residents between distributions. Contact the food closet at 530-570-8307 for assistance. The food closet also takes food donations during those hours. The church and food closet are located at 441 C St. in Biggs.

"We are always there to help out. We are a small church but we seem to do a lot," said Meyer. ★



Gridley 1st Ward congregation members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints organize donations after a food drive for the Biggs United Methodist Church food closet. Children and adults went door-to-door collecting generous donations from Biggs residents. From left are Gray and Justin Leishman, Elder Landon Pugh, Bishop Dustin Barnette and Jennifer Barnette. Photo by Julie Thompson



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