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Masons Prepare for Scholarship Fundraiser



In February, members of six area Masonic lodges gathered for the presentation of Joshua Battaglia's third degree. The North Butte Masonic Lodge will host a scholarship fundraiser breakfast Sunday, March 24. Photo provided by John Neiswanger

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - If you've never attended the local Mason's Scholarship Breakfast, you are in for a treat! The menu includes: pancakes, waffles, breakfast burritos, eggs (tell us how you want 'em, take 'em how you get 'em), sausage, chorizo, orange drink,

and coffee.

The Masons use the funds to award scholarships to two students at each area high school: Biggs, Gridley, and Live Oak. They award scholarships to seniors continuing their education, with preference to students in the trades.

The local Masonic Lodge Scholarship Breakfast is coming up

Sunday, March 24, from 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 1200 Sycamore Street in Gridley. There is a wheelchair ramp at the rear.

Tickets are Adults \$10, Ages 6-12 \$5, Under 6 Free. Contact a local Mason, call John Neiswanger at 916-997-1835, or purchase tickets at the door. ★

Energy Efficiency Programs, Planner vs. Consultant, and the AT&T Decision

By Teri Saya

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley City Council meeting came to order at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20. Council Members in attendance were Mike Farr, Bruce Johnson, J. Angel Calderon, Catalina Sanchez, and James Roberts.

The January 2024 Expenditure Report was produced and can be viewed by the public at http://gridley.ca.us/public/uploads/pdfs/022024_Agenda.pdf.

Items on the agenda for consideration and discussion were:

Item #4, the 2024 energy efficiency rebate programs, presented by Finance Director Elisa Arteaga.

Item #5, discussion concerning city consultants, presented by Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson.

Item #6, AT&T phone utility service discussion, presented by Council Member Catalina Sanchez.

Elisa Arteaga began the discussion for item #4 with the staff report. "We've talked about this in the past, bringing forth rebates and what programs we want to bring to the residents of this town. Historically we have had energy efficiency services that have helped us with a lot of these programs. They usually come in and do the energy audits where they would go into people's homes and do a review. We used to send them out when a customer would come in with concerns about their utility services. This was pre-COVID. We also used to refer customers to HEAP which is an energy program where they give an allotment of a flat amount based on income. The issue with HEAP is, you can give a customer funds every year, but other than rebates, assisting customers with finding ways to lower their costs is important. There is also the website development where customers can click on a link and find which rebates they may be interested in. This will be a new format coming soon."

She asked the Council to consider the need to develop programs that will assist not just low-income and seniors, but will be available to everyone, including commercial customers. And getting the information out there through bill inserts and online.

When asked where the money would come from for these programs, Arteaga pointed out, "There is a section
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Community Garden and Composting Hub in Gridley: The Garden at St. Timothy's

Story and photos by Grace Mahannah

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - What can you do with a plot of land that's empty and full of weeds? Plant a garden and start composting with your neighbors! St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Gridley, with the help of generous grants from the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California and California Alliance for Community Composting, has transformed the lot next door to the Church at 450 Jackson Street into a garden and composting center for the community. It is a place to grow food or learn how to garden, a drop-off site for compostable kitchen scraps, and a peaceful outdoor space for people to enjoy.

The Garden at St. Timothy's opened to the public in May 2023 with 20 newly-built and filled garden beds for rent in the following sizes: 5'x6' at \$15 per year, 5'x8' or 4'x10' at \$20 per year, and 5'x10' at \$25 per year. Each bed has drip irrigation. The yearly enrollment price includes both water and irrigation supplies, which are provided by St.



Kathy and Grace Mahannah have provided leadership to The Garden at St. Timothy's in Gridley, developing it for community beginning and experienced gardeners.

Timothy's. The system is on a timer and waters automatically so that gardeners don't have to worry. To rent a plot, please email st.timothygarden@gmail.com or call 530-218-6636.

The idea for a community garden at St. Timothy's began back

in 2015 with the Gridley Community Roots Garden, which closed in 2018. The Church's relaunch of the garden includes individual garden plots for rent, a teaching garden which doubles as growing space for food to give away to the community, a

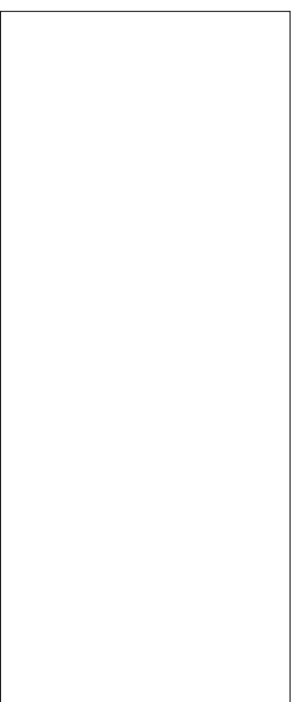
children's garden and mud kitchen, an outdoor sink and potting area, as well as shaded seating and pleasant surroundings for those who gather.

The Drop in the Bucket composting program at St. Timothy's started in
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Dave Ramsey Says

thing in situations like yours. But more than feeling indebted to someone or experiencing a sense of guilt or shame, it's really a discussion about differing views of marriage.

You're never in debt to your spouse. You should be all in where your husband or wife is concerned. Remember the vows? For richer, for poorer. In sickness and in health. If she makes you chicken soup when you're sick, does she charge you for it? Of course not. When you get married, you agree to take on each other's burdens. Once you walk down the aisle with someone, you're choosing to serve each other. You're also choosing to take on each other's debt, each other's income, each other's assets and each other's crazy parents. Everything!

It all boils down to having a shared view of a proper marriage relationship. And the proper (and biblical) view is we own everything. There's no mine and yours anymore. Now,

you can't make her feel—or not feel—a certain way. But you can ask her questions to understand where she's coming from and what blockers are keeping her from being totally together in this. Talk about it. Put your heads together and practice thinking about your marriage as a union.

It will take some encouragement from you and some getting used to on her part, but if you work together, it's a muscle you can grow and develop together!

—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 ★

Energy Efficiency Programs, Planner vs. Consultant, and the AT&T Decision

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on everyone's utility bill titled 'Public Benefit.' It is a percentage of the consumption that customers are getting billed for. There's a formula where 2.85% of the bill is taken each month for the public benefit programs. It can go up or down depending on how much energy you use, but that percentage is put into a special fund. The city cannot use that fund for anything other than something that benefits the public. That would be utilized to establish the programs and also to continue to fund some of these programs."

In conclusion, Arteaga said she would like to get back with the consultants and find out how much it's going to cost for each program. She also suggested looking into EV (Electronic Vehicle) programs. "A rebate could be available for anyone who purchases an EV. There is one EV project that is currently underway. Two properties in Gridley have been purchased specifically for establishing EV charging stations," she said.

Item #5 was presented by Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson. He put forth the possibility of opening a full-time planning position as opposed to having consultants on call, and also wanted to review the contracts that are over five years old. "The financial cost of doing a full-time planning position would be the main thing for sure. But we need as much information brought back to us so we can make a decision on that," he said.

A study was suggested by Sanchez to look into what other cities in the area are doing with their city planning departments. "Other cities have a full planning department and we don't. We could do a city-to-city comparison and find out what benefit or what hardships that may bring."

Mayor Farr said, "I believe that is a good idea to bring that forward and look at it because our city is growing. Housing complexes are going up — a lot of things are growing too. I think we need a full-time planner behind the desk downstairs to facilitate the projects as things move on."

Arteaga added, "It's important that we do a study session. Because we can look at all the services and we can tackle it by looking into services vs employee comparisons." The Council agreed.

Item #6 was brought to the Council by

Catalina Sanchez. "AT&T wants approval from the CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission) to discontinue the obligation of providing landline services. There is a map available online as to who would be those impacted customers, and that would be around 500,000 people. So right now that process is pending and they are having a few scheduled public hearings in February and March on this matter. Basically, there have already been people speaking up, saying they are really concerned about this. They believe AT&T is a reliable service to them, especially in rural areas where wi-fi may not be reliable."

AT&T sent out a letter to their customers stating, "that no customer is being left without service, and we are not canceling service in California. Our customers will not lose access to voice services. If they do not have alternatives, ATT will continue to provide them with copper-based traditional service. AT&T is working to update antiquated copper phone lines to ensure customers have better technologies from them or another provider."

Sanchez said, "The letter says, no changes are being served at this time and we'll let you know when and if any changes will affect your service. So that means after, whether they are approved or not, that all this can change, so I don't see any clear commitment."

Sanchez called for a motion to submit a letter of opposition to AT&T's request to the CPUC to end their obligation under their current obligation as a carrier. A roll call vote was called and passed by 4 to 1.

The city administrator reports included a Butte County COVID review, recommendations on a public health plan, and a plan on emergency operations in the future. Gridley needs to be prepared for not just viruses, but floods, earthquakes, and such. When COVID hit, all were unprepared. Grants are available for health and emergency services. The Council agreed to address the emergency preparedness of Gridley.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4.

There's a section of agendas, minutes, and videos of the City Council meetings on the Gridley website, go to <http://gridley.ca.us/government-and-departments/city-council>. ★

My Wife Thinks She Owes Me Money

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have been married for nine months, and we've been following your Baby Steps plan for three months. We have about \$50,000 in debt, and I recently cashed out an old whole life policy that enabled us to pay off \$22,000 of our debt. My wife still feels weird about us doing that, since the money paid off all the student loan debt she accumulated before we got married but none of the debt I brought to the marriage. I look at everything as ours, not mine and hers. What can I do about her sense of guilt and feeling indebted to me

—Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

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Cost: Free | **Location:** 425 Webster St, Colusa

Micro-Loans Opportunities for Small Businesses (Chico)

Are you a small business owner looking for micro-loan funding to grow, expand, or sustain your business? Do you need \$50,000 or less to purchase equipment, inventory, access working capital, or start your business? Join the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and Butte College SBDC, in our upcoming "in-person" micro-loans event and meet micro-lenders and resource partners to hear about available micro-loans up to \$50,000, types of micro-loans, and how to prepare for and access these loans. This event is designed to connect and match small business owners & entrepreneurs to micro-lenders. Lenders will provide you with the insight you need to make your funding opportunity a reality, and resource partners will guide you through the resources you need to do so. Agenda includes micro-lenders' panel, resource partners, and networking and connecting with micro-lenders to discuss your specific funding needs.

Date: Friday, March 22, 2024 | **Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm
Cost: Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

Branding Your Business (Orland)

If you are planning to grow your business, brand clarity is a must! Focusing on your customers and target audience are vital to the success of your branding. We will define the meaning of branding, discuss branding ideas and tips, the difference between branding and marketing, why branding is important to your business and customers, how to create your brand and a branding plan, and how to successfully measure the results.

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost: Free | **Location:** 1366 Cortina Dr., Orland

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Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 5:00pm
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The Garden at St. Timothy's



Laurie Stanley and Matthew Norby have enjoyed The Garden at St. Timothy's.

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 August of 2023 with generous help from the Butte Environmental Council. Anyone in the community may sign up to drop off kitchen compostable materials at the garden, for example: fruit and vegetable scraps, eggshells, coffee grounds, and paper napkins (no meat, bones, fat, oil, or dairy). All compost produced at the garden will be used at the garden or shared with those who donate kitchen scraps, while reducing the amount of organic waste going to the landfill. To sign up to bring kitchen scraps to The Garden at St. Timothy's, go to Butte Environmental Council - Composting at becnec.org/composting and scroll down to find the links to Gridley. The Garden at St. Timothy's is part of a larger effort by the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California (and The Episcopal Church across the U.S.) to return its unused property to

agrarian uses. Plenty of grant money is available for garden and farm projects. Locally, St. Timothy's wanted to offer Gridley a garden that is both useful and beautiful, to encourage people to grow food with their neighbors and to increase food security in the community. With faith that the grant funds would come through, St. Timothy's began preparations for the garden in July 2022: cutting weeds and clearing rubbish, grading and leveling the ground and solarizing. The Church paid for a new chain link fence on the alley side of the garden. By the fall of 2022, volunteers were digging trenches, repairing existing piping, and installing new in-ground irrigation pipe and sprinkler valves for the watering system. Old lumber leftover from the first garden was repurposed to build a potting bench, outdoor sink, and mud kitchen for children. In March of 2023, new redwood was purchased

to construct the garden beds, and many volunteers showed up to tackle the job of filling the beds with soil and compost. Pathways between beds were covered with donated wood chips. *The newest addition to the garden is an 8'X16' greenhouse that is currently under construction. Other plans include comfortable benches and a small fountain at the center of the garden, espaliered fruit trees, a rainwater recovery system, and a redwood deck at the front garden entrance. Gardeners and volunteers at The Garden at St. Timothy's get together monthly to learn more about gardening and preserving food while enjoying each other's company. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings, which take place in the church offices. Volunteers are needed for a variety of projects, ranging from garden maintenance and composting to building projects, publicity, and social media. If you would like to learn more about what's going on, volunteer to help, or donate to the garden, email st.timothygarden@gmail.com. Recently, Butte County Local Food Network donated a free food stand to The Garden at St. Timothy's, so that gardeners can share their produce with the community, and the community can bring food to share with others as well-fresh, whole vegetables or fruit are welcome. The food stand will soon be located in front of the church at 410 Jackson Street. The Garden at St. Timothy's is growing, thanks to the gardeners, volunteers, and many other folks who have given their ideas, effort, interest, and support. There's plenty of room in the garden and it's always open ... come and take a look! ★

Annual Gridley Rotary Club Speech Contest Held



(Left to right) First place winner Ellie Wood received \$200; third place winner Annie Wood representing Gridley High received \$100; second place winner Paulina Martinez-Pureco received \$50, and fourth place winner Anna Martinez of Live Oak received \$25. Live Oak High's Advisor Susie Duenas is pictured far right. Photo by Jaz Kalkat

By Gridley Rotary Club
GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Rotary Club President and District 5180 Assistant Governor Clark Redfield congratulated winners of the club's annual speech contest held February 29 at the club's regular meeting. This year's theme was "Create Hope in the World." In what could be the first time, two sets of sisters competed. ★

Live Oak Young Man Serving Mission to Houston



Samuel Palmer will serve the people of Houston, Texas for two years. Photo by Carol Palmer

By Cindy Scott
GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Samuel Palmer has begun his two-year mission to the communities in the Texas Houston Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is completing two weeks of at-home missionary training and will follow that with two weeks at the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah. He will speak to his home congregation, Liberty 1st Ward, on Sunday, March 10, at 10:00am at 1259 French Avenue in Gridley. His parents are Aaron and Carol Palmer. ★

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Senator Dahle's Bill Aims to Save Rural Hospitals



Brian Dahle

Office of Senator Dahle News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Working to preserve vital emergency and acute-care services for California's rural residents, Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) introduced Senate Bill 1423 which would require Medi-Cal to pay the actual costs of providing outpatient services in

designated critical access hospitals.

As it stands, the 37 critical access hospitals serving rural communities in California are not fully reimbursed for providing outpatient services to patients covered by Medi-Cal, meaning the hospitals lose money for every dollar spent on care for needy patients.

"It's disheartening to see that rural hospitals face the only options of either declaring bankruptcy or scaling back their services. We cannot continue to ignore the needs of millions of Californians who rely on these critical access hospitals. It's time for us to do better and ensure that these facilities have the resources they need to provide quality

care to those who need it most," said Dahle.

Federal law recognizes the vital importance of hospitals, especially those that provide emergency care, in rural communities and allows them to be paid for Medicare services for the elderly and disabled based on actual costs.

Over the years, enrollment in Medi-Cal, which serves lower-income Californians, has increased dramatically, but reimbursements below the cost of care put small hospitals serving these patients in critical financial straits. SB 1423 changes that so these hospitals continue to be an indispensable part of our health care system for rural California. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church



What has the ancient celebration of Passover have to do with Easter? Does it matter? What figure does Jesus play?

Let's go back thousands of years to Egypt where the Hebrew people have been in bondage for over 400 years and are now slaves to Pharaoh. Once favored by the higher rulers because of Joseph, they build the massive structures we see in the deserts. They are close to million people now out of the 70 original people brought out of the homeland to Egypt.

A child is born there that is saved by God to complete His purpose of returning the Hebrews to their home. The child named Moses was plucked from the Nile and grew up in the chambers of the Pharaoh. At 40 he escaped to Midian where for 40 more years he herded sheep and met God face to face.

Know as the deliverer, Moses returns to Egypt where over a period time and a large number of plagues he gets Pharaoh to let his people go. One of the plagues was the angel of death who was to take the first born, except for the Hebrews who put lamb's blood on their door post, the angel of Death would pass over. From that time until the present the

days of Passover are celebrated as part of the celebrations set by God. Enter Jesus, at the end of His mission, during the days of the Jewish Passover He is the Passover lamb, and gives His blood to save His people, all people.

As the last sacrificial lamb, He was offered up so man could escape the final death and be given eternal life.

Yes, God carries out His plans no matter the time. He gives man hints and suggestions long before He finishes His desired events.

Yes, Passover has great meaning in Easter, for Jesus died on Passover as the lamb that gives blood to block the angel of death from its mission!

The most important fact to remember is Jesus died, was buried, and rose to life after three days. Our Lamb lives and reigns in the Kingdom of God. So can we!!!

Come join us in this Easter celebration of Jesus' sacrifice to save all so we can have eternal life. We at the Gridley United Methodist Church would like to celebrate with you. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. We meet and worship at 10 am. ★

Bent Spur Ranch Joins Membership of American Angus Association

American Angus Association News Release

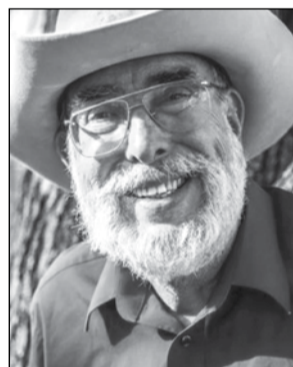
LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Bent Spur Ranch, Live Oak, California, is a new member of the American Angus Association®, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with more than 22,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 20

million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members. The programs and services of the Association and its entities — Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Media, Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation — help members advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers. ★

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"Simplifies that ol' Selection Process, Doesn't It?"

want to hear. They're the best, and the other guy is going to take you straight to ruined aspirations."

"Ruined aspirations?" piped up Steve, the cowboy with the owl look of pure bowlegged intellectualism. "That's why I've always thought we need a contest. A real contest. Have them put their aspirations where they'll do the most good."

"A contest?" "Bull riding," said Steve, nodding sagely. "Just put them on bulls and the first one to fall off loses."

"But what does bull

riding have to do with taxes and warfare and education and all that stuff?" asked Doc.

"Nothing at all," said Steve, "but you can bet it will separate the serious candidates from the oh-what-the-heck guys."

"I like what I'm hearing here," said Dud, with a grin. "Only problem is, if they ride bulls, one of them might get killed."

Steve grinned, "Simplifies that ol' selection process, doesn't it?"

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott


Everything is well watered! The Aprium was in full bloom when the rain and wind started. I can only hope some brave bees had already visited those blossoms I've been chanting "wait to open, wait to open" to my early Peach. It likes the milder temperatures and wanted to pop its buds. I really wanted it to wait, I felt that it could cooperate

because the night temps were lower. Sadly, not that much lower. A few blooms have started to open. I keep telling myself that some brave stray bee will visit those little blooms. I don't think insects like the low 40s. Wishful thinking can be a betrayer. The positive side is that the Blueberries are blooming and their flowers don't seem bothered by the rain. They also last a long time. Should I be so lucky as to have them fruit up, it will be a great Blueberry year.


Hopefully you've gotten in at least two spray times on your peaches for leaf curl. If your blossoms are not open you can spray. Once they are open don't do it. I did

feed my fruit trees right before the rain. I'm hoping that helped them. I'm getting ready to mulch around all of them to help with moisture retention this year. Soon it will be time to start fertilizing your Japanese Maples. I always want to jump the gun on my bonsai Japanese Maples because I want them at their best. Not a good idea, so I resist until the end of March.

There is an Arbor Day Festival in Oroville on March 16th. I go to this event with the Chico Bonsai Society. It is a delightful day full of a lot of tree information and some crafts booths. Admission is free. There are programs for kids throughout the day. Come on over. ★



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Enrollment Opens for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Bountiful Foundation, the 501(c)3 science, research, and education nonprofit organization of the California Farm Bureau, began enrollment last week for a new program called Expanding Our Roots: Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Mentorship Program.

The program has a website where beginning farmers and ranchers with one to 10 years of farming and ranching experience in California may enroll for free in the mentorship program.

Farmers and ranchers interested in serving as mentors may also sign up via the webpage. Mentors are financially compensated for providing six hours of mentoring services to beginning farmers and ranchers.

The program will allow 200 beginning farmers to be paired up with mentor farmers and ranchers with more than 10 years of experience. Half of the program participants must be specialty crop growers. Under program funding requirements, priority consideration will be given to socially disadvantaged farmers and military veterans in farming and ranching.

Mentoring will focus on a range of topics, including market access, climate stresses, navigating the regulatory system,

production management and business aspects of farming in California.

The program will also provide educational workshops that offer insights on regulations for farming and ranching in California. Additionally, participants will learn about financial incentives, including grant opportunities that can help them fund conservation management practices and climate-smart agriculture. They will be exposed to resources from the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources and UC Cooperative Extension.

Grant funding for this project was made possible through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

"This program is designed to bring our agricultural community even closer together as a family through mentoring opportunities," said Dr. Amrith Gunasekara, science and research director for the California Bountiful Foundation. "Mentoring the new generation of farmers and ranchers by experienced farmers and ranchers will ensure agriculture and food security is sustained into the future."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members. ★

MEMORIAL

MICHAEL "MIKE" KNIPE • 6/29/1956 - 10/25/2023

Michael ("Mike") Knipe, of Punta Gorda, FL, died on Wednesday, October 25th at the age of 67 after a short battle with cancer.

Mike was born to Ervin and Dorothy Knipe on June 29, 1956 in Torrance CA. He graduated from Biggs High School in 1974 and earned his Bachelor of Science in Business/Agriculture from California State University, Chico. In 1979 he met and later married Marie Sutthoff and together they set off on a grand life adventure that included camping on the beaches of Mexico, trips throughout Europe and Asia, and recently a long walk



on the Camino. A devoted sports fan with a particular passion for baseball and true to his roots, was an avid hunter and fisherman. Upon retirement he and Marie settled on the canals of Punta Gorda Florida with his prized fishing boat docked out the back door. Mike retired

in 2022 as Vice President of Aftersales at Subaru of America.

Mike is survived by his wife, Marie, son, Kevin (Taylor), grandson Liam Michael, granddaughter Maddie Marie, brothers Greg and Gary (Suzanne) Knipe, sister Karen (Cliff) Micalizio, and numerous nieces and nephews. He leaves a legacy of working hard, doing good, and loving and living with passion.

A Celebration of Life is taking place Saturday, March 16 from 11-1:00 p.m. at the Colonia Building in Biggs. Family and friends are welcome.

MEMORIAL

ROSEMARY GREGORY • 4/11/1931 - 2/14/2024

Rosemary Gregory, 92, passed away on February 14, 2024 in Madera.

She was born in Wheeler, Texas to Mary Lee (Sandifer) and Horace Earl Wicker on April 11, 1931. The Dust Bowl motivated the Wicker family to move to California, settling in the Live Oak area in the 1930s. While working at the Libby cannery in Gridley, she met Wallace Edward Gregory and they were married on August 15, 1953 in Live Oak, California.

After graduating from Yuba College, she graduated from Chico State University, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta. She had a long career as a school teacher at Gridley. She was one of the first teachers in Gridley to help



integrate computers into the schools and after retirement, supported the American Association of University, California (AAUW) Tech Trek and scholarship programs. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

After the death of her husband, she moved to Cedar Creek Senior Living in Madera.

Survivors include her

daughters Candace of Ahwahnee and Cynthia (Whipple) of Biggs. She was preceded in death by her husband Wallace, sister Nelda Ann Ferguson and parents.

She will be laid to rest in the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery along side her husband. A private Memorial Service will held at a later date.

Tech Trek was a fundraiser that Rosemary was involved in for many years. A project of the AAUW, it is an all-scholarship, all volunteer science and math camp program for local girls entering the 8th grade. In lieu of flowers, we suggest that Memorials can be given to Tech Trek Gridley Branch, 2029 Eagle Meadow Dr., Gridley, CA 95948.

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MEMORIAL

MIGUEL ANTONIO AVITIA • 11/10/1962 — 2/19/2024

Miguel Antonio Avitia, 61, passed on February 19, 2024, from complications arising from meningitis. He was the son of immigrant Mexican parents, Rosalío Avitia and Francisca Chávez, and was born and raised in Gridley, CA. Upon graduation from Gridley High, he enlisted in the US Air Force and proudly served his country for four years. Following his honorable discharge, he joined the California Department of Corrections and ascended from Yard Officer, Investigator, SERT tactical officer to Parole Agent before retiring after 27 years at the age of 51.

But, Miguel was not one to slow down in retirement. He participated in a dozen long distance bike races, two dozen Tough Mudder competitions and was an avid weightlifter his entire life. He was a powerful man who shunned exercise equipment and used only free weights. Hundreds and hundreds of pounds that left young men, 30 and 40 years his junior, in awe and silent admiration. As strong as his body was, even more staggering was the joy he exuded to all in his orbit. His laughter and smile were infectious, and friends, family and even strangers could not resist his embrace.

Miguel's patron saint was his namesake, St. Michael Archangel, protector of the military and law enforcement. Many were fortunate to receive Miguel's blessing in the form of a St. Michael Archangel medallion, with the following admonition: he who failed to produce the medallion when challenged would have to buy a round for those who did present their medallions. Throughout his travels, Miguel would



humbly gift a St. Michael Archangel medallion to those with whom he connected. Even in the faraway Spanish city of Ceuta on the northern Mediterranean coast of Africa, two officers of the legendary Guardia Civil graciously bear Miguel's gift.

He always had a story to tell. There was the time he was on patrol at Clark Air Base, and he got jumped by five thieves. They broke his jaw, but he managed to chase them off. The Air Force awarded him a medal for his bravery. Then there was the inmate a foot taller and 100 pounds heavier who stared him down menacingly. Miguel squared his stance and held his ground. The inmate backed away, met his eyes and said "respect." He was fearless and resolute in everything he did.

All who knew Miguel are heartbroken by his unexpected passing. His 93-year-old father, five siblings, 12 nieces and nephews, and scores of family and friends are grieving for his loss. In retirement, Miguel had found and cherished the love of his life in Theresa Grolig. They were inseparable. They worshipped together, traveled together, grieved together when Miguel lost his mother

and when Theresa's parents passed, and they joyfully welcomed the arrival of each other's grandchildren. She never left his side during his final days. No one could have imagined that Miguel had done all the good work that God had for him to do on this Earth and that He would call him home so soon.

"Strength and Honor" was Miguel's motto, and he exemplified those aspirations with every breath he took. He was strong in body and spirit, and he honored God, his country and family to his last days. He loved life, and there was no greater measure of this than the devotion he had for his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his son Miguel Jr. and his wife Emily; his son Jesús, his wife Airah and their children Mayumi and Mateo; his daughter Yesenia, her husband Jake Lande and their son Alphonso; and his daughter Tatianna, her husband Jared Dyer and their sons Preston and Katin.

Services will begin with a Viewing on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 3:00 PM at Allen & Dahl Funeral Chapel at 21853 Honor Court, Palo Cedro, CA. Funeral rites will begin on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 8:30 AM with a Rosary, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 2600 Shasta View Drive, Redding, CA, and ending with interment at 11:00 AM at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery at 11800 Gas Point Road, Igo, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to The Wounded Warrior Project in Miguel's honor. Condolences may be left at www.allenanddahl.com.

MEMORIAL

BETTY JENKINS • 8/24/1928 - 2/15/2024

Betty Irene Jenkins was born August 24, 1928 in Yuba City, CA to James and Alice Frost. She was first born of the "Frost Girls". Sisters to follow were Sue Frost Fieth, Evelyn (Bridget) Frost Davis and Janice Townsend.

Betty and Gerald Jenkins married April 24, 1948. They went on to raise seven children. Steven, Sandra Mattos, Dale, Diana Mendoza, Rodney, Larry and Gail Hedlund.

Betty is survived by all seven children, ten grandchildren, eleven



greatgrands and three greatgreatgrands. Sister Janice and a niece Cindy also survive.

Becoming "empty nesters" Jerry and Betty started traveling the western states. Also the "Frost Girls" made three trips to Hawaii for the worldwide

Hula Festival. Included in the "Frost Girl" adventures were at least a dozen celebrity shows in Reno and South Shore Tahoe.

Betty was a big fan of Rush Limbaugh since his early days on KFBK Sacramento. After Hawaii the girl trips were closer to home mainly Santa Rosa, Occidental and Bodega Bay Area. As evidenced by many Snoopy dolls Betty was a fan of Peanuts and Charles Schultz.

Betty passed away peacefully at home, Feb. 15, 2024. Services were held Feb. 22, 2024

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000111
The following person(s) are doing business as: Johns Trucking, 2770 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965

K-Gas Trucking, 2770 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: January 31, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2024

This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024
JOHNS 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000128
The following person(s) are doing business as: Jemsch Property Investments, 76 Montrose Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
EVJ Strategic Enterprise LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811
Date filed in Butte County: February 6, 2024. 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: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024
JEMSCH 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000013
The following person(s) are doing business as: Glen Creek Gardens, 357 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Gina C Adams, 357 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: January 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 4, 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: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024
GLEN 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000126
The following person(s) are doing business as: Paradise Heating and Air Conditioning, 1748 Drayer Drive, Paradise, CA 95969
Kenneth C Lotrean, 1748 Drayer Drive, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: February 6, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 1, 2023

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024
PARADISE 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000143
The following person(s) are doing business as: Simplicity House, 109 Summit Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Tammy M Jones, 109 Summit Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: February 8, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 1, 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: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024
SIMPLICITY 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000140
The following person(s) are doing business as: Wild Heart Hair Studio, 315 Wall Street Suite 8, Chico, CA 95928.

Kristy L Nall, 1549 Hemlock Street Suite 8, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: February 8, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 20, 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: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024
WILD 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000019
The following person(s) are doing business as: Airads Worldwide Inc, 1900 Oro Dam Boulevard E Suite 12-162, Oroville, CA 95966.
Airads Worldwide Inc, 1900 Oro Dam Boulevard E Suite 12-162, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: January 5, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2024.

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: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024
AIRADS 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000151
The following person(s) are doing business as: A Taste of Paradise, 5505 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969.
John Terran Heinke, 5365 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969.
Date filed in Butte County: February 13, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 2, 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: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024
TASTE 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000114
The following person(s) are doing business as: Solimar, 2777 Eaton Road Apt 80, Chico, CA 95973.
Adriana Jimenez Palomar, 2777 Eaton Road Apt 80, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: January 31, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 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: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024
SOLIMAR 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000062
The following person(s) are doing business as: LPB Life Producer Beauty, 1122 Stewart Avenue Unit 1, Chico, CA 95926
Jamie A Levert, 1122 Stewart Avenue Unit 1, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: January 17, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
LPB 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000120
The following person(s) are doing business as: Butterfly Voices, 15093 Woodland Park Drive, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
Maria Alfaro, 15093 Woodland Park Drive, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
Date filed in Butte County: February 2, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business

name on: N/A

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BUTTERFLY 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000164
The following person(s) are doing business as: Feather Falls Realty, 1201 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969
Southern California Homes Inc, 814 Leadora Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741
Date filed in Butte County: February 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 15, 2024

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 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
FEATHER 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000167
The following person(s) are doing business as: TECH2GO, 42 Archer Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Leonard D Hope, 42 Archer Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: February 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
TECH2GO 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000171
The following person(s) are doing business as: The Daly Dog, 676 E 7th Street, Chico, CA 95928
Nicole S Daly, 676 E 7th Street, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: February 21, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
DALY 3-22-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001024
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gulbransen Organizational & Educational Leadership Consultancy, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928
Dr. Michael Alan Gulbransen, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: December 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 6, 2023

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
GULBRANSEN 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000182
The following person(s) are doing business as: Hampton Inn & Suites By Hilton Oroville, 2355 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965
Merchant Valley Corporation, 1808 Avondale Drive, Roseville, CA 95747
Date filed in Butte County: February 23, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 10, 2024.

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 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
HAMPTON 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000154
The following person(s) are doing business as: Sue Rin Rentals, 681 Oro Dam Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965
Susanne Johns, 70 Country View Lane, Oroville, CA 95966, and Lorinda Louise Bruen, 12 Lemon Hill Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: February 13, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A.

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: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
SUE 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000191
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bill Schohr Real Estate, Bill Schohr Realty, Impact Agent Network, Impact Agents, 1920 Cinnamon Teal Court, Gridley, CA 95948
William B Schohr, 1920 Cinnamon Teal Court, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: February 27, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 26, 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 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
BILL 3-29-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000158
The following person(s) are doing business as: A and K Waterworks, 2722 Highway 99, Biggs, CA 95917
Lance Andes, 2722 Highway 99, Biggs, CA 95917
Date filed in Butte County: February 14, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A.

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024
WATERWORKS 3-29-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

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

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing March 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on January 22, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024
MUNN 3-8-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV00301

Petitioner Kimberly Ann Dorman filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kimberly Ann Dorman to Kimberly Ann Griffith.

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

the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing March 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on February 5, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024
DORNAN 3-15-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONA J. MITCHELL AKA DONA JEAN MITCHELL
CASE NO. 24PR00080

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Dona J. Mitchell aka Dona Jean Mitchell.

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 the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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: March 26, 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
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TRUSTEE SALE

TS No: CA07000878-23-1
APN: 060-110-081-000 TO No: 230347477-CA-VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 14, 2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On April 17, 2024 at 03:30 PM, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse at 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on January 20, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-0002008, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, executed by PAUL E. ADAMS, A WIDOWER, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for FINANCE OF AMERICA

REVERSE LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7580 HUMBOLDT ROAD, BUTTE MEADOWS, CA 95942
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Corps TS No. CA07000878-23-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bernardo Sotelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0457139 To: GRIDLEY HERALD 03/01/2024, 03/08/2024, 03/15/2024 GRIDLEY HERALD 3-15-24

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Foreclosure No. 7060054 APN# 125-350-008 On April 3, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., Mid Valley Title and Escrow Company, Trustee, or Successor Trustee or Substituted Trustee of that certain Deed of Trust executed by Barry R. Fuller, an unmarried

man, and recorded September 15, 2010 as Instrument No. 2010-0005598, of Official Records of Plumas, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default thereunder recorded November 28, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023-0005023, of Official Records of said County, will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, a cashier's check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, all that right, title and in-

terest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: shown on said Deed of Trust (X) The street address or other common designation of said property: 76808 Parkside Terrace, Portola, CA 96122 (X)Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: Wren, 2000 Soda Lake Road, Fallon, NV 89406 Directions to the above property may be obtained by requesting same in writing from the beneficiary within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note or notes secured by said Deed of Trust, plus estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale: \$55,319.30 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the City Council will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Monday, March 18th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Monday, March 18, 2024, via email to csantana@gridley.ca.us or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the City Council for consideration.

The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting, will be provided on the City Council agenda available to the public on Friday, March 15, 2024, located on the City of Gridley website.

Ordinance No. 849-2024: An application to rezone property to add the Agricultural Overlay District zoning designation to allow commercial agricultural production until the residentially zoned property is developed. The site has a General Plan land use designation of Residential and an underlying zoning designation of Single-Family Residential District (R-1). The property is located on the east side of West Biggs Gridley Road, north and contiguous to the Heron Landing Subdivision. (APN 022-210-092)

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the City Council on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Carmen Santana, Administration, at (530) 846-3631 or email at csantana@gridley.ca.us

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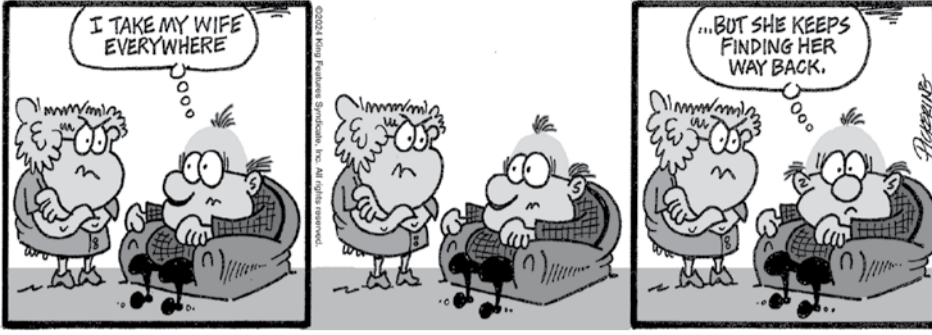
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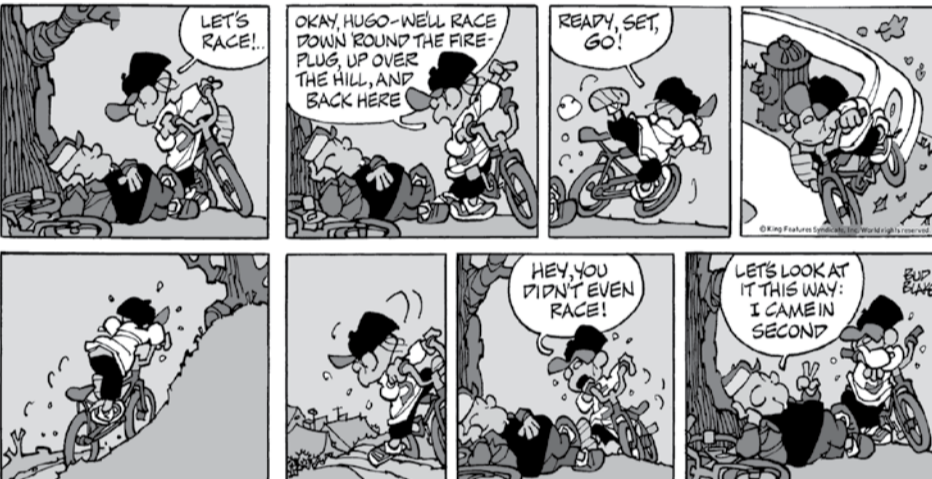
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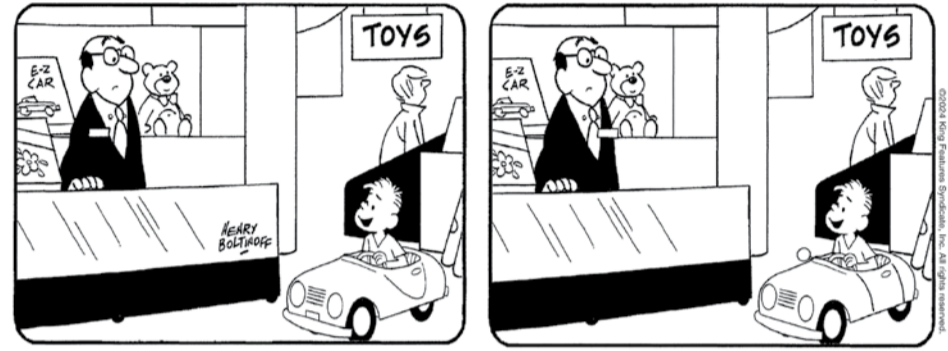
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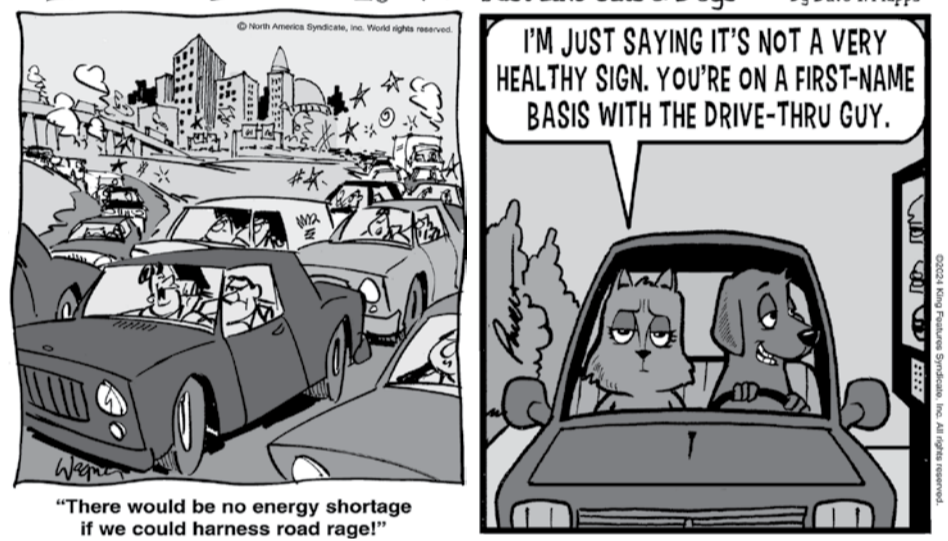
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Bulldogs and Lady Lions Knocked Out in NorCal Opener

By Steven Bryla

Summerville 5, Gridley 0

TUOLUMNE, CA (MPG) - The Gridley boys soccer team lost in the opening round of the CIF Division V NorCal Boys Soccer Championships on Tuesday, February 27, as they were shutout by the Summerville Bears in a 5-0 loss.

Gridley Head Coach Jesse Barajas told the Herald the Bulldogs couldn't get into a good rhythm and found themselves down 3-0 at the end of the first half.

When Gridley was able to find their footing in the game and pushed some good offensive attacks, Summerville defended them well and the shots went wide.

Although the Bulldogs season is over, they had great accomplishments this season that included the top spot back in the Butte View League as they regained the title for the fifth time out of the last six seasons and a second consecutive trip to the CIF Northern Section Division II final, which added a trip to the state playoffs.

Gridley nearly has a quarter



Gridley sophomore defender Alexander Cabrera (28) attempts to stay with Summerville junior striker Gage Miller (3) in the Bulldogs' 5-0 loss on Tuesday, February 27. Photo courtesy of Dominic Massimino

of their roster graduating this year and Barajas expressed to the Herald that when the class of 2024 entered the Bulldogs soccer program, they had high expectations to uphold to

continue the traditional success of the program.

Barajas added that the 2024 seniors sustained their dynasty in the program, he wished them the best in their future

and said that they will always be a member of the family.

"Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog," Barajas said.

Although the seniors contributed a lot to the team, Gridley

brings back a lot of talent next season to one of the two established soccer programs in the area including the great offensive push of sophomore Nery

Martinez and Nolan Weagant.

Marin Catholic 4, Live Oak 1

KENTFIELD, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak girls' soccer team ended their best season in school history on Tuesday, February 27, as they lost in the first round of the CIF Division IV NorCal Girls Soccer Championship to Marin Catholic Wildcats of Kentfield 4-1.

Live Oak was given the No. 8 seed in the Division IV bracket as Marin Catholic was the overall top seed in the bracket.

The Lady Wildcats were efficient with their shot selection against the Lady Lions as 60 % of the Marin Catholic shots were on target and credited with being a shot on goal (16) out of their 26 shot attempts.

This was Live Oak's third consecutive first



The Live Oak Lady Lions soccer program celebrated their first section championship in program history as they beat University Prep 1-0 on February 24. Photo by Steven Bryla



Live Oak senior midfielder/striker Mckayla Holmen tries to snatch the ball in the backfield against University Prep junior defender Ava Ranker (18) in the Lady Lions' 1-0 win on February 24. Photo courtesy of Dominic Massimino

CIF NorCal Girls Soccer Championship appearances, one section title and one Sacramento Valley championship.

On the field, Acosta loses key components of the starting rotation including his back line of defenders in seniors Maya Goodson and Maria Medina. Tagged along as a big loss moving forward is 2024 midfielder/striker Mckayla Holmen, who ended her career with 115 career assists.

2025 striker/midfielder Johanna Petrone will be the leader for Live Oak and continue the growth of the offensive attack, as the Lady Lions had plenty of young midfielders get experience on the field this season.



★ Live Oak junior striker/midfielder Johanna Petrone (17) stretches out for a goal try in the Lady Lions' 1-0 win against University Prep on February 24. Photo by Steven Bryla

round exit in the opening round of the NorCal regionals, but Lady Lions Head Coach Jose Acosta expressed to the Herald that he is thrilled with how this season went for the Lady Lions.

Acosta credits the success of the program over the past four seasons to the senior class of 2024. Acosta expressed to the Herald the rapid growth he has seen in each of the seven graduating seniors on and off the field and they will be missed in the program.

The class of 2024 accomplishments include three straight trips to the CIF Northern Section Division II final, followed by three consecutive

Bulldogs' Season Ends in the City



Gridley senior forward Aaron Kullar (23) shoots a three pointer in the Bulldogs' 53-50 loss to Lincoln of San Francisco on Tuesday, February 27.



Gridley senior forward Aaron Kullar (23) dribbles the ball in the Bulldogs' 53-50 loss to Lincoln of San Francisco on Tuesday, February 27.

Story by Steven Bryla,
photos by Libby Tolman

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MPG) - The Gridley boys' basketball best season in recent years ended on Tuesday, February 27, as they lost to the Lincoln Mustangs of San Francisco 53-50 in the opening round of the CIF Division IV State Playoffs.

Gridley Head Coach Nathan Link expressed to the Herald that they started off cold in the

opening quarter, but were only down three at the conclusion of the first quarter.

Link added that the Bulldogs found their shooting stroke in the second and third quarter and led by seven entering the fourth.

Link told the Herald that Lincoln was a physical team defensively that wore down Gridley during the game where they ended up going cold from the floor in the final quarter and after some costly turnovers, lost

the game by three.

Although the Bulldogs made a first round exit in the state playoffs for the second consecutive season, the senior class of 2024 was a main staple towards the accomplishments throughout the season.

Gridley won the most games in the program (22) since the 2019-20 season and delivered the first Northern Section title to the school since the 2015-16 season.

Link expressed to the Herald

that the seven seniors all had at least a 3.3 grade point average, two straight Butte View League titles after not competing in the playoffs their freshman and sophomore seasons and put in the work heavily in the off-season where all 2024 seniors showed vast improvements on their game.

Link told the Herald the most impressive thing about the 2024 seniors is that it took a special group to go from 7-20 in the

2021-22 season to finish where they did.

With the senior class departing, the Bulldogs have key returners coming back next season that include junior guards, Luis Murillo and Max Tolman, sophomore guard Bikram Kullar and junior forward Gus Stogsdill. With the returning core for the 2024-25 season, Link will add players from the junior varsity roster from this season, and he is excited for next season. ★

AT&T Upgrades, is it Unsafe to Eliminate Landlines?

By Teri Saya

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - It was March 15, 2022, when disaster struck in the tiny Butte County community of Forbestown. A fire broke out in a double-wide trailer that was the office at the Peaceful Pines Mobile Home Park.

Dale Mansfield, co-owner of the mobile home park, received a phone call on his landline just after 11:00 pm from a tenant. "Your sister's house is on fire and it looks fully engulfed!"

"I told my wife to call my nephew, my sister's son, tell him there's trouble. I live about a mile from the park, and when I got there, the whole valley was lit up by a plume of fire. I was there before the fire department arrived. I started walking back towards my sister's place and there was a power line down and it was arcing and bouncing around on the ground. And the flames burned clear to the top of a hundred-foot cedar tree right there. The whole back end of her double-wide mobile home was gone. I realized there was absolutely nothing I could do, the blaze was out of control."

Cal Fire arrived and was able to extinguish the fire. Unfortunately, Mansfield's sister died in the blaze. The Fire Investigator told him that the fire had been burning in the kitchen where she had been using the stove to heat the place for at least 15 minutes before it caught the rest of the home on fire. Evidently, she had no working fire alarms.

Neighbors tried calling 911 on their cell phones but



So far, at least 3,500 have filed public comments – most of them opposing the waiver. Engin Akyurt - Pixabay

were unable to get through due to no cell phone service. Eventually, someone was able to contact the fire department, and according to Mansfield, showed up later than would have if there had been reliable cell phone coverage.

Like so many other people who live in remote areas, Mansfield does not like the idea of landlines being eliminated. "This is my personal feeling about it, but I don't think you should trade a perfectly good, sound working technology for something that only works half-assed. A dropped call is strictly something that happens on cell phones. Because you don't get a dropped call on landlines. So many might hang up on you, but you never get disconnected."

What is COLR? Here is an explanation taken from the California Public Utilities website; "COLR is a telecommunications service provider that stands ready to provide basic telephone service, commonly landline telephone service, to any customer requesting such service within a specified area. At least one telephone company in a specified area is legally required to provide access to telephone service to anyone in its service territory who requests it. This is known as the Carrier of Last Resort (COLR)

obligation, which ensures that everyone in California has access to safe, reliable, and affordable telephone service. AT&T is the designated COLR in many parts of the state and is the largest COLR in California. Where AT&T is the default landline telephone service provider means that the company must provide traditional landline telephone service to any potential customer in that service territory."

Public hearings began in February at the California Public Utilities Commission on the matter. The commission also is taking public comments. So far, at least 3,500 have filed public comments – most of them opposing the waiver.

AT&T assures customers will continue to have access to emergency services 911, and that no customers will be disconnected. "We are working with the few remaining consumers who still use traditional copper-based phone service to upgrade to newer technologies from AT&T or other providers."

For more information and to participate in the CPUC public hearings, go to: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/proceedings-and-rulemaking/cpuc-public-participation-hearings>. ★

Public's View on Signing Sheriff's Contract Wanted

By Sharon Pearce

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Much of the Live Oak City Council special session on Feb. 28 was on discussion points that council engaged in at the end of the year about the proposed Sheriff's contract for police services.

One option is to sign the contract and come back to the table to iron out details that can be added to the contract in an addendum.

The second option is to authorize a study to determine if the proposed contract does not leave the city with lack of control over its fleet of police cars and city officials not knowing where officers are or how many extra officers might be needed. The City Council could then better determine if more money is needed in the budget for the final contract.

No decision was taken at the session but Councilmember Lakhvir Ghag requested through Zoom that if any of the viewing public wanted to express an opinion on action they wanted taken on the budget, to let the city know by calling 530-695-2122 or emailing at lghag@liveoakcity.org.

Councilmember Bob Woten asked how much it would cost to just request a detective on an ad hoc basis rather than budget for one and was told \$100 per hour. He responded that it was like "buying an extended warranty."

Councilmember Jeramy Chapdelaine agreed, saying "I am not opposed to this as it is now." Chapdelaine added the detective, if included in the contract up front, could, when free, jump in a car and patrol or use a motorcycle, and the budget shows a trend of \$300,000 but it could go down substantially, making it even more cost effective. For Year One, Chapdelaine suggested, it might be an increase of \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Having a detective present all the time, Ghag said, would serve as a deterrent to crime, adding that "the Sheriff's Office does not compensate for cars, fuel and other things." Ghag said, "It would be nice to have the extra officer available so he could get in his car, but if he is going to be out in the county, we have to take it to our conscience (to deal with

anything that happens)."

Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana commented, "I don't think either of these proposals are good enough for Live Oak." Santana added, "I think we need a police presence at the school; at least two on duty at a time. I'm thinking we are going to need our own police station. The sheriff isn't showing he really wants to work with our city. We need to dig a little deeper, look a little harder."

Mayor Ashley Hernandez spoke of the Live Oak cars being driven elsewhere.

"We should be reimbursed; we don't charge for substitution, we pay for canine, bikes, equipment. We are at an 88% cost share; it's 88 1/2 in this contract. The mayor wanted a monthly itemized report. I feel it is disappointing that statistics are showing officers create contacts to jam up bills. I would like to have a consultant assess our true needs, including what the length of the contract should be," Ghag said. "It would only take one incident, when they are not here, to put this town's rating into the dirt."

According to City Manager Aaron Palmer, "...we are not being charged for dispatch for 17 years; that's a pretty good deal. We could put into the contract that we want the vehicles left here. If they have an accident, they have the liability."

Ghag suggested that there was laxity in letting the council know about incidents to which deputies respond.

Palmer said he would ask that the Sheriff's Office send the general email on logs "so we can sit down and determine what we need... they would charge us."

Chapdelaine added, "Our approach needs to be more transparent and more robust and done in a workshop manner. It will take looking at tax increases and other things to determine we cannot afford this anymore as is."

Santana said she "thought the Live Oak residents would pass a tax increase as it voted to do for all of Sutter County."

Council members want to engage in a study as the contract is not due until June. While Ghag called out to the public for its opinion, he said, "We need to continue with the current contract until we have a sure method to protect the people of Live Oak. We can end up adding more money." ★