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A Crown on Their Hearts

Ms. Butte County's New Royal Court



The Queens and Princess of the three categories of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program smile together onstage after earning their titles. Pictured left to right: Miss Teen Butte County Maizy Miller, Missette Butte County Josilynn Payan, and Miss Butte County Makayla Mellinger. Photo by Teresa Bachellerie

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The sparkling gowns and tiaras of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program (MBCSP) was the first major event of the 2023 Butte County Fair.

A total of nine contestants vied for a title within the program, three in the Missette category, four competing for Miss Teen, and only two fighting for the Miss Butte County crown.

As tradition dictates, part of the judging took place before the

program, which included a 5-minute interview for the Missette contestants, a 7-minute interview for the older girls, and a review of a resume submitted to judges. On stage, the ladies introduced themselves to the crowd and judges panel, sharing their interests and answering impromptu questions, along with performing a number with the 2022-2023 queens and runners-up.

During the show, Alyssa Tomlinson announced she was stepping down as director before her

successor was announced. Tomlinson said that the most rewarding part of being director was watching the advancement of those in the program. "The growth that they show over one year is amazing!"

Ms. Raina Wright-Reynolds was introduced as the new head of the program. She has participated as a contestant in the MBCSP, beginning in 2006, and earned the title of Miss Congeniality in 2010 and 2013. Wright-Reynolds served as

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Chamber Opens for Butte County Fair and Celebrates New Fair Director

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening of the Butte County Fair with Fair Board Members and new Fair Director Matt Reed.

On opening day, Thursday, August 24th, the group met just outside the main gates as guests to the 2023 Butte County Fair began to line up at the ticket stands. Chamber members and Butte County Fair officials proudly opened the 4 days of fun by slicing a large red ribbon. Reed took a moment afterwards to thank all who made this year's fair a reality and for their hard work. The group gave him a round of applause, celebrating his first official fair as director.

On behalf of the Chamber, President Lynne Spencer said that Reed and his staff were "excellent," and that "we're so proud of

what they've got going on this year for the fair!"

Butte County's District 4 Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue, who turned out for the ribbon cutting, thanked the hard work of the fair board. Kimmelshue continued, "This is kind

of a shining star for Butte County. We own the property and we've been able to help Matt and the board get some money to tear down some buildings....and do some more improvements here. This (Butte County Fair) is just a great addition

to the city of Gridley and to Butte County."

With that, the group dispersed from the heat and moved to the sponsors' lounge where they enjoyed dinner and drinks, declaring the fair officially open to the public. ★



Butte County Fair Board Members and the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce celebrate the opening of this year's county fair in addition to Fair CEO and Director Matt Reed's first fair (with ceremonial scissors.) Photo by Seti Long

Careful, I Bite! West Nile Prevalent in Butte County



Heavy rains of last year and the resulting abundance of water has created ideal conditions for a heavy mosquito season. MPG file photo

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Residents in the area are desperately trying to fight the bite as mosquito season continues to ramp up.

According to Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control's District Manager, Matt Ball, the heavy rains of last year and the resulting abundance of water has created ideal conditions for a heavy mosquito season. Ball warns, "It's going to get worse before it gets better," informing that the main public nuisance, the mosquito, *Anopheles freeborni*, better known as the Western Malaria Mosquito, is set to peak in about a week.

Each season, different species of mosquito peak at different times, coming in waves. *The Culex tarsalis*, or Encephalitis Mosquito, peaked earlier in July, but population numbers are still high. Ball says that this mosquito is highly viremic and testing positive as a carrier of West Nile Virus (WNV) cautioning the public to be vigilant. "West Nile is extremely active in Butte County right now," says Ball, the Butte County Department of Public Health has identified 4 positive cases of WNV in humans, and one in a horse.

At the time of this article, Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District (BCMVD) had 42 mosquito pools throughout the county positively testing for WNV, along with 18 sentinel chickens. Ball shared that he expected that number to climb after as the district was awaiting test results from more pools.

Another wave of aggressive mosquitos is expected to peak in September and October. Commonly known as the "duck club" or "wetland" mosquito, *Aedes melanimon* will continue to assail our citizens.

The BCMVD actively works to knock down the numbers of mosquitos, fogging each community weekly. A fogging truck

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Bob Barker has died. He was 99 years old. My fondest memories of Bob were when I was a kid and would be sick and stay home from school. There were only three television channels to choose from back then, and I liked Channel 12, which had Bob Barker's The Price is Right show. So, for all these years, I've associated Bob Barker with getting to stay home from school, and I knew after Bob, it was all downhill; there was nothing good to watch after Bob because it was then soap opera time. Soap operas seemed like an absolute waste of being at home and not at school.

My #1 daughter Reagan stumbled upon an advertisement for all-you-can-pick peaches for \$20 at the Chico State Student Farm and Experiment station. She single-handedly harvested 107 pounds. After "escaping" Chico (that is how people in Biggs and Gridley describe returning home), she promptly started canning

them, freezing them, making cobbblers and pies for three straight days. Probably some time next week, some undergraduate students at Chico State - in the Agricultural Business Major Program - will submit their papers on "Why all you can pick peach marketing is a bad idea" - when women from Gridley find you. Tony LaBarbera would never make such a rookie mistake at famous Tony's Hwy. 70 fruit stand.

One of the most popular and sought-after segments of this column is the occasional restaurant review or recommendation; today, I break from my usually upbeat, happy, and positive tradition to offer this review: There is a place on Oro Dam Boulevard in Oroville called the Notty Room. Don't go there.***
Local award-winning retirement expert and real estate guru Kory Hamman will likely face a \$50 fine at the Rotary Club meeting next week. He waited three years to get a replacement Hummer vehicle after he had racked up 420,000 miles on his previous Hummer, only to find out that the new electric turbo model is not that much better in performance and style than his old one.

The Butte County Fair seems to have been a big success again. The big winners from the Fair

were the Catholic Knights of Columbus and their \$10 discount parking across the street from the fairgrounds. As new businesses take root along East Gridley Road, their little piece of primely placed property keeps getting better and better for Fair time parking.

Speaking of Fairs, Butte County has two, while Yuba and Sutter Counties each only have half a Fair, which they combine each year.

My friend Ben Clark, the Chairman of the Mooretown Rancheria Tribe of Concow Maidu Indians, was appointed to the Silver Dollar Fair Board of Directors. In asking around, no one can think of a Native American ever being appointed to such a position by a Governor in Butte County. It is a historic thing. The other appointee was Bob Vanella, a farmer from Durham. In asking around about Bob, no one can remember when a Vanella family member has not been on the Silver Dollar Fair Board. So, Fair business seems complete for the year; schools have started, and soon, the weather will cool down, and life goes on- fairly peachy.

Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. Opinions expressed here are solely his. ★

Not Trailing Behind



Gridley VFW Posts Ed Kawasaki (left) and District 15 Commander Mike DiGiordano debut the VFW's new travel trailer at the Butte County Fair. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley VFW Post 5731 was the first in the state of California to use the Veterans of Foreign Wars new travel trailer.

The trailer is beautifully wrapped in a VFW graphic and is to be made available to posts throughout the state when needed.

Ed Kawasaki of VFW Post 5731 joined District 15 Commander Mike DiGiordano to premier the new addition during their

time at Butte County Fair. They used the eye-catching trailer as a backdrop to their station, hoping that it would draw the attention of Veterans and fair goers alike. Their goal at the fair was to recruit new members, raise funds for their scholarships and aid in the sale of poppies, which are a reminder of the fallen and symbol of support for veterans.

VFW Post 5731 meets at 6:00pm the first Wednesday of the month at the Gridley Veterans Memorial Hall located at 249 Sycamore Street. ★

Enloe Medical Center Earns High Marks in 8 Types of Care

Enloe Medical Center News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - U.S. News & World Report recognized Enloe Medical Center as a High Performing hospital in eight procedures and conditions. This is the highest distinction a hospital can earn for U.S. News' Best Hospitals Procedures & Conditions ratings. Enloe was recognized for:

Heart Failure, Diabetes, Kidney Failure, Stroke, Hip Replacement, Knee Replacement, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Pneumonia. Last year, Enloe was recognized for seven procedures and conditions. U.S. News evaluated more than 4,500 hospitals across 15 specialties and 21 procedures and conditions. Hospitals awarded a "Best" designation excelled at factors such as clinical outcomes, level of nursing care and patient experience.

"Enloe Medical Center has become a symbol for quality and compassionate care in the North State," said Enloe's President and CEO Mike Wiltermood.

"This recognition validates all the hard work our caregivers perform daily. At a time when health care organizations in our region are struggling to stay afloat, it's truly inspiring what our staff has been able to achieve."

Additionally, the medical center was named one of the Best Regional Hospitals for the Northern Sierras for the 2023-2024 rating period, ranking No. 65 in California. Only 12% of the 4,500 evaluated hospitals earned a Best Hospitals ranking.

"The caregivers at Enloe have made this honor possible. Their remarkable work continues to make our community proud," said Enloe's Chief Medical Officer Marcia Nelson, M.D. "Being named, once again, among the Best Hospitals reignites our passion and commitment to medical excellence."

Enloe Medical Center is a local, non-profit health care organization. For more information, please call 530 332-7300 or visit us online at www.enloe.org. Enloe Medical Center is located at 1531 Esplanade Chico, Calif. 95926. ★

AQMD Launching Commercial Lawn and Garden Equipment Voucher Program

Butte County AQMD News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) is launching a program to help local landscapers, businesses, public agencies, and non-profits replace their existing gas-powered lawn and garden equipment with cordless battery-powered equipment.

Businesses and organizations can apply with the District to receive a voucher that will reduce the cost of new zero-emission equipment purchased from local Participating Merchants. The old combustion equipment will be handed over to be destroyed as part of this program. Vouchers can be used to purchase new cordless battery-powered chainsaws, trimmers, edgers, leaf blowers, and mowers. The voucher can also help cover the cost of extra batteries and charging cords.

Today, operating a commercial gas-powered lawn mower for one hour emits as much smog-forming pollution as driving a gas car about 300 miles. For a commercial leaf blower, one hour of operation emits smog-forming pollution comparable to driving a gas car about 1,100 miles – over 15 hours of driving. Zero-emission equipment is also quieter for both the operator and those nearby.

\$263,000 in funding for this opportunity comes from the Carl Moyer Program, a statewide program that has advanced low-emission and zero-emission technologies for 25 years. An additional \$200,000 in Community Air Protection Incentives will be available for businesses and organizations operating in state-defined Disadvantaged Communities (Chapman and portions of Thermalito). Community Air Protection Incentives are part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment.

Applications are available while funding lasts on the District's website at www.butteairquality.com or at the District office in Chico. Vouchers will include a list of Participating Merchants.

To apply completed applications and inquiries can be submitted to:

Jason Mandly,
Senior Air Quality Planner
Address: 629 Entler Avenue,
Suite 15 – Chico, CA 95928
Email: jmandly@bcaqmd.org
Fax: (530) 332-9417
Phone: (530) 332-9400, Extension 108★

Get Ready to Run!

By Brandy Mower

BIGGS, CA, (MPG) - Join us for our 7th Annual Run Around the Rice benefitting the students and staff at Biggs Elementary School this September 10th, 2023.

Run Around the Rice is an educational, family-friendly run/walk that will enlighten you in the cycle of prepping, planting and harvesting rice all while

getting some exercise.

Be prepared to see all the natural beauty right here in our backyard. It is sure to be a great experience!

Early registration price for the ½ mile Kids Dash is \$20, adult 5k is \$35, and 10K is \$40.

To register, please visit run-signup.com/Race/CA/Richvale/RunAroundtheRice5K10KKidsDash. ★

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A Crown on Their Hearts

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Tomlinson’s assistant director and says that she is incredibly excited for the opportunity to lead. Wright-Reynolds says, “the biggest thing I gained out of it (MBCSP) was the ‘service above self’ to the community of Butte County and building life-long skills.” Therefore, her goal for the royal court of 2023 is to accomplish as much community service as possible and to shine a new light on the program itself.

As for the titleholders and runners-up that comprise the MBCSP, she says they have already completed about a quarter of their required community service hours since crowned and won’t stop there. “These title holders jumped right into it,” says Wright-Reynolds and continues that “this group of girls, they are phenomenal. They are so kind and generous,” and as for stepping into their new roles, “they just went for it and loved it.”

Wright-Reynolds told the Herald that her royal court deserved to be the focus of this article. “Each and every one of these title holders have a warm, golden heart,” says Wright-Reynolds and shared the unofficial motto of the MBCSP, “It’s not about the crown on your head; It’s about the crown on your heart.”

So that the public can get to know the royal court a little better, Reynolds is putting up small bios on the MBCSP



The 2023 Miss Butte County Royal Court: From left to right: Gracie Yost – Miss Teen Butte County 1st Runner Up; Maizy Miller – Miss Teen Butte County; Emily Danner – Miss Teen Butte County 3rd Runner Up; Maddie Garcia – Miss Teen Butte County 2nd Runner Up; Savannah Arcangeli – Miss Butte County 1st Runner Up; Makayla Mellinger – Miss Butte County; Josilynn Payan – Missette Butte County; Ava Cote – Missette Butte County 2nd Runner Up; Katherine Weiss – Missette Butte County 1st Runner Up. Photo by Teresa Bachellerie



The 2023 Miss Butte County royal court jumped right into service, and fun, helping around the Butte County Fair. Photo provided by Raina Wright-Reynolds

Facebook page. Miss Butte County, Makayla

Mellinger was first, and it was shared that her

personal motto is “Leave a little sparkle wherever

you go.” Mellinger was not only crowned

Miss Butte County but received the Betsy Award. The recipient is chosen by the contestants themselves in honor of Betsy Oliver, who impacted the program with her kindness and caring nature. Wright-Reynolds claims she was “our own miss congeniality in our own way.”

Of her new title, Mellinger says, “Being crowned Miss Butte County is such an amazing opportunity to make an impact in the community. When I was little, I remember how much I looked up to people such as Queens of the community, and I am excited to have the opportunity to be that for today’s youth. It is so much more than a sparkly crown and title; It is the chance to make a real difference. As Miss Butte County I hope to build up children’s confidence so that they have the courage to reach their full potential, as well as make sure they know we support all of them in everything they do! The program has taught me so much about confidence and allows me the ability to grow as a leader and role model. I am so excited for the future to come!”

Wright-Reynolds is looking forward to a glorious year with what she believes to be an outstanding group of girls. In such a short amount of time since their crowning, Wright-Reynolds says that her court has proven that that they “have giant queen crowns on their heart.” ★



Miss Teen Butte County, Maizy Miller and Miss Teen Butte County 3rd Runner Up Emily Danner volunteer at the Butte County Fair Kids Zone. Photo provided by Raina Wright-Reynolds

Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

Financial Management Series for Existing Businesses (Chico)

This 4-weeks, 2 hours per week series is designed to teach you how to utilize your financial statements to better manage and understand your business operations, cash flow, and profitability. Focus includes: Interpreting and understanding your financial statements (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet) hands-on exercise and case study; Identifying cash flow cycle and how it impacts your business; Learning how to calculate & use financial ratios to troubleshoot fiscal dangers, and analyzing trends to improve business performance; Using financial tools to make good business decisions for effective spending & break-even analysis; Knowing how to think critically when looking at pricing and costs; and Developing forecasts and budgetary tools and techniques to improve profit.

Date/Time: Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023; 8:30am – 10:30am

Cost/Location: Free, Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

Common Problems Encountered with QuickBooks Desktop Accounting (Orland)

Accurate bookkeeping is critical for successfully managing your business; therefore, taking the time to understand how to correctly use your accounting program is key for your business financial success. This 2-hour workshop is for individuals who have already set up their QuickBooks Desktop system, have been working with the system for 6 months or more, and need help with ensuring that they are using the system correctly (i.e., performing the necessary reconciliations, matching and categorization properly). We will cover reconciling your bank and credit card accounts to your ledgers, problems with categorizations vs. matching vs. rules, understanding reporting and problem solving the data, cleaning up Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable anomalies and cleaning up Balance Sheet misallocations. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 13, 2023; 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost/Location: Free; Butte College Glenn-County Center, 1366 Cortina Dr, Orland

Branding Your Business (Paradise)

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/Time: Thursday, September 14, 2023; 9:00am – 11:00am

Cost/Location: Free; Paradise Chamber, 6161 Clark Rd., Paradise

Attract, Engage, and Retain Great Employees (Chico)

How do you “optimize” the talent on your team? How do you attract, and select great employees? How do you know if they are HAPPY and planning to STAY? What’s the best way to ID what’s getting in the way of each team member offering their best and highest contributions? Join us for a 2-hour rapid-fire workshop that will help you improve your company culture, engagement, and retention. This learning event will be facilitated by Melissa Ortiz, Business Owner and Talent Optimization Expert.

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 20, 2023; 8:30am – 10:30am

Cost/Location: Free; Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

Practical QuickBooks for New Users – 4 Weeks, 2hours per Week (Chico)

Accurate bookkeeping is critical to the success of any business. This QuickBooks Series is for entrepreneurs and business owners in the beginning stage of bookkeeping (i.e., planning, have not yet purchased their system, or have purchased but not using). The trainer will guide you through the basics of accounting from identifying the best QuickBooks version for your business, to setting up your system, managing accounts, and using financial reports to manage your day-to-day activities.

Series includes 4 focus areas:

Week 1 - October 5: Accounting Basics & Getting Started with QuickBooks

Week 2 - October 12: Setting up Items and Creating Forms

Week 3 - October 19: Accounts Receivable

Week 4 - October 26: Accounts Payable, Banking Reconciliations, and Reports

Date/Time: Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023; 8:30am – 10:30am

Cost/Location: \$50 per person, Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

To Register for Trainings CALL: (530) 895-9017
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Organic Growers Seek To Make Voice Heard In 2023 Farm Bill

As Congress hammers out the 2023 Farm Bill, growing interest in the impacts of agriculture on climate could give organic farmers more political sway as they advocate for funding and programs that help them. Organic farmers have long sought recognition for their role in mitigating climate change, saying their practices promote conservation and help improve soils that store carbon. They say expanding technical and financial assistance would help them further implement activities that build resilient landscapes. But many say they feel largely left out of the omnibus legislation.

Amid Summer Heat, Farms Focus on Keeping Employees Safe

In 2005, following farmworker deaths in the Central Valley, California established the nation's first heat-safety law for outdoor workers. Since then, California has tightened its Heat Illness Prevention Standard, which remains the most stringent of the few such state laws in effect. The law includes requirements for shade, water and rest, as well as a heat-acclimatization process for workers. "We're trying to make our employees more aware of these dangers and how to protect themselves," says Joe Del Bosque, who has farmed in the Central Valley since 1985.

Water Board Delays Decision on Controlling River Flows to Protect Salmon

The California State Water Resources Control Board has delayed a decision to set minimum instream flows on the Scott and Shasta rivers and instead directed staff to return next month with a plan to adopt interim flow measures to support salmon. The board last week asked farmers, tribes and other stakeholders to work together on solutions. Chairman Russell "Buster" Attebery said the tribe's goal is not to drive farmers and ranchers out of business. But he added, "It is really hard to overstate how important the salmon are for the Karuk people."

Studies: Production Costs Rise for Central Coast Broccoli, Lettuce

The cost of producing broccoli and romaine lettuce hearts has gone up in the Central Coast region, according to new studies released by the University of California Cooperative Extension. Researchers say rising expenses for labor, custom farming, other inputs and land rents continue to impact growers' bottom lines. The cost studies were based on interviews with area growers and are intended as guidelines for farmers as they develop their budgets. The studies say growers need good yields to just break even on cool-season vegetables. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

In the past two weeks I've received gifts from readers. One decided to solve my lack of toads and gift me six baby toads. I was and am delighted with this gift. I made a small toad environment in a shady area of the garden. They have a wet area to stay

and hopefully dig their burrows. I have a drain dish of water for them to soak in. I've seen two of them since I let them go. I'm hoping they stay. There should be enough food for them between all the bugs and snails they should grow up fat and happy. Yes, toads eat snails and slugs. My greatest dream for these gifted toads is that they get really big and I see them out at night.

When I lived in the mountains and had a plethora of toads, my dog would come in foaming at the mouth when he chased and caught them. No worries about my current little dog, Libby, she fights off danger from 10 feet away. She is great at

trying to get cats out of the yard, I know because I hear all this frantic barking. I go out and she is at least 10 feet away barking her head off. She is afraid of cats but takes her guard duties seriously. I go out and find the cat wherever it is hiding in the plants and hiss. This makes the cat realize it needs to leave. If I let Libby do all the encouraging of cats leaving the yard, I would have many cats living in the yard while she barked her head off.

Now is the time to plant your winter garden. I know it feels counter-intuitive but it really is the time. Do it now and you could have broccoli for Christmas, maybe Thanksgiving. ★



LOCAL FISHING

Clear Lake Best Bass Tournament (BBT)
Sat, Sun, August 19-20th
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Bowman Lake Loop Series #7

Last, but not least is little Catfish Lake. It lies at 6460 ft elevation and 12 acres small, and on an old "Toll" Road. The owners collected a toll of a *pinch of gold*, they also provide a bunkhouse for travelers and planted catfish in the lake for food. Note: Pinch of gold is 1.5 grams (\$190.47 today) 1849 gold \$20.67 per ounce. Today: \$1,915.71 per ounce.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

S.F. Bay/Berkeley Flats; Plenty of big Pacific Halibut during small tides. Try: Live Anchovy. b) San Joaquin Delta; lots of 9 lb. stripers...top water baits best. Try:



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2 ½ inch Green Lipless Crankbait. (b) Note: The fall striped bass fishing will be excellent.

COASTAL WATERS

Marin Coast off Seal Rock. Limits of halibut to 30 pounds. Try: Live Anchovy. (b) San Francisco Management area (SFMA). Fish betwixt 38° 57. 5' N. latitude Point Arena and 37° 11' N. latitude Pigeon Pt. Open to all depths...7-16 to 12-31. Bagged 65 rockfish, 7 lingcod, 5 cabazon and Dungeness Crab limits. Try: Tray

Baits (b) Monterey Bay: Lingcod limits. Try: Live Anchovy. (b) Davison area...70 miles offshore. Bagged 7 big albacore. Try: 6" Cedar Plug. (a) Note: Humpback whales galore in bay.

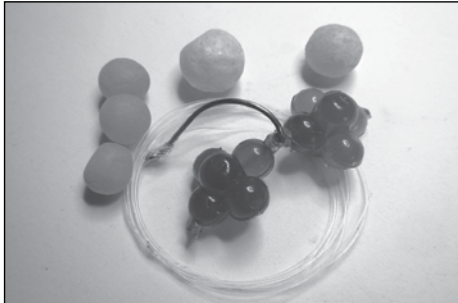
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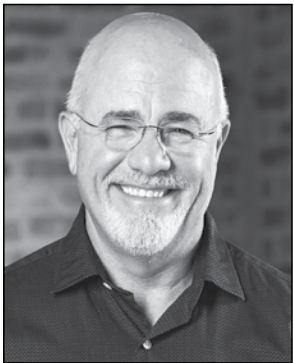
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Yuba River report of 45 lb. Striped bass caught and released? Try: ?? American River at 3350 CFS. Netted Ten ½ pounder steelhead. Try: Egg Patterns. (a)



Egg Patterns

"Goody Two Shoes." ~ Brownie



A Degree Isn't Power, Knowledge Is Power

Dear Dave,

I've heard you talk about paying for college for your kids. Why is this a requirement? I'm not trying to shirk my responsibility, but I worked my way through college and so did my parents. My wife and I have talked about paying for their books and maybe rent. Am I missing something here?

– Thomas

Dear Thomas,

First, I don't believe it's a requirement that all parents pay for college for their kids. It's not a moral issue, and you're not an immoral person if you don't or can't do it. I've told plenty of single moms, single dads and parents who don't earn a big income that their kids need to apply for as many scholarships

Dave Ramsey Says

as possible, learn how to work, and choose an inexpensive school if they want to continue their education.

As a parent, one of your biggest jobs is to give your kids a moral compass and the tools they'll need to succeed in the real world. And one of the keys to being a successful adult is engaging in a lifetime of learning. If the last time you read a book was when you were in high school or college, and you've never done training of any other kind since, you're probably not very successful. Never. Stop. Learning. If I'd stopped learning after getting my bachelor's degree, do you think I would've been able to build Ramsey Solutions? Absolutely not!

Do you see where I'm going with this, Thomas? As an adult, learning is your job. An entire lifetime of learning is your job. And if you can encourage that in your kids with some level of help, financial or otherwise, then it's your obligation to help them. You can't expect a 17-year-old to figure it all out. They don't have the

tools yet.

The point is this: You don't have a moral responsibility to pay for your kids' college education. You do, however, have a moral responsibility to highlight the importance of knowledge, share what you have, and show them how to get more. If you can't afford to help with money, do everything else you can. There are plenty of more important things than cash. If you want to help financially, that's fine too.

Just don't use debt to make it happen!

– 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 the company Ramsey Solutions. ★



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Careful, I Bite! West Nile Prevalent in Butte County

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can effectively spray an area up to 150 feet on either side of the vehicle and up to 20 feet into the air, which will eradicate any pest flying through the spray. In addition, the BCMVCD employs a plane for agricultural areas, which can cover 8,000 acres in an evening.

Fogging is about 10 percent of the efforts that the district uses to combat and control the mosquito population. A crew of over 30 patrols the area looking for standing water, treating existing water reservoirs and more. Pretreating areas to prevent mosquito larvae from becoming adults is essential, says Ball. “That’s the bulk of our job because that’s where we’re most effective.” He adds that once on the wing, it can have a flight range of 1.4 mile to 25 miles a day, so eradicating them before they mature is a key part of the fight.

For personal protection, Ball recommends repellent DEET whenever members of the public intend to recreate outdoors or in areas prone to heavy

mosquito populations. He contends that it is safe for all members of the family if used according to instructions and educates the higher the level of DEET, the longer the repellent will last.

As for treating your home with store-bought products and mosquito fogger pesticides, Ball says to be cautious. Areas on the perimeter of the treatment zone may receive sub-lethal doses and create a tolerance within the species. “We use machines that are calibrated, we know exactly what we are spraying, we know what rates to be using on the mosquitoes where personal property owners may or may not be using the right rates and creating some sub lethal doses.”

Ball says the best way the public can help him and themselves battle the growing mosquito population is by eliminating any standing water where mosquitos can breed and to protect themselves from the bite of a mosquito. “It’s that simple,” he says. “If everybody can help do that, we will have a lot less West Nile, at least in our humans. And that’s what I care about.” ★

DA Declines to File Homicide Charges in Homeowner Shooting Case

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County District Attorney has declined to file homicide charges against Darren Moran, 54, of Oroville.

On August 22, 2023, Moran was arrested by Butte County Sheriff’s deputies investigating the shooting death of Bruce Pagenkopp, 29, of Oroville, on the morning of August 22, 2023.

According to Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey, after reviewing witness statements and the results of the forensic crime scene investigation, it was determined that Moran could reasonably believe he was in imminent danger of death or great bodily injury at the time he shot Pagenkopp. “Based upon the totality of the current evidence, and given our burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that Moran did not have a reasonable self-defense argument, we will not be filing homicide charges,” Ramsey said.

However, Moran is being charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, possession of methamphetamine with a firearm, and possession of metal knuckles. In addition, Moran has a prior “strike” conviction from 2015 involving a felony assault with a knife at a local Oroville bar. Moran remains in the custody of the Butte County Jail on \$170,000 bail.

Ramsey said the Sheriff’s Office investigation determined that on the morning of August 22, 2023, Moran was inside his RV on Custer Lane, south of Oroville. Moran had been living in the RV on the property with the permission of the property owner. Around 8:00 a.m., Pagenkopp, and three others drove onto Moran’s property and parked in front of Moran’s RV. Pagenkopp claimed to the others that he had an ownership interest in a second RV parked on the property and stated he was going to the property to pick up the RV. According to Ramsey, Sheriff’s detectives determined that there was a second RV parked on the property but determined that it was not operable.

According to Ramsey, the investigation determined that, after parking, Pagenkopp and the male driver exited

their vehicle. Pagenkopp and the driver briefly walked around the property and found a generator, belonging to Moran, behind Moran’s RV. Pagenkopp and the driver picked up the generator and began carrying the generator toward their vehicle. Moran saw what was happening and armed himself with a loaded handgun he kept in his residence. Pagenkopp approached the door to the RV.

Ramsey said the investigation determined Pagenkopp and Moran engaged in a brief verbal confrontation through a window of the RV and Pagenkopp said he was affiliated with a local street gang and claimed ownership of a second RV on the property. When Moran opened the door, Pagenkopp physically attacked Moran in the doorway, driving Moran to the ground. Sheriff’s detectives later found abrasions on Moran’s back, consistent with him being driven to the ground. While on his back, on the ground, with Pagenkopp on top of him, Moran fired at least two shots into Pagenkopp. Based upon the physical evidence, the third was fired a few seconds later as the wounded Pagenkopp was disengaging from Moran.

Ramsey said after Pagenkopp was shot, the driver and female passenger fled the area in their vehicle. A female passenger remained behind and called 911 and stayed with Pagenkopp while attempting CPR. Moran also remained at the scene. Sheriff’s deputies arrived at the property within eight minutes of the 911 call. Deputies took over life-saving aid and CPR. Pagenkopp was pronounced dead by paramedics who arrived shortly after the deputies. Moran was contacted by the deputies and admitted to shooting Pagenkopp. Moran was taken into custody without incident.

During a subsequent search of Moran’s RV and property, deputies located the firearm, additional ammunition, several metal knuckles, and methamphetamine. The firearm was determined to have been reported missing by Moran’s ex-wife in 2022.

Moran was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court this afternoon. He was remanded to the custody of the Butte County Jail and bail was set at \$170,000. ★

Detectives Arrest Two after Shooting at Custer Lane

Butte County Sheriff’s Dept News Release


OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On August 22, 2023, an individual contacted the Butte County Sheriff’s Office and reported a shooting had occurred in the 6300 block of Custer Lane, Oroville. Deputies and detectives immediately responded. When deputies arrived on scene, they determined one person had been shot. Despite the lifesaving measures performed, one person was pronounced deceased at the scene. The identity of the deceased individual is being withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

Deputies and detectives immediately began conducting an investigation. During the investigation, detectives determined four individuals drove to a residence on Custer Lane. While at the residence the individuals attempted to take

a generator. While attempting to take the generator, an altercation between Darren Moran, age 54, of Oroville and the decedent occurred. At some point during the encounter, Moran shot the decedent.

After the shooting, two individuals fled to an address located near the intersection of Wyandotte Avenue and Lower Wyandotte Road. Detectives responded to the address and located two individuals who fled after the shooting occurred. The individuals were interviewed and arrested for unrelated misdemeanor arrest warrants. Detectives arrested Moran for an open count of murder.

This investigation is on-going and additional information will be provided when available. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Butte County Sheriff’s Office Felony Investigations Unit at (530) 538-7671. ★



Fun Facts About Your Local Fire Department

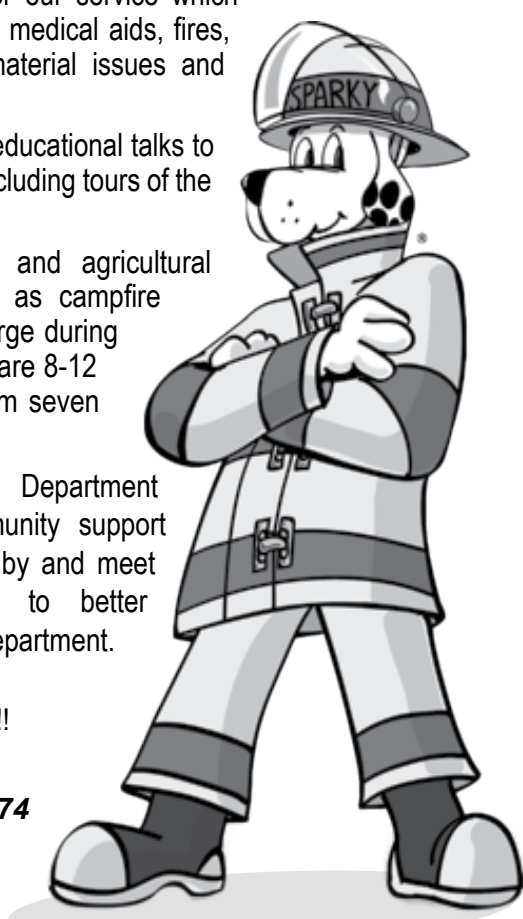
Sparky and his friends at the firehouse would like to inform you of some fun facts about your CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department.


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- We are happy to give educational talks to local school children including tours of the firehouse!
- We issue residential and agricultural burn permits as well as campfire permits all free of charge during business hours which are 8-12 and 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm seven days a week.

CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department appreciates your community support and invites you to stop by and meet your local firefighters to better understand YOUR fire department.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74





PUBLIC NOTICE & INVITATION TO JOIN THE GRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL FOR STUDY SESSIONS TO REVIEW COST OF SERVICES STUDIES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, AND WATER AND SEWER SERVICES

ELECTRIC SERVICE

Public Hearing to be held on
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6 p.m.
Gridley City Hall
685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82502339046?pwd=UnYrNGRHZUFMeVBYcVhWbG1HdkNCQT09>
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WATER AND SEWER SERVICES

Public Hearing to be held on
Thursday, September 14, 2023, 6 p.m.
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Cost of services study has been conducted by Utility Financial Solutions LLC (UFS) under contract for and on behalf of the City of Gridley. The purpose of the study sessions is to review of the findings of these studies and for UFS to receive rate design guidance in advance of final rate design recommendations. Residents may view the preliminary presentation of the cost of services study findings shared on August 7, 2023, available on the City of Gridley webpage under public notices. Residents may also view the scheduled study sessions via Zoom, clickable links available on our webpage.



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Live Oak Man Returns from Brazil

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Nicholas Goodman recently completed a two-year mission to the Brazil Piracicaba Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The mission boundaries are northwest of São Paulo.

Of his experience, Goodman said, "I have spent my time in the service of others and have learned that real joy comes when we focus on others, not ourselves. I have been the happiest while I have been working and serving. In Brazil, there are many things that are different, and I have learned to appreciate what we have in the States."

Goodman plans to attend BYU-Idaho. His parents are Clayton and Stephanie Goodman. ★



Nicholas Goodman (Left) and Brett Mangrum (Right) gather for the baptism of Gabriel de Janes. Goodman served as a missionary in Brazil. Photo provided by Goodman family

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Sale: 09/19/2023 at 11:00 AM
Trustee's Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971
The property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: PARCEL 1: A PORTION OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 35, T. 23N, R. 16E., M.D.M. AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 35; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF S 00° 34' 38" W, 286.45 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE U.P.R.R. RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE N 85° 43' 03" W, 1319.17 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 35; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST LINE, N 00° 51' 33" E, 200.79 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARCELS SHOWN ON THE MAP FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID PLUMAS COUNTY IN BOOK 11 OF PARCEL MAPS, AT PAGE 123; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID PARCELS, S 89° 26' 26" E, 1315.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL 2: A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR ROAD PURPOSES AND PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES OVER A STRIP OF LAND 60.00 FEET IN WIDTH, BEING THE EASTERLY 60.00 FEET OF PARCEL 4 OF BOOK 11 OF PARCEL MAPS, AT PAGE 123. 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: 93696 HIGHWAY 70, CHILCOOT, CA 96105. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$2,652,113.73* (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid.
*The Note is additionally secured

by Deeds of Trust recorded on 09/23/2021 as Document No. 2021-0119398-00 in the Official Records of Placer County and on 09/23/2021 as Document No. 2021-136085 in the Official Records of San Mateo County. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 or visit this Internet Website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 132079-5. Information about postponements that are

very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: August 16, 2023 MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. 7844 Madison Ave., Suite 145 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line: 916-939-0772 or www.nationwideposting.com Lauren Meyer, Vice President MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC. MAY BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0439447 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 08/25/2023, 09/01/2023, 09/08/2023

Notice of Trustee's Sale No. 1168522
Loan No. Title Order No. APN 024-250-006 TRA No. You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 12/08/2021. 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 09/18/2023 at 03:30PM, First American Title Insurance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on December 29, 2021 as Document Number 2021-0055472 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, executed by: Sumanpreet Singh, a married man, Sarabjit Singh Bhullar, a married man, and Natarajan Gutta, a married man, as Trustor, Tierra Partners V LP, as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: steps of County Courthouse, One Court Street, Oroville, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land in the above referenced 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: APN:

024-250-006-000. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$1,578,795.58 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 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 lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DALE LEE LOFLAND
CASE NO. 23PR00417

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DALE LEE LOFLAND. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DARLA R. LOFLAND in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DARLA R.

LOFLAND be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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: 10/17/23 at 9:00AM in Dept. 1 located at 1775 CONCORD AVE., 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 decedent, 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 a person 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.

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 432

An Ordinance of The City Council of The City of Biggs, State of California, Amending Biggs Municipal Code, Title 11 Buildings and Construction, by the Addition of a New Chapter 11.46, Sutter Butte Basin Regional Levee Improvement Program

Development Impact Fee

At its Regular City Council Meeting held on July 11, 2023, the City Council of the City of Biggs introduced Ordinance No. 432. The City Council ordains as follows:

- Section 1:** Approval of Nexus Study and Findings
- Section 2:** Approval of Fee
- Section 3:** Addition to The Municipal Code
- Section 4:** Publication
- Section 5:** Severability
- Section 6:** Effective Date

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing **ORDINANCE** had its first reading and was introduced during the public meeting of the City Council on the 11th day of July, 2023, and had its second reading and was adopted and passed during the public meeting of the City Council on the 8th day of August, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Nuchols, Buck, Bassett, and Squires
ABSENT: Sheppard
APPROVED: Brian Bassett, Mayor
ATTEST: Roben Benish, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS

Reclamation District No. 833

1643 W. Biggs-Gridley Road, Post Office Box 247 Gridley, California 95948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on July 26, 2023, an operation and maintenance assessment was ordered paid for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and terminating June 30, 2024, which operation and maintenance assessment will be Twenty Dollars and 00/100 (\$20.00) for each parcel that is one (1.00) acre or less in size. For every parcel which is 1.01 acres or more, the charge will be Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$5.00) per acre. The assessment shall be payable in installments or in one payment as determined by the Tax Collector of the County of Butte and shall be payable concurrent with the installment, or if no installment payment is permitted, with the first installment of the taxes of the County of Butte. This payment, if not made as a part of the County tax billing, shall be subject to the same penalties and interest as are levied upon delinquent payments of County taxes and assessments, and which amount of penalties and interest will be added thereto and collected for the use of the District if delinquency in payment occurs.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if any landowner objects to the aluation of their land, which valuations are set at \$2,500 per acre for parcels one acre and larger in size, and \$10,000 per parcel for parcels one acre or less in size, they may file a written objection with the District on or before November 1, 2023 and are entitled to a hearing before an im artial body upon their objection.

Dated: July 26, 2023

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 833:


Secretary

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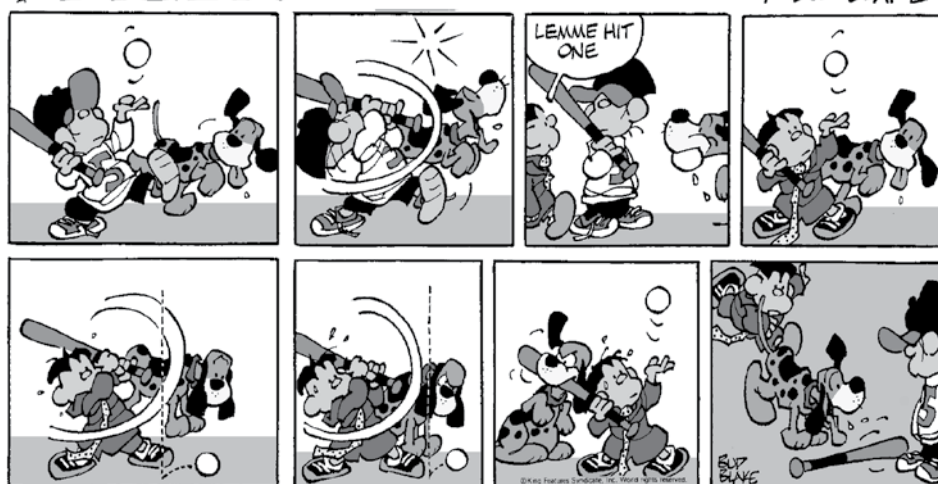
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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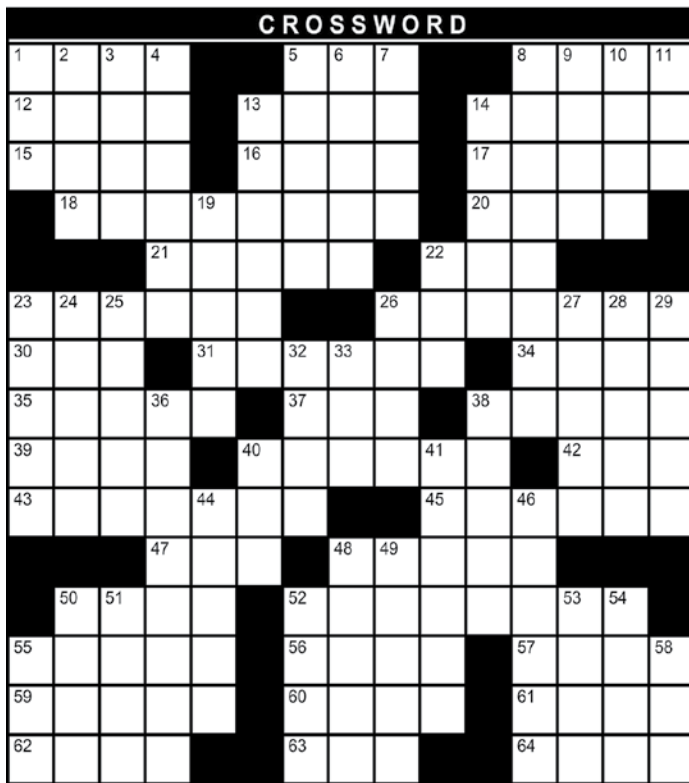
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- "Eye part"
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- Memorization method
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Thoughts to Ponder Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church

We have all been to or visited a cemetery. Some new, some old, I mean really old! There is one in my hometown that dates to the late 1700's, and the Civil War. The stones are cracked, moss and dirt covered, but they still tell a story.

First we read the name of the person buried, then the age, and finally the two dates put on all tombstones, birth, and death dates. These two dates tell a lot about the person. It tells when they were born and when they left this life. We then know how old they were.

One silent symbol of these dates is the (-) dash in between. We know how long they lived, some for days, some a few years, others to an old age. But with the dash there, we don't know how they lived. We can look around us and find other stones that give us a hint. A mother's and fathers' stone. A wife and maybe a child's final resting place. But what the person found interesting is kept silent.

It is then we begin to visualize what kind of life the person had. Hard driven pioneer, rich landowner, or military hero. In most cases only God knows.

Some of us live and spend our lives pretty much in the same neighborhood.



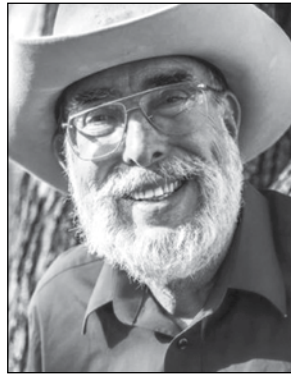
Others travel far and wide and experienced much of the world. The early pioneers traveled by wagon over rough terrain to settle the new land. Many didn't make it and were buried along the way marked with crude crosses.

In the ancient world rulers lived in golden palaces and were buried with great treasures that are still being discovered today. That only proves to all of us you can take nothing with you along the way to eternity.

So what does the dash symbol mean? It is the way we lived among others. If we helped those in need, loved those forgotten, or healed the brokenness of those cast aside. That is all written down in journals kept by God for each of us. How we handled hate and evil, how we ministered to all people, and how we spread God's Word of love and grace will be that which is remembered in between birth and death.

The next time you see a familiar grave marker try to recall what the person left behind. God will remember.

Come find that way to improve you "dash" at the Gridley United Methodist Church. We meet every Sunday at 10 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★



Slim Randles

Ol' Max has been gone two years now. Well, dead, anyway. A life force like Max Evans, one of America's greatest writers, is never really gone as long as people read his work.

Max died two days before his 96th birthday, and the amazing thing about this, to his close friends and family, was that he'd lasted this long. You see, in the midst of becoming a legend of literature of the American west, he had these little ... foibles? Sounds good, let's call them that. They included bar brawls, skirt chasing, drinking Hollywood producers under the table, and a few things we won't discuss. Why not?

"He's Been There"

Well, as Ol' Max told me, "There are some things that don't have a statute of limitations."

I met Max's work long before I met him. This was in a bunkhouse high in the Sierra in California, where those of us packing mules would take turns reading chapters out of his books. One of those guys was an antique cowboy named Grant Dalton, and his dad and uncles were famous for helping Jesse James make unauthorized bank withdrawals.

Grant's summation of one of Max's novels ... "He's been there."

And he had been, for Max Evans was the real deal. Years later, when I met him in Albuquerque over a lunch that lasted until closing time, I remember thinking "The hardest job in the world would be to write a boring biography of Max Evans."

So I didn't. I wrote "Ol' Max Evans, the First Thousand Years." I interviewed that old codger over lunches down at our favorite Mexican restaurant for more than three years.

My 35-plus year friendship with him is one of the highlights of my life. He was my mentor, my pal, and something of a father figure. I loved him. I miss Max every day. Everyone should have an inspiration like him.

We were wrapping up the years of interviews for the book, one day, and I asked him if he had any advice for writers just getting started.

He said, "Never hit a critic."

I sure miss him.

Max Evans' most famous book is "The Rounders." Available at bookstores and all over the internet. ★

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Camp Fire Fraudster Sentenced

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A former Butte County resident who was convicted last year of construction fraud, embezzlement, contracting without a license in a disaster zone, failing to appear in court, and filing false documents with the court was sentenced on August 23, 2023, in Butte County Superior Court to the upper term of seven years and eight months in state prison.

Kipp Ford, 41, formerly of Gridley and Chico, had previously been found guilty after a six-day trial in October of 2022 of all charges against him.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the case began in 2019 when a local construction company reported to the Paradise Police Department they had been scammed by Ford, who claimed to be a licensed contractor and had signed several subcontracts for houses that were being rebuilt in the town of Paradise. Within days the construction firm became suspicious of Ford due to his shoddy workmanship and evasive answers when it was discovered by their bookkeeper that the license number Ford had provided belonged to another contractor out of Southern California.

Ford was fired by the company and promised to return the \$17,000 he had been paid. However, he vanished and never paid back the company that had hired him.

Eventually, Ford was arrested and charged in July of 2021. After several failures to appear and continuances, Ford came into court on his own recognizance on March 30, 2022, and was facing being put into custody when the court took a break in his

proceedings. During the break, Ford left the courthouse and failed to return. He had previously filed a false declaration with the court in an attempt to excuse a previous non-appearance. He was found and arrested hiding in a cabinet in a garage in Utah in May 2022 and returned in custody to Butte County Jail.

Ramsey said at Ford’s trial in mid-October of last year, the jury deliberated for less than two hours before returning with a verdict of guilty on all counts. The jury also found the special allegations that Ford had committed new crimes while out on bail to be true, which increased Ford’s potential prison sentence.

Ramsey said Ford’s case had been on for sentencing multiple times but was delayed when Ford had fired his original trial attorney after being convicted. Once Ford retained a new attorney from out of the area, that attorney requested numerous continuances, citing the need to work on a variety of new trial motions.

Finally, after no less than six continuances, Judge Corie Caraway on August 23, there would be no more continuances and sentenced Ford to the upper term of seven years and eight months in state prison. The judge cited as reasons for selecting the upper term that Ford had previously been convicted of six other felony crimes over the past decade (ranging from DUI, stalking, auto theft, forgery, bad checks and failure to appear), and also that his crimes in this case were especially aggravated because he was taking advantage of Camp Fire victims. Ford remains in jail without bail pending transport to state prison. ★

Caltrans Honors Fallen Highway Workers with Signs at Rest Areas

Caltrans News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - Caltrans District 3 (Marysville/Sacramento) announced on August 16, 2023, that it will install memorial signs in roadside rest areas along the California state highway system to honor its 14 workers who died in the line of duty and to encourage travelers to drive responsibly.

The memorial signs were designed, manufactured, and will be installed by Caltrans workers to recognize the 191 highway workers who have been killed on the job statewide since 1921. Every year, Caltrans employees, family members of fallen workers, and community members throughout California gather to honor these workers and to promote safe driving campaigns.

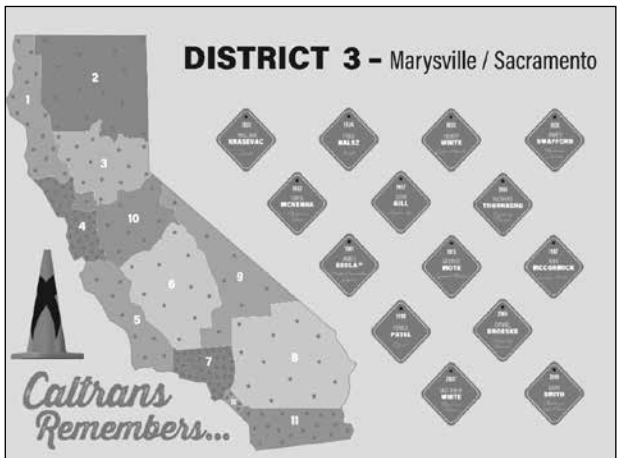
“Safety is Caltrans’ top priority,” said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. “Lives are literally at stake every day. We hold a sacred duty to remember all the people who have lost their lives working with us, and I implore all Californians to please slow down and move over in every work zone, every time. A life may depend on it.”

Since 1923, District 3 has lost 14 employees who were performing their normal duties on the job.

“We will never forget our fallen employees who worked diligently to ensure our roadways were safe for the traveling public,” said District 3 Director Amarjeet S. Benipal. “The tremendous sacrifices by these public servants remind us of the enormous loss to their family, friends and Caltrans.”

District 3’s last on-the-job fatality occurred in 2010 after Chico Maintenance Leadworker Gary Smith, 57, was struck and killed by a motorist while performing traffic control for a detour around an earlier fatal crash. The driver of the vehicle that struck Smith later pleaded guilty to gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and sentenced to prison.

Three years earlier, 35-year-old Highway



A memorial sign promotes safe driving and honors those Caltrans workers fallen. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Maintenance worker Matthew White was struck and killed by a vehicle exiting at the Interstate 5 Southbound Elk Grove Boulevard off-ramp during the morning hours. White was a second-generation Caltrans employee.

On Monday, Caltrans crews installed the first District 3 memorial signs at the west- and eastbound Interstate 80 Gold Run rest areas. The signs also will go up at the I-80 Donner Summit and Interstate 5 Elkhorn, Dunnigan, Maxwell and Willow rest areas.

District 3 maintains more than 4,385 lanes miles of state highway in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. From 2013 to 2022, 1,424 people lost their lives on the region’s state highways stretching from Butte County to Sacramento County and from Colusa County to El Dorado County. Of that number, 39 deaths resulted from 38 vehicle crashes in active construction zones.

With the passage of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs of 2021 as well as Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, Caltrans and local agencies now have significant additional funds to repair and maintain California’s transportation system. The additional funding has increased the number of Caltrans employees and contractors working on the state highway system, highlighting the importance for drivers to stay vigilant and aware.

According to the U.S.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, highway construction and maintenance work is one of the most hazardous occupations in the United States. In 2021, more than 9,500 work zone collisions occurred on California highways, resulting in an estimated 2,971 injuries and 73 fatalities. Nationally, drivers and passengers account for 85 percent of people who are killed in work zones.

In 2022, Caltrans announced a new Director’s Policy on Road Safety, which commits the department to the Safe System approach and reaffirms the vision of reaching zero fatalities and serious injuries on state highways by 2050. This policy takes steps to further a shift that began in 2020, as state transportation leaders recognized a bolder and more focused approach was necessary to combat the troubling rise in fatalities and serious injuries on California roads. The state’s 2020-24 Strategic Highway Safety Plan – managed by Caltrans and involving more than 400 stakeholders – was updated to include the Safe System approach.

Caltrans has partnered with the California Transportation Foundation to develop two funds to benefit the families of Caltrans workers killed on the job. The Fallen Workers Assistance and Memorial Fund helps with the initial needs a surviving family faces and the Caltrans Fallen Workers Memorial Scholarship is available to the children of these workers. For more information or to make donations, visit the California Transportation Foundation. ★

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Al Sears MD, who has authored over 500 scientific papers and has appeared on more than 50 media outlets, including ABC News, CNN, ESPN, and many more, says, “Supporting optimal blood flow is an essential component of maintaining sexual health as men age. Then, once we optimized it and had a great deal of success, we set out to see if we could do even better.”

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Bulldogs Come into 2023 with New Direction and Confidence

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Bulldogs football team is under new direction and in the short time, you get a different feel about the program. Mike Meyer is entering his first season as the head coach of the program after replacing former head coach Matt Kemmis, who stepped down in December 2022.

Meyer has been a coach in the Gridley program since the 2019 season and gets to input his ideas and seek the school's first playoff win since the 2018 season.

Meyer expressed to the Herald that he wants his team to become a big family. He said that when he accepted the job, he had a good relationship and the players' trust as he was a coach on another level as well as being a teacher on campus.

"We talk about more than just football so they know a lot about me as I also know a lot about them," Meyer said.

Meyer added that with his new plans for the program they are trusting his process and what he is bringing in and secure with his personality as well.

His new additions and plans for the program include a more balanced offense with throwing and less rushing attempts and knocking down the overall number of players that will play on both sides of the ball.

"I'm a firm believer in kids can stay more fresh throughout the game the less they are on the field," Meyer said.

Meyer added that if he can get one athlete to focus on one side of the ball and own it, they will be competitive all the way around.

Meyer told the Herald that he plans to have his offensive and defensive play both sides of the ball consistently.

Key returners for the Bulldogs include junior quarterback Gus Stogsdill, who is ready to throw the ball more downfield.

Stogsdill added the group is more focused this season and ready to play hard this season. Meyer told the Herald that the Bulldogs will have three captains this season as they were voted by their teammates on who people thought and wanted Gridley football to be represented around were.

Stogsdill was voted as captain along with senior running back/linebacker Ryan Woolery and senior lineman Cesar Ortiz.

Woolery expressed to the Herald that Meyer has given the Bulldogs a family feel since he has taken over the program.

"We have been able to meet with one another a lot more, have been able to have plenty



Gridley sophomore lineman/linebacker Jason Davis (right) goes for a tackle on Wednesday, August 23 during a Bulldogs practice.



Gridley junior quarterback/safety Gus Stogsdill (3) tackles senior running back/linebacker Ryan Woolery (32) during practice Bulldogs on Wednesday, August 23.



Gridley senior running back/linebacker Ryan Woolery (right) gets ready to make a tackle during a drill in the Bulldogs practice on Wednesday, August 23.

inputting towards the new offense in the program.

One of the biggest changes besides his physical attributes that Meyer has seen in the growth of Stogsdill is his leadership skills. Meyer expressed to the Herald that Stogsdill leadership has been there, but he has seen a big increase in the vocalness and that is exactly what he wants from his starting quarterback.

"One of the best things about Gus is he always leads by example and this current class has always followed him," Meyer said.

Defensively for Gridley, they bring back sophomore lineman/linebacker Jason Davis. As a freshman who got pulled up to varsity last season, Davis led the Bulldogs with 64 tackles last season.

Meyer said to the Herald that Davis will be the vocal leader of the defense where he will be making sure everyone is lined up correctly.

Junior linebacker/ wide receiver Nathan Zumwalt comes back as he finished with 40 tackles last season.

Gridley's preseason schedule is similar to last year as they added Riverbank and dropped Fortuna but their first four games remain the same as they open up on the road tonight with Wheatland at Yuba City High School.

Stogsdill told the Herald that although they beat Wheatland last year, they want to show them what the new Bulldogs look like as a whole.

On September 15, they will host cross-town rival Live Oak for the Harvest Bowl trophy where they look to make it a double-digit win streak over the Lions.

Ortiz told the Herald they 'gotta' keep their focus right and get better every day.

Non-league opponents also include their home opener on September 8 vs. Marysville. Gridley will travel to Cottonwood on September 22 to play West Valley and travel down to Riverbank the following week.

For the Bulldogs Butte View League schedule, they will only play at two locations that include "The Boneyard" as they host Corning (October 6), Paradise (October 20) and Orland (November 3).

The only road games for Gridley will be to Oroville in Harrison Stadium as they play Oroville (October 13) and Las Plumas (October 27).

One of the biggest take-aways from preseason that Meyer told the Herald was their scrimmage against small school power East Nicolaus as they held their own and he added that it was an evenly matched scrimmage.

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WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - Congressmen Doug LaMalfa (CA-01) and Mike Thompson (CA-04), along with Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, announced the introduction of the Agricultural Emergency Relief Act to create a permanent program at the Department of Agriculture to provide relief for farmers who lost crops due to natural disasters. While Congress routinely provides relief for farmers impacted by natural disasters, the lack of a permanent program has resulted in multiple administrative changes, which can cause unnecessary delays in implementation and confusion for farmers.

“American farmers and ranchers, including those in California, occasionally face devastation from natural disasters. When a food producer suffers crop losses, whether it’s drought, flood, smoke damage, fire itself, even insect infestations, they are must deal with a complicated and lengthy process to get financial relief. There are farmers in California who are still waiting on aid for losses from several growing seasons ago,” said Congressman LaMalfa. “Creating a permanent disaster program - especially for specialty crop producers - is essential to ensure family farms stay in operation and our nation’s

food security is preserved.”

“California has been ground zero for the impacts of climate change, and farmers and growers in our state and across our country are seeing the impact of climate-related disasters on their crops,” said Thompson. “I authored legislation to create the Emergency Relief Program to provide our agriculture community with financial relief to cover disaster-related crop losses, but as climate change continues to worsen, it’s clear that this program needs to be made permanent. Proud to have introduced legislation with Senators Feinstein and Padilla and Representative LaMalfa to make the Emergency Relief Program permanent and streamline the process for all farmers and growers to receive the relief that deserve.”

“Climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of natural disasters and farmers across the country are bearing the brunt of these events,” Senator Feinstein said. “Unfortunately, there is not a permanent relief program for farmers who lose crops during a disaster, creating unnecessary delays and confusion whenever Congress approves relief. Our bill fixes that. It would create a permanent structure for the program and improve the process for all farmers, including those that grow specialty crops.”

“Our farming communities have felt the devastating impacts of climate change firsthand as drought, floods, fires, and smoke have threatened their livelihoods and the economic viability of agriculture in California and across the nation,” said Senator Padilla. “Our growers need and deserve relief quickly

— there must be a long-term solution to ensure they can get back on their feet in the face of natural disasters. By permanently authorizing the Emergency Relief Program, this bill would bolster the safety net for the people that produce our food and improve farmers’ resiliency against the climate crisis.”

The Agricultural Emergency Relief Act would:

Permanently authorize the USDA’s Emergency Relief Program. The program was originally established through language in the fiscal year 2022 emergency supplemental appropriations bill and received additional appropriations in the fiscal year 2023 omnibus, but has not been formally authorized; Include as eligible disasters droughts, wildfires, floods, hurricanes, derechos, excessive heat, excessive moisture, winter storms and freeze events, including polar vortices;

Require farmers who apply for relief payments to purchase crop insurance for two years after receiving a payment;

Allow payment calculations to be based on indemnities reported to USDA or on losses in revenue to better accommodate specialty crop growers;

Allow Congress to continue to appropriate supplemental disaster funds in response to the level of damage incurred in a specific year or event.

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

American Pickers to Film in California!



Follow Mike Wolfe and Danielle Colby as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques in the hit show *American Pickers*. Photo courtesy of Cineflix

Cineflix News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The American Pickers are excited to return to California! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in September 2023.

AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking” on The History Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable Characters and their collections.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the



Mike Wolfe of American Pickers will be visiting area private collections to incorporate California stories and relics into The History Channel’s documentary program. Photo courtesy of Cineflix

area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories!

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell...we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public. If interested, please send us your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call (646) 493-2184 facebook: @GotAPick ★



Auxiliary Gift Shop Now Open!

After a three year hiatus, the Auxiliary Gift Shop has reopened in their new location in the lobby of the Gridley Medical Specialty Center.

Open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-2pm.
(284 Spruce St.)

Auxiliary donates all proceeds to purchase items requested from Orchard Hospital staff, providers and administration.