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## Bigger Than Ever!

### Gridley National Night Out Tons of Fun



Gridley Police Department came out in force to celebrate NNO, get to know the individuals who make up our community, and had a blast while doing so!

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Manuel Vierra Park was packed with families and giddy children on Tuesday, August 1st as Gridley turned out for the annual National Night Out celebration.

The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce worked closely with Gridley Police Department, CALFIRE/Butte Unit/ Gridley Fire and more to



These two Jr. firefighters are all smiles at Gridley's National Night Out!

create a festive event that drew a crowd of hundreds. Water slides, an active splash pad, and oversized

games sponsored by Experience GigantiFi out of Yuba City including basketball connect four, golf connect four, soccer pool, and giant checkers entertained the youth.

Gridley Police Department officers were available to interact with the public and retired motorcycle officer and current City Councilmember Jim Roberts helped kiddos up onto the motorcycle unit for photo-ops with red  
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## BLM Announces Plan to Reduce Wildfire Risk

BLM News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Bureau of Land Management is taking an ambitious and coordinated approach to accelerate fuels reduction projects on public lands with high wildfire risk throughout California and northwest Nevada. The signing on August 8, 2023, of the Statewide Wildland-Urban Interface Fuels Treatment Programmatic Environmental Assessment will streamline plans to protect communities, reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health.

"This plan helps reduce the intensity, severity and spread of wildfire near communities that border public lands managed by the BLM," said BLM California State Director Karen E. Mouritsen. "Through partnerships with local and state agencies we will prioritize and coordinate fuels treatments to protect people, property and vital infrastructure."

Under this plan, fuels treatment projects will be coordinated across land ownerships to provide the best results for communities, creating a landscape-level network of strategic fuels treatments and breaks within the wildland-urban interface.

The Statewide Wildland-Urban Interface Fuels Treatment Programmatic Environmental Assessment conducted a broad analysis across 930,000 acres of public lands. As local communities and the BLM identify wildfire concerns, the new streamlined fuels treatment plans will permit on-the-ground work to begin in a matter of months. This will allow us to treat an anticipated additional 20,000 acres of public lands each year.

The plan covers 44 counties in California: Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Lake, Lassen, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba; and two counties in northwest Nevada: Douglas and Washoe. Projects under this program can begin as soon as this fall.

To learn more about this programmatic  
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## Live Oak Children Development Center Receives Grant

Live Oak Children Development Center News Release

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Shannon Granger, Director of the Live Oak Child Development Center in Live Oak, has announced that the Center has received a grant from Golden Pacific Bank, a division of SoFi Bank.

The Live Oak Child Care Center, a non-profit, secular and non-discriminatory state funded childcare facility has been in operation since 1977. It was conceived and constructed by members of its sponsoring agent, The Live Oak Church of the Brethren. The facility is licensed by the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing and is funded by the Department of Education, under two separate contracts: California State Preschool Program (CSPP), and General Child Care Services for School



Live Oak Childrens Development Center receives a generous grant! Pictured left to right: Kristen Saucedo - LOCDC Advisory Board Member; Anne Palmer - LOCDC Advisory Board Chair; Shannon Granger - LOCDC Executive Director; Robyn Dormois - LOCDC Advisory Board Member; Erik Brummett - LOCOB Pastor; Sunny Singh - Live Oak Branch Manager Golden Pacific Bank, A Division of SoFi Bank, NA; Sunni DiBenedetto - Head of Business Operations Golden Pacific Bank, A Division of SoFi Bank, NA; Jenny Duren - LOCDC Site Supervisor; Virginia Varela - Officer, President, Head of Community Banking Golden Pacific Bank, A Division of SoFi Bank, NA. Photo courtesy of LOCDC

Aged Children (CCTR).

The grant is an effort by SoFi to help create a relationship with the community by supporting

small businesses as well as investing in low to moderate income area children and their families. An investment in the future of

the local community.

The goals of LOCDC are to provide each child with the opportunity to grow  
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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Big news From north of us. The state of Oregon has passed a law to allow people to pump their gas. For more than 70 years, it was illegal to pump your gas; I kind of liked it. It made me feel like a VIP when I would be in Oregon, and the attendant would come to my window and ask me what grade of fuel I wanted. It was also always funny when you were near the California border to see Californians who didn't know the rules get out and start to touch the gas pump and get scolded. For many years, they would not repeal the law because

it was a great way for people to be employed at an entry-level job. The only state now that doesn't let you pump your own gas is New Jersey.

I have received some requests for new and updated local Restaurant reviews, so here's your restaurant review for the week. Casa Lupe has great Mexican food - the better Mexican food is inside the Casa Luoe supermarket in the back, where they have another carryout restaurant. It is called by many the Secret Casa Lupe or Secreta de Lupe.

Paul Scholl, the illustrious Publisher of the Gridley Herald and about ten other newspapers bought the paper in Colusa that was about to go out of business and saved it much like he saved the Herald. Lassen and Plumas County just lost their last newspaper, and now they have none. Compared to social

media, community newspapers seem to do better for social cohesion and civil discourse than the Internet. The great educator Debbie Graves was right - people who read things are better citizens than those who don't.

Speaking of reading the newspaper. I miss Gordon Jones writing long, really hard-hitting letters to the editor. We need more people to write letters to the editor.

66% of Americans have a negative view of tipping as adding a tip is now put before them in more and more transactions. There is a tradition and an etiquette established for what kind of workers receive tips and which don't. Trying to change those "rules of the game" are not being received well.

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

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socially, emotionally, and intellectually in a warm, loving atmosphere. A variety of planned activities gently guides children to develop a positive self-image.

On behalf of the Live Oak Child Development Center (LOCDC), Executive Director, Shannon Granger thanks Golden Pacific Bank (GPB) - Live Oak, a division of Sofi Bank, NA for this amazing opportunity.

She states, "Since I have been the director at LOCDC, GPB has not only been our bank, but has also provided ongoing support for our program. Including donations of supplies for our classrooms, toys for the children during the holidays, sponsors in our community outreach events. But they do not stop there! When we walk in, we are happily greeted by knowledgeable and friendly staff which have been the pillars of our strong customer relationship with them. I know GPB will accommodate

whatever banking needs we might have in the future with kindness and professionalism."

Granger continues, "The \$10,000 grant provided to our facility will allow us to connect our goals of the Live Oak Child Development Center to the mission of Golden Pacific Bank, a division of SoFi Bank, NA. Together, we have partnered in a joint effort to improve our local community. The funds will be used as a reinvestment in the future of our local community - including, but not limited to: the opening of our new toddler program, instructional supplies, providing resources and education classes that promote financial literacy to local families, and scholarships for local Live Oak High School Seniors. Thank you for this opportunity and all you are doing for our community."

The Center is located at 1990 Archer Ave., in Live Oak. For information regarding the Center and its programs, call (530) 695-2372. ★

# A Change in Command



VFW Post 5731 handed over the gavel to a new Commander. New Post officers pictured left to right: Quarter Master/Adjutant Todd Farr, Commander Mike Farr, and former Commander Ed Kawasaki. Photo by Cheyenne Bart

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - At their July 5th regular meeting, the Gridley VFW Chapter 5731 said goodbye to their former Commander Ed Kawasaki and others that have served the group.

Kawasaki has been acting as commander for the post for the last two years. He said that his decision to step down was simply that it was time for a change.

The post put out a call looking for current VFW members to fill the positions of Commander, Quarter Master, and Adjutant.

Post 5731 chose Mike

Farr as their new commander and his son Todd Farr, to replace Ron Scheyer who acted as both Quarter Master and Adjutant.

Commander Farr, who also serves as Gridley's Mayor, has been at the helm of the post for a little over a month now. Farr says his desire to become more active in the group was due to concern over dwindling post membership and the real chance that the Gridley VFW Post could be lost. "We want to keep the post active because it is such a benefit for our community," says the new commander. Farr also hopes to get Veteran's

Memorial Hall actively rentable once more, as it has served the community as an events venue in the past.

Kawasaki will continue to act as a liaison with Butte County, which owns Veterans Memorial Hall where both the VFW and American Legion groups hold their meetings. Kawasaki will manage the rental of the facility according to the new Director/CEO of General Services at Butte County, Mike Hodson. As for his replacement, Kawasaki has high hopes for the new commander, saying "I look forward to helping him, and look forward to working with him." ★

# BLM Announces Plan to Reduce Wildfire Risk

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environmental assessment, visit the BLM NEPA Register. For more general information, please contact your local BLM Field Office.

The BLM manages approximately 245 million acres of public land in the Nation, primarily in 12 Western

states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. ★

## CORRECTION

In the July 28, 2023 edition of the Gridley Herald, in the article, *Legislation Introduced to Protect American Farmland and National Security Sites from Foreign Adversaries*, which ran on page 9, a photo of Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) was incorrectly published with the story. The legislator the article referred to was Mike Gallagher from the state of Wisconsin, District 8. We apologize for the mistake.

## Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings



### Basic Sales and Use Tax & Online Filing Workshop (Chico)

Gain an understanding of sales and use tax, district tax, taxable and nontaxable labor, as well as foreign and interstate taxability. Find out if you need a seller's permit and learn how to complete a resale certificate. Understand what exemptions and deductions are available and the formula for selling items "tax included". Get a solid foundation on record-keeping and filing requirements. See all the online services now available including registration, filing, payment, free industry tax guides and publications related to your business. Finally, get step-by-step instructions on how to file your Sales and Use Tax Return electronically using California Department of Tax and Fee Administration's new online services system. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 9:00am - 11:00am  
Cost/Location: Free, Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

### 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

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



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



MEMORIAL

**RICHARD "BOSCO" BILL • 12/15/1941 - 8/4/2023**

Richard "Bosco" Bill, 81, of Gridley, CA, passed away August 4, 2023. He was born December 15, 1941 in Alameda, CA. Richard was a devout Roman Catholic and parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He loved golfing at Table Mountain Golf Course, as well as working in his walnut orchard. Richard was a very loving and generous person. He enjoyed the little things in life such as going to the annual Butte County Fair, Bishop's Pumpkin Patch, and cheering on the Gridley High School baseball team. He is survived by his brothers, Guy Bill and Jon Bill; sister, Jackie Smith; 8 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Patricia and Richard Bill; sister, Diane Wells.

Services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gridley, CA on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 12:00 pm with a Rosary being said at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, or any Catholic affiliated charity. Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL

**PATRICIA SCOTT (DAVIS) • 5/30/1958 - 7/30/2023**

Patricia Scott (Davis) died Sunday, July 30th. She was born to Maywood and Joyce Cline of Yuba City and lived most of her younger years in Live Oak, Ca. She overcame so many battles in her too-short life and touched more lives than we could ever hope to. She was a cornerstone of her family and the hole her loss leaves can never be filled. She will be dearly missed by her husband Olin, children Candice, Joseph and Katrina, and her 9 grandchildren. Services will be at 9:00 am on August, 12, 2023 at The Chapel of the Twin Cities, followed by a graveside service in Sutter.

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# Bigger Than Ever!



Timothy Holcomb is all smiles with sister Keira as he gets a chance to sit atop the GPD motorcycle unit with lights blazing.



CALFIRE/Butte County/Gridley Fire Department's Firefighter of the Year, Perry Nunez, mans the bucket brigade at Gridley's 2023 National Night Out!



Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce's Lisa Van De Hey and President Lynne Spencer stand among the plethora of bikes donated by community businesses and members to be raffled off at NNO.



Who wouldn't want to have their face painted by these beauties? Pictured left to right: Miss Agriculture America National Teen Queen, Isabella Bastiani, Miss Agriculture America Butte County Jr. Teen Queen, Ali Khan, and Miss Agriculture America Butte County Teen Queen, Destiny Hutchison.



Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue was in charge of the bike raffle, announcing those kids who could come up to claim their prize.

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CALFIRE/Butte Unit/Gridley Fire outfitted youth with complimentary firemen hats and stickers and manned the bucket brigade.

Meanwhile, the Chamber was assisted by volunteers from Gridley FFA to keep the bike raffle running smoothly. Children picked up their tickets and deposited them into a bag for a random drawing and chance at winning one of 43 bikes donated by

businesses and individuals from the surrounding area!

The ladies of Quota and eXP ran a raffle for 77 backpacks and school supplies to outfit students before the school year started.

In addition to the raffles, multiple groups hosted booths that entertained and informed the public. Manzanita 4-H brought animals for children to pet, the Miss Agriculture America Queens provided free face painting and ag educational games,

the Navy Sea Cadets interfaced with the public while assisting organizers where needed, and multiple church groups were in attendance. The Gridley Lions BBQ'd up their traditional hot-dog meals, tacos were available, along with free snow cones and homemade ice cream available for purchase courtesy of Johnson's U-Pick farm. The LDS Church hosted a free craft table for event goers and the WSB band set the tone for the evening

with a variety of classic songs played throughout the night.

At 7:30 pm, the Chamber began raffling off bikes with the help of Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue. Excited children would run up to claim their prizes, smiling widely.

Chamber President Lynne Spencer said that this year's NNO was the largest one yet. "It was fantastic," said Spencer. "We had so many people come up and tell us what a blessed

community we have to have such an event." She continued, "When you looked around, everyone was having a really good time and that's what brings it all together for us."

The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the generous sponsors, those who donated bikes to the event, the various city departments, service groups, and volunteers that made the evening such a success. ★

**Employment Opportunity**  
CITY OF GRIDLEY

**Administrative Services Clerk II**  
Salary \$3797 - \$5087/mo.

The City of Gridley is accepting applications for an Administrative Services Clerk II to assist with processing utility bills, handling customer payments and inquiries, and clerical accounting/receptionist type duties. Excellent customer service skills are a must. A municipal utility background, experience handling cash transactions, multi-tasking and basic computer skills are highly desired. Must be at least 18 and possess a valid California driver's license. Applications at City Hall, 685 Kentucky St., Gridley, or online at [www.gridley.ca.us](http://www.gridley.ca.us). Apply by 3 pm Friday, August 18, 2023.

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**Back to School Coloring Contest**

Enter for a chance to win a ride to school from our local Public Safety crews!

**Coloring Page Pick Up Locations:**

- Gridley Recreation 194 Washington St Gridley
- City Hall 685 Kentucky St Gridley
- Gridley Police Dept 685 Kentucky St Gridley

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# Food & Farm NEWS

## Proposed Rules For Irrigation Runoff Raise Concerns Among Winegrape Growers

Winegrape growers in Mendocino and Sonoma counties say proposed water-quality regulations for waste discharge requirements for vineyards are burdensome, costly and often duplicate work by growers participating in sustainability certification programs. Mendocino County winegrape grower Frost Pauli said vineyard farmers are concerned about proposed grower monitoring and reporting mandates being developed as part of the state's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Proposed new rules focus on nitrogen applications and removals.

## Study: Production Costs Soar For Processing Tomatoes

Costs to produce processing tomatoes increased substantially in the past six years, according to a study released in July by researchers at the University of California and UC Cooperative Extension farm advisors. Based on the 2023 cost analysis for growing processing tomatoes in the Sacramento Valley and northern delta, researchers found that growers face surging input costs for expenses such as water, labor, fuel and fertilizer. Rising production expenses translate to a 76% increase from 2017, the last time the UC conducted a cost analysis on farming processing tomatoes.

## Quarantine Ordered In Los Angeles County After Tau Fruit Fly Discovery

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has placed a portion of Los Angeles County under quarantine for the Tau fruit fly following detection of more than 20 flies in the unincorporated area of Stevenson Ranch near the city of Santa Clarita. The fly is native to Asia and is a serious threat to agriculture and natural resources, with a very wide host range, including numerous fruits and vegetables and a select range of native plants in California. The CDFA asked residents living in the quarantine area not to move any fruits or vegetables from their property.

## Cattle Ranchers, Dairies Promote Conservation Efforts

In a region dominated by vineyards, those who raise cattle for beef or milk production have looked to innovations and solutions outside the box to help keep their businesses viable. A Napa County cattle operation and a Sonoma County organic dairy shared how they do just that while also helping to preserve the land and natural resources around them. They offered an on-the-ground glimpse of their operations last week as part of an educational tour hosted by the California Farm Bureau and California Bountiful Foundation, with funding from the California Cattle Council. ★

# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

What a gift this cooler weather has been. By the time you read this it will be three-digit heat again. Right now, with mornings in the 70s and low 80s I've been willing to get out there and get some of the trimming and picking up done. I feel great getting all this work

done. I don't mind the sweat at this level of heat. I hate sweating. That is a lot of what makes me whine when it is very hot. Consequently, I've gotten a bit more done in the front yard lately. The tall abutilon is cut back to about three feet and no longer drapes into my neighbor's front yard. I cut back the skyscraper aster. Once more I let it get out of hand. I love that flower but it is so invasive that it can overwhelm the entire area in which it lives. Sadly, I think I will have to resort to poison to kill it. Not sure even that will help. Another plant that I was given that is a wonderful plant to see and it blooms beautifully is

invasive in a different way. Skyscraper Aster spreads out in clumps and fills an area with itself. The other plant, Mexican Hydrangea is so pretty but it spreads far away from the original plant. So, it has shown up in the back lawn. It has also shown up inside my Mandarin tree and the top of the tree at about six feet has the prettiest round, pink blooms showing. Because this plant goes so far by roots, it is going to be very difficult to get rid of...I've started the process. We'll see if I make the same mistake as with the aster and think, "Oh it is so pretty, maybe I don't have to get rid of all of it." ★



## LOCAL FISHING

Bowman Lake Loop Series #4

McMurray Lake and Weaver Lake are small impounds that contain small rainbows and a few mackinaws. Fish the shoreline of McMurray Lake for small rainbows. Weaver Lake is occupied by a local Sportsman Club, so I fish the East Shore for Mac's. Try: Grannon Fly. (b)

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

Entire San Francisco Bay turning out lots of nice halibut. Try: Live Anchovy (b) Rio Vista, Broad Slough and Three Mile Slough give up striped bass. Caught 30 stripers, only 3-shakers. Trolling 6'-8' deep. Try: Green Sonic Spoons. (b)

and Swim Bait. All (b)

## LAKES RESERVOIRS

Lake Berryessa; land locked king salmon fishing a hit-or-miss. Trolling...30'-70' deep. Try: Speedy Shiner behind Dodger. (a) Lake Oroville spotted bass and king salmon are scares. Lime Saddle producing a few spotted bass. Try: Drop-shot rigs. (g) Union Valley Reservoir trout plants. 7/30-8/5. Camp at Westpoint (no fee) and launch there. [Big West campsite fee is \$145.00]. Troll deep for nice rainbows. Try: Needle Fish. (b) Note: Lake Pardee rainbow trout are infested with copepods (Copepoda). Ugh! Trolling...Try: Panther Martin. (g)

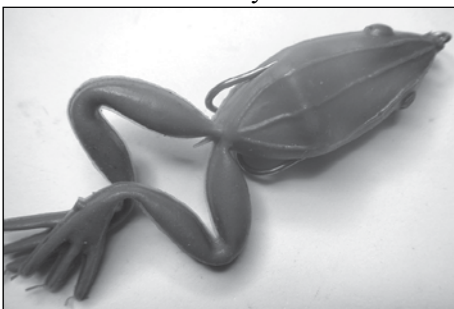
## RIVERS

Dad introduced me to the S.F. of Stony Creek way back in 1958. We climbed down the canyon to the creek, fished until we had our 10 fish limits, then cooked them creek side. We then continued fishing for another 10 fish limits, climbed back out of the canyon and went home where we shared our 20 trout with the family. We used the old tried and true Pautzke's Green



Green Sonic Spoons

Frog Tournament/ California Delta Sat-Sun July 29-30th



Green Frog

Black Bass/Big Mouth  
1st Place: 3/10 lbs. {small bass?}  
Only Green Frog Lures permitted.

## COASTAL WATERS

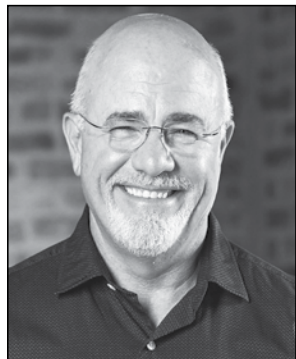
Marin Coast; potluck anglers score limits on halibut, striped bass, rock fish and lingcod. Try: Live Anchovy, Shrimp Fly



Pautzke's Green Label Balls O' Fire Salmon Eggs

Label Ball's O' Fire Salmon Eggs. Fall River turns out some big rainbows, but you have to know the proper technique. Swinging...Try: Spinner fall PMD's, Damsel Fly Nymphs, Water Boatmen. (b) Sacramento River above Redding; caught 12 big rainbows in two hours. Caddis hatching...Try: Birdsnest Fly. (b) (a)

"Jimmy Crickets." Brownie



## Dave Ramsey Says

takers and consumers. He's setting them both up for lifetimes of helplessness and ridiculous expectations without realizing it.

But yes, kids should absolutely learn to work, make money and manage it wisely from an early age. My wife and I gave nice gifts to our kids from time to time, but they also worked and made money for themselves. And the nicer gifts we gave them were for special occasions. Even then we didn't go crazy with things.

Still, the biggest problem you and your husband are experiencing is a communication breakdown. Your husband should stop being so impulsive, and grow a backbone where the kids are concerned. You've recognized this—and you're right about it—so it's up to you to take the first step in finding a solution.

Try sitting down with him, just the two of you, and sincerely explaining your feelings. Let him know you love him and how generous he is. But let him know, too, you're worried this is having a

negative impact on your children and why. Talk it out, openly and honestly, and try to agree on some changes together. There's a middle ground here, but it's going to take some time and effort from both of you to reach it.

Most of all, it means you two will have to communicate with each other like mature, caring adults, and pull together for the sake of your kids. It might be difficult at first, but it'll be worth it in the long run. For you and them.

Thanks, Kaytee!

— 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. ★*

## Love Them Enough to Teach Them Well

Dear Dave,

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— Kaytee

Dear Kaytee,

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# Thoughts to Ponder Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY

by Kathy Neal

## Gridley United Methodist Church

We are called to be patient. We are called to be kind. We are called to be understanding and forgiving. We are called to be peaceful and calm. Yeah! But just walk in someone else's shoes and try to be just one of these. Life is hard and demanding. We are human and broken and find it hard to step out of ourselves to meet others with thoughtfulness.

"Love your neighbor as yourself" can be difficult when at times we don't love ourselves very much. We are called racists. We are called bigots. We are called failures and outcasts. We find out we don't count or have no value in this world. How are we supposed to behave lovingly when hateful language and actions are thrown our way?

God's word and Spirit have the answers to all of this. Jesus preached love and compassion. If someone does evil to you, don't reply with evil. Now that takes a lot of faith and determination. As a human, the first response is to hit back, yell louder, destroy property, or steal back. Not to have such a reaction requires God's help and power for and in us. The first murder recorded in the Bible was brother against brother, out of jealousy. God



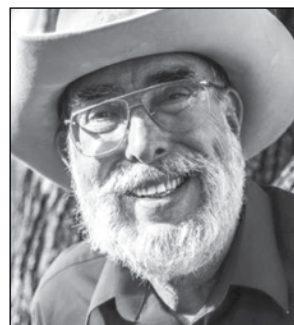
accepted one offering over another so out of anger a life was taken. Look at us today. Senseless beatings, murder, and assaults happen because someone is angry, jealous, or just crazy toward another.

We are called to turn the other cheek when someone hurts us. But with the evil and hurtful actions going on today, it is hard. Lord what are we to do? Soften your words. Offer help. Reach out with supplies or put efforts into relief methods.

God knew we would face bad situations in life, heck, He knew which person would betray Him even to death. Yes, there are evil, mean, destructive people in this world and the ruler of evil (Satan) is in charge. How we handle these situations is how we develop character in God's Kingdom.

Crushing and holding back our reactions is the first step to putting a stop to hurtful wrongs in our lives. It is God's power, strength, and wisdom that will help us reach that goal.

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Slim Randles

The other night it was hot. Hot during the day, hot at night. Heat seems to define this time of year for us, in many ways.

But in spite of that, after a day in the outdoors, we built a fire. A small fire. A "hat" fire, which mountain people define as one you can put in your hat. Why so small? Because it was hot and we didn't need the heat. Why the fire? Because we need the fire.

It is the hearth. It is the touchstone to our past. It is a link with countless generations of ancestors who have sat here looking at the flames licking up on the chunks of firewood and taking us back endless years, countless years, to what was then. Through the flames and later the glow of the coals, we can see things that we

*Because when we look into the coals, at the end of a long day, it's our way of going home*

can't see at any other time. We can hear music in the crackling. We can be comforted by the fire, which is our best friend as well as a potential destroyer, at the same time.

How many times have we looked into the flames of a small fire, just like this? It's beyond counting. Sometimes the fire has been in a fireplace with all kinds of louvers and vents and controls, and yet even then we shut off the lights and sat quietly, looking into the fire and taking ourselves back to our beginnings. It is important that we do this, so important to our emotional health that we willingly pay extra for a modern city house or apartment that has a fireplace.

It doesn't make any sense at all.

No sense at all until you look into the fire and those same questions come along. Who am I? Am I doing what I'm supposed to

be doing? Is my life being spent for the right things? What more can I be doing?

Do we remember other fires in faraway places? Places where the weather is different, the animals are different, the people are different. Remember using wood from other kinds of trees? Remember sitting around the fire with others who are only with us now during these quiet times by the fire and in the sanctuary of memory?

We ask ourselves these questions, but the answers can only be found in the silent glowing of the coals, and we can only hope we stack up right in the long run.

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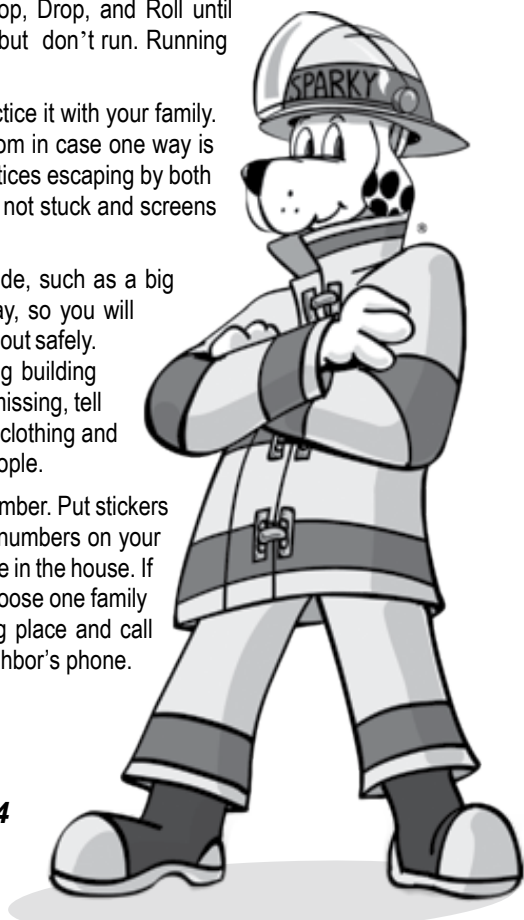


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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Neva Jean Bromberg. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Dawn Judd, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Dawn Judd 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: September 12, 2023, 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

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of TWILA EILEEN ANDERS AKA TWILA E. ANDERS AKA TWILA EILEEN KNAPP. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GABRIAL A. ANDERS in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GABRIAL A. ANDERS be appointed as personal representative 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 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: 09/12/23 at 9:00AM in Dept. TBD 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

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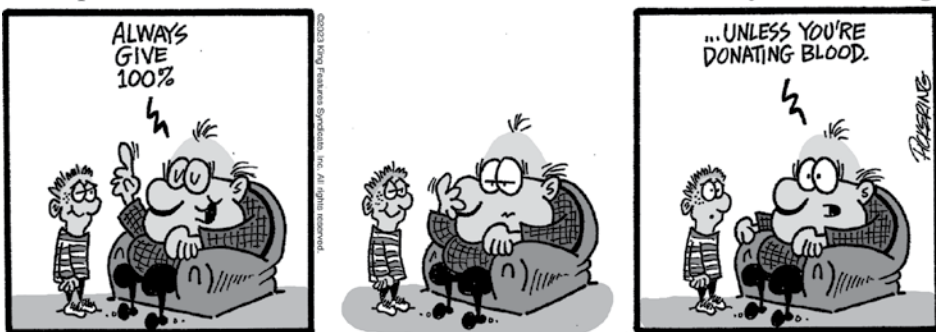
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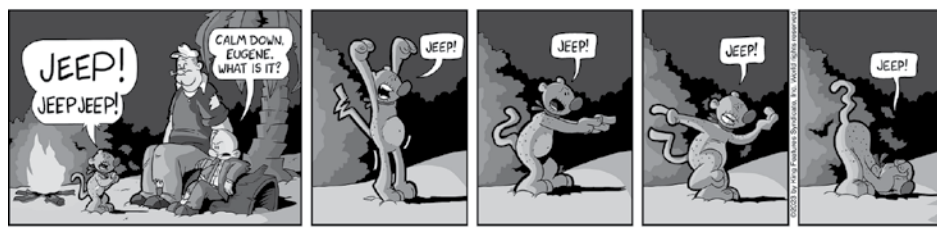
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# Lady Bulldogs' Beefy Schedule Has Sights Set for BVL Title

Story and photos  
by Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 2023 Gridley girls' volleyball team comes into a new season with the same goal of being in contention for a Butte View League title as they have been close in past years, but have not been able to solely grab the top spot.

Gridley has finished the last two seasons in the third spot in the BVL standings under head coach Liz Ayon, who is entering her fourth season atop the program.

Ayon expressed to the Herald that it is always going to be a goal to win the BVL title and strive to bring the first one back to the school since it last shared a BVL title with Sutter and Orland in the 2014 season. Ayon told the Herald this offseason was focused more on the passing and back row defense.

"If you can't pass, you can't set, and you can't finally score," Ayon said.

The Lady Bulldogs were knocked out in the second round of the 2022 CIF Northern Section Division III playoffs by BVL foe, Orland in four sets. Gridley brings back a good part of the 2022 roster and new voices in the leadership position that Ayon will look upon to lead the charge this season.

With the one of the main focuses in the offseason being the back row defense, it all begins with 2024 libero Giselle Fuentes in the back row. This will be Fuente's second season at the varsity level, and she made an impact on the team last season by having the second most assists on the team with 243. Fuentes also had 113 digs.

Fuentes told the Herald that her and fellow returning Lady Bulldogs want to build the team and bring the younger players along with the team being all together.

"All of the returners have a strong sisterhood bond, and we



Gridley 2025 middle blocker/outside hitter Charlee Sormano attempts to serve a ball at a Lady Bulldogs practice on Thursday, August 3.



Gridley girls volleyball head coach Liz Ayon speaks to her team during the Lady Bulldogs practice on Thursday, August 3.

want to bring the new girls into that," Fuentes said. The confident libero added that her and the fellow returning leaders are on the same page and ready to lift someone up when needed.

2025 middle blocker/outside hitter Charlee Sormano told the

Herald that playing club in the offseason and different level of competitive teams she saw in the Sacramento and Redding area benefited in the preparation for this upcoming season.

"Some of the teams I saw in club were great competition

that helped prepare me for the upcoming season," Sormano told the Herald. She added that some of the competition were teams comprised of athletes from bigger schools which adds to better competition overall. Sormano was second on the team last

season in kills with 147 on the year and had 102 digs.

2024 middle hitter Gracie Dewsnup told the Herald she worked on becoming the best middle hitter in the offseason along with building up the energy of the team because keeping everyone's spirits up is a huge part of volleyball.

Dewsnup added that she also learned a lot from Gridley 2023 alumna middle hitter Kennison Cota, who is now starting her collegiate career at Feather River College. On top of keeping her energy up and having fun on the court, Dewsnup told the Herald that she also learned how other tips at the position of middle hitter.

Dewsnup had 139 kills, 56 kills and 24 digs last season. She said the goal for the team as a whole is to make it farther than last season's second round exit and beat some of their rivals.

The schedule the Lady Bulldogs assembled this season is tough as you can imagine. The preseason schedule Gridley has includes their first three matches of the season against teams that made the playoffs in 2022 as they travel to East Nicolaus, Colusa and Durham.

The Lady Bulldogs won't host a game in Farmers Hall until September 6, when they play Marysville after the conclusion of the 2023 Butte County Fair. The biggest preseason game at home will be on September 24, when the Lady Bulldogs host University Prep of Redding, who was the number one ranked team in the Northern Section at the conclusion of the 2022 fall season.

Ayon said she is excited for the opportunity to play two of the top teams in the Northern Section. On top of their competitive preseason, the Lady Bulldogs will be participating in a couple of tournaments such as the Dixon High School tournament and the Chico tournament. Gridley opens their season on Thursday, August 17 on the road at Colusa. ★

## Wolverine Golf Classic on Par!

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs High School Sports Booster Club held its yearly Mel McLaughlin Wolverine Golf Classic on Monday, July 17th.

The annual event was held at the 18-hole Table Mountain Golf Course outside of Oroville. Student-athletes volunteered to help set up for the tournament and acted as caddies, assisting golfers as they readied to hit the green.

The Mel McLaughlin Golf Tournament honors the man who dedicated his time to the community, taught at Biggs High School for 43 years, coached, and had a passion for the sport of Golf. The golf tournament serves as the only way for BHS to fund its athletic program, often paying for uniforms



Student athletes Ally Williams and Addie Scott help organize donations for the silent auction as part of the annual Mel McLaughlin Wolverine Golf Classic. Photo courtesy of BHS Sports Booster Club

and other needed sports equipment. Multiple teams of golfers participated, and the event was supported by many sponsors.

A silent auction and dinner were held after the event, to raise even more funds for BHS. Members of the BHS Sports Booster

Club would like to thank all the generous sponsors and participants of the 2023 Mel McLaughlin Wolverine Golf Tournament. ★



These student athletes use their muscle to help with the annual Mel McLaughlin Wolverine Golf Classic. Pictured left to right: Chase McLean, Zack Smith, Brody Hudson, and Thomas Job. Photo courtesy of BHS Sports Booster Club

## Protecting Sacred Grounds: Safeguarding Our Beloved Cemetery

By Mayor Mike Farr

As the Mayor of Gridley and a Vietnam Veteran, I write today with a heavy heart and deep concern for the Biggs-Gridley Cemetery, a place that holds immense historical significance and serves as the final resting place for our cherished loved ones, including brave veterans who have served our nation selflessly. Recent events of vandalism and desecration have shaken us all, casting a shadow of sorrow and insecurity over this sacred ground.

The Biggs-Gridley Cemetery, established in 1927, stands as a testament to the history and memories of our town. Prior to that, it was known as the Wharton Burial

Ground, and the earliest burial dates back to 1855. The tombstone of 17-year-old William Holt, who passed away in 1879, has stood for over 144 years as a symbol of our past, but it was heartlessly destroyed on June 23, 2023. Such acts of vandalism not only defile our history but also wound the hearts of the families whose ancestors rest in peace here.

We must face the stark reality that the cemetery, which houses approximately 1,680 veterans and 13,236 souls in total, is facing challenges that threaten its sanctity. Our beloved citizens have reported theft of items left at gravesites and vandalism, raising concerns about the safety and security of their family's

eternal resting place. This cannot be allowed to continue, for it dishonors not only the deceased but also our values as a compassionate and respectful community.

It is disheartening to witness individuals seeking refuge on private property surrounding the cemetery, engaging in activities that disrupt the peace and solemnity of funeral services. Families deserve to bid farewell to their loved ones in peace, without being exposed to disrespectful behavior just yards away from the gravesites. The pain of losing a family member is immense, and our duty as a community is to ensure that we provide a place of solace and tranquility for grieving families.

However, we must take collective action to protect our sacred grounds and guarantee the safety of our community members and their loved ones.

To combat the rising tide of vandalism and disturbances, I urge cooperation with local law enforcement to increase patrols in the area. Timely identification and intervention in suspicious activities will prevent further harm to the cemetery and its visitors.

We must engage the community in this endeavor. An informed and vigilant community is the first line of defense against vandalism and disrespectful behavior. Raising awareness about the historical significance of the cemetery and the

need for reverence will instill a sense of responsibility among our citizens.

In conclusion, the Biggs-Gridley Cemetery is not just a burial ground; it is a repository of our town's history and the cherished memories of our loved ones. As a small-town mayor and a veteran, I implore our community to unite and safeguard this sacred place. Only together, can we preserve the dignity and sanctity of the cemetery, ensuring it remains a place of solace, respect, and remembrance for generations to come. Let us stand together and be the guardians of our sacred grounds and those who rest there. ★



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# Deadline to Apply for FEMA Assistance Extended to Sept. 1

## Cal OES News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Renters and homeowners in 14 counties impacted by the February and March storms and flooding will now have more time to sign up for federal disaster assistance.

FEMA's registration period, due to end July 20, has been extended to Sept. 1, 2023.

The eligible counties are Butte, Kern, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Mono, Monterey, Nevada, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Tulare and Tuolumne.

The extended registration deadline will provide more time for survivors living in remote areas as well as for residents in counties recently designated for federal disaster assistance.

President Biden declared the federal disaster April 3, 2023. It covers damage caused by severe winter storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides between Feb. 21 and July 10, 2023.

FEMA's Individuals and Households Program may provide disaster assistance for eligible costs of home repairs, rental assistance for temporary housing, essential personal property, disaster-related medical and dental care, funeral expenses, transportation and childcare.

There are three ways to apply for FEMA: Online at DisasterAssistance.gov, the FEMA mobile app or by calling FEMA at 800-621-3362. If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Helpline operators are available from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. PT daily. Press 2 for Spanish. Press 3 for an interpreter who speaks your language. For an accessible video on how to apply, go to youtube.com/watch?v=WZGpWI2RCNw.

If FEMA refers you to SBA, you must apply with SBA before you can be considered for certain FEMA grant money, such as reimbursement for damaged personal property, transportation assistance and Group Flood Insurance Policy (GFIP). Residents are not obligated to take out a loan if they are approved, but a failure to return the application may disqualify them from possible FEMA assistance. Long-term, low-interest disaster loans for businesses, nonprofits, homeowners and

renters may be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other sources.

For the latest information on California's recovery from the severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides, visit FEMA.gov/disaster/4699. You may also follow twitter.com/Cal\_OES, facebook.com/CaliforniaOES, @FEMARegion9/ Twitter and Facebook.com/FEMA.

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Recently, U.S. SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman announced a policy change granting 12 months of no payments and 0% interest. This pertains to all disaster loans approved in response to disasters declared on or after September 21, 2022, through September 30, 2023. This policy change will benefit disaster survivors and help them to decrease the overall cost of recovery by reducing the amount of accrued interest they must repay.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is the federal government's primary source of funds for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private, nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters, fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at Disaster Loan Assistance.

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 711 to access telecommunications relay services. ★



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