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National Night Out is Approaching



Gridley Rotary Club donates bikes for the upcoming annual National Night Out. Pictured left to right: Lynne Spencer and Adam Groen. Photo provided by the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce

By Lisa Mankins

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Mark your calendars! The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce is actively planning Gridley's annual National Night Out.

The event will take place on Tuesday, August 1st at Manuel Vierra Park in Gridley from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

National Night Out is an annual, nationwide campaign that not only encourages the cultivation of relationships between members of the community and law enforcement officers but promotes neighborhood camaraderie in hopes to create a safer, more positive place to live.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy the various local vendors and

food trucks, all while listening to live music provided by the WSB Band! The Gridley Lions Club will also be hosting a hotdog special for \$5.00. Entertainment for the whole family will be available, including free games such as basketball connect four, a bounce house, as well as a waterslide and fun at the splash pad.

The fun doesn't end there! The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting free drawings for bicycles and backpacks filled with school supplies. Of course, it wouldn't be National Night Out without our police officers and firefighters.

Throughout the evening, members of Gridley Police Department and CALFIRE/Butte County/Gridley Fire

Department will be available to assist the public in answering any questions or concerns that they may have, handing out goodies and more.

The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting donations of bicycles and asks that donations be delivered to the Chamber office located at 890 Hazel Street.

Furthermore, if you are interested in being a vendor for the event, applications are available outside of the Chamber office.

The Chamber hopes the many members of our community will be able to join in on the fun, all while establishing a sense of unity and understanding of our law enforcement officers and departments – it should be a great turnout! ★

Poor Choices Behind The Wheel Result in Tragedies

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

The results of the California Highway Patrol's (CHP) recent Independence Day Maximum Enforcement Period (MEP) are a sobering reminder of the consequences resulting from unsafe driving behaviors.

Sixty-eight people were killed in crashes throughout the state during the Independence Day MEP, which began at 6:01 p.m. on Friday, June 30, and concluded at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4. Tragically, nearly half of the total number of vehicle occupants who died within CHP jurisdiction were not wearing a seat belt.

With unsafe speed being the number one contributor to crashes in California, the CHP placed a special emphasis on its enforcement during the recent MEP. CHP officers issued more than 9,700 speed citations throughout the long Independence Day weekend.

CHP officers made 1,224 arrests for driving under the influence, which is an average of one DUI arrest every five minutes.

"The results of this MEP are concerning and reinforce the need for responsible behavior behind the wheel," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "All of these deaths were preventable, and the loved ones they leave behind will be forever impacted. Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility, and these statistics show us how much work there is still to be done."

To help protect those who are traveling on California's roadways during the holidays, the CHP implements six MEPs per year. The next MEP is scheduled for Labor Day weekend. TKeep yourself and others who are on the road safe by buckling up, driving at a speed safe for conditions, avoid distractions behind the wheel, and always designating a sober driver.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

The New "El Jefe"

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The "El Jefe" (which translates to the "The Boss") pizza at Our Town Pizzeria will officially have a new name.

The downtown Gridley pizzeria is known for its specialty pies and dedication to the heritage and people of our community. Its walls are decorated with historical and current pictures of buildings, people, events, and sports teams from the area. Therefore, owner Levi Dake and his brother Brandon Dake, who helps manage the family-oriented business,



The crew at Our Town Pizzeria introduces "The Hozer". Pictured left to right: Levi Dake, Tony Jurado, Emily Harrison, Briana Luguin and Brandon Dake. Photo by Seti Long

decided to rename one of their pizzas after a very special person that was

well-known in town: Hozer Santillan.

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Santillan was known as "Hozer" - an always

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Adventist Health

Adventist Health Gridley Primary Care has moved.

Our new location is 1548 Highway 99 in Gridley.
Call us to schedule an appointment: 530-846-5655
AdventistHealthRideout.org/PrimaryCare

www.GridleyHerald.com

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

“Don’t go to stupid places; don’t associate with stupid people; don’t do stupid things.” Legendary firearms instructor John Farnam is credited with originating the Rules of Stupid. While the rules of stupid are especially pertinent to those who carry around a firearm all the time, they also apply to so many other areas of life. After about 3 1/2 hours of

listening to the legal dos and don’ts of current firearms laws in California, it seems like the rules of stupid summed it up in three sentences. No lawyers or legal interpretations are needed.

The 4th of July festivities have passed, and it was wonderful to see so many manifestations of patriotism in Biggs/Gridley/Live Oak. The Red, White, and Blue were seen all over, and with so many people living without freedom in the world, it is great to remember and remind ourselves what a special Country we have here.

Great news about Adventist Health opening their newly remodeled clinic in the Heritage

Oak Shopping Center in Gridley. I went inside, and for all of you who have been wondering, they did not leave the arcade games section that was there when the spot was Round Table Pizza. Darn. This new facility is good news for the Orchard Hospital, which will have a good working relationship with the new facility and get closer to having the patient numbers to stay in business. The better news is less traveling out of town when someone needs healthcare. Adventist Health has shown over the years that it is a real asset to every community in which it sets up shop.

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

Bats and Bees, Oh My!



Get an up-close glimpse of some of the species of bats native to the state of California. Photo provided by NorCalBats

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Mark your calendars – the Gridley Friends of the Library is hosting a few wild events at the Gridley Branch of the Butte County Library with support from the community.

On July 19th at 2:00pm, things will get a little batty. NorCalBats will visit with their winged friends for an informative presentation. All ages are welcome to attend and learn about the harmful myths surrounding these animals, their important role in our ecosystem, and get a glimpse of some of the species of bats native to our state of California.

For the safety of the bats and those in attendance, the animals are kept in containers until they are individually displayed, a perimeter of 6 feet is kept around the winged creatures and no one is allowed to pet or touch the bats.

The NorCal Bats organization is dedicated to the “rescue, rehabilitation, and release of bats throughout Northern California” and is committed to educating the public about the species. For more information on the organization and to donate to their programs, please visit



NorCal Bats will be providing an educational presentation to local youth and bringing some winged friends along to do so. Photo provided by NorCalBats

Norcalbats.org.

This fun event is being sponsored by the Quota Club of Gridley.

The buzz is that on July 26th at 11:00 am Uncle Jer’s Traveling Bee Show and Bee Rescue Service will be visiting the Gridley Branch library. During the hour-long presentation, visitors can expect to see live bees in two observation hives, frames of wax and honey, and an example of a real hive. Children will have

the opportunity to sample different types of honey, receive a complimentary activity book, and honey stick. This is in addition to a discussion on how bees pollinate, swarm, the antibacterial properties of honey, how honey is harvested and made, and more. There will also be a Q&A session for curious minds.

This event is sponsored by the Gridley Lions International Club and Rotary International Club. ★

Chico Police Officer Charged with Using a Minor to Provide Marijuana

Butte County DA News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey announced on July 11, 2023, that a Chico police officer has been charged in a criminal complaint with a felony for furnishing marijuana and a misdemeanor for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Nicholas Lee Rush, 49, of the Chico Police Department is alleged to have provided marijuana and marijuana products to a 17-year-old family member. Additionally, it is alleged the child was

encouraged by Rush to provide some of the marijuana to the officer’s adult girlfriend.

The allegations stem from an investigation into the officer’s cultivation of marijuana in his backyard, an activity that started in the summer of 2022.

Ramsey said Rush is not a currently active officer with the Chico Police.

Ramsey said the Butte County Superior Court has issued Rush a notice to appear on August 3, 2023, at 8:30 for his arraignment.

Rush faces up to a maximum of 5 years in state prison. ★

Fun Week for Kids Planned at Music Camp

Gridley Christian Church News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Beginning July 17th, kids from 4 years old through eighth grade will have an amazing week of singing, crafts, song-bells, rhythm instruments, snacks, recreation, Bible lessons, and sign language. We meet Monday through Friday, July 17-21 from 3-5 PM at Gridley Christian Church. During this time, we will be learning four songs with simple choreography that fit into the thirteen minute mini-musical “Many Fish for Fishers of Men”.

On Saturday, July 22nd dress rehearsal will be held from 1-2 PM. On Sunday,

July 23rd there will be two performances at 10:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

There is no fee to participate in this week of fun. Just come and have a great time. Each family will be given a copy of the music so it can be enjoyed and practiced at home. Call Bonnie at 530-933-9845 to register your child for an amazing week of learning about Jesus and Christian musical theater. Singing for Jesus is fun!

Gridley Christian Church is located on the corner of Hazel and Washington Streets. Call (530)846-4002 to talk with Pastor Ed with any concerns you may have. Gridley Christian Church is a place where everyone is family. ★

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MEMORIAL

BARBARA LEE HARKEY • 7/6/1946 – 6/22/2023

Barbara Lee Harkey of Vancouver, Washington, passed away peacefully on June 22 after a brief battle with cancer. She was 76 years old.

The daughter of W. K. (Bill) Harkey and his wife, Frances, Barbara grew up on the family ranch south of Gridley, California. She graduated from Manzanita Elementary School in Gridley and from Notre Dame High School in Marysville, California. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Oregon State University where she was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. She earned her master’s degree from the University of Washington.

Barbara taught Spanish in various high schools in Washington State and retired as a high school administrator/

John Grogan, of Vancouver, Washington; her brother, William Harkey and his wife, Laura, of Sanibel, Florida; her niece, Allyson Harkey and her husband, Seth Alcorn, of Hyattsville, Maryland; and several cousins.

A graveside service will be held at the Gridley Cemetery on August 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Barbara lived with Type 1 Diabetes most of her life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Diabetes Foundation or to one of its regional chapters, either the American Diabetes Foundation of Oregon, SW Washington, and Idaho, or the American Diabetes Foundation of California (Northern). All are at P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-7023.

Butte College SBDC

In-Person Business Trainings

Using AI for Your Business Marketing (Chico)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become increasingly beneficial to businesses and our communities as a whole. However, very few people understand how to use AI to help them in their marketing and other business strategies. We will take a deep dive into using AI to develop marketing strategies, content, and will take a step-by-step approach to developing an AI generated marketing strategy.

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 26, 2023; 8:30am - 10:30am

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

ServSafe Food Safety Training and Certification (Chico)

California Uniform Retail Food Facility Law requires re-certification of competence in Food Safety and Sanitation every 5 years. Passing the ServSafe® exam is necessary to renew your certification. Training includes National Restaurant Association ServSafe® Exam, Essentials book, Answer Sheet and Certificate. Training is recognized by the California Health Department and fulfills the State of California certification obligations. Learn the importance of food safety practices & how to implement them. Trainer is State certified. Participants must register & purchase books 3 weeks before training.

Date/Time: Thursday, August 10, 2023; 9:00am - 5:00pm

Cost: \$120 per person (includes book); \$80 per person (book not included)

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

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

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Run Around the Rice Registering Now!

By Seti Long

RICHVALE, CA (MPG) - The 7th annual Run Around the Rice kids dash, 5K and 10K runs are registering now!

Whether you are walking or running, the event promises a close-up look at the “cycle of prepping, planting, and harvesting rice” in the area, all while benefiting the students and staff of Biggs Elementary School.

The 2023 Run Around the Rice will be held on Sunday, September 10th and interested parties are invited to register online up until August 18th.

The Kids Dash invites youth 10 and under to participate for just \$15.



The annual Run Around the Rice is a much-loved event. Organizers invite you to come out and get some exercise, learn about local rice production, and support your local school! Photo courtesy of Run Around the Rice

Adult 5K registrations costs are \$30 and 10K is just \$35. A commemorative event t-shirt is included with registration. Late registration may be offered for an increased price.

For more information on Run Around the Rice and to sign up, please visit runsignup.com/Race/CA/Richvale/RunAroundtheRice5K10KKidsDash ★

Sheriff’s and District Attorney’s Office Investigate In-Custody Death

BCSO News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - On the morning of July 9, 2023, Butte County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO) correctional deputies were conducting routine safety checks on inmates housed at the Butte County Jail. Around 2:20 A.M., a correctional deputy discovered Inmate Michael Sobrero, age 58, of Magalia was unconscious within his cell. Correctional deputies located evidence Sobrero used a bed sheet to commit suicide.

Correctional deputies and jail medical staff immediately began providing Sobrero with emergency medical treatment. Paramedics responded and provided additional emergency medical treatment. Sobrero was transported to Oroville Hospital where he received additional medical treatment. Despite the life-saving measures that were administered, Sobrero was pronounced deceased by a doctor at Oroville Hospital.

Butte County District Attorney’s Office Investigators and Butte County Sheriff’s Office Detectives responded to the jail and began investigating. During the investigation, personnel interviewed correctional deputies, medical staff, and inmates housed in cells adjacent to the cell occupied by Sobrero. Investigators

and detectives located evidence which led them to believe Sobrero used a bed sheet to commit suicide.

Investigators and detectives determined Sobrero was housed in a cell by himself and other inmates did not have access to Sobrero’s cell. Investigators and detectives reviewed video surveillance and determined correctional deputies had been conducting hourly checks on Sobrero. Prior to locating Sobrero at 2:20 A.M., correctional deputies conducted a check on Sobrero at approximately 1:25 A.M. During the 1:25 A.M. check, Sobrero was alive and he did not request any assistance from correctional deputies. An autopsy will be conducted to determine Sobrero’s cause of death.

Investigators and detectives determined Sobrero was remanded into custody by a Butte County Superior Court Judge on June 29, 2023, for felony counts of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and ammunition, discharging a firearm with gross negligence, assault with a deadly weapon, failing to appear after posting bail on a felony, and a misdemeanor count of spousal battery. Butte County District Attorney’s Office Investigators and Sheriff’s Office Detectives continue to actively investigate this incident. ★

The New “El Jefe”

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cheerful man of large stature and an even bigger heart who was deeply loved by the people of Gridley. Hozer passed away unexpectedly in 2021, leaving behind a wife and four children.

Apparently, the Tuesday special “El Jefe” from Our Town was one of Hozer’s favorites. In tribute and memory of the gracious man, the pizzeria changed its name to “The Hozer”. In an online post, Levi said that they had been wanting to rename the pizza for a while and that “It will now be called the Hozer. When we first opened this was our special pizza on Tuesdays and without fail, Hozer would be here to order it. We miss having him around and this is the least we could do. He was very much a part of Our Town.” Brandon added that “We wanted something Gridley could always remember him by. You know, he was a hard guy to forget with that smile and curly hair. He was always super friendly with everybody!”

His wife Christy Santillan said that it was an honor that Our Town made the change in tribute to her late husband. “Levi asked me months ago and I was

shocked. It was nice that Hozer is remembered by more than just us (family).”

When the pizzeria made the announcement on Facebook that the “El Jefe” would be known as “The Hozer” many community members commented positively about it and the man it is now named after. Santillan said, “All the comments on Our Town’s post really took my breath away. So many nice things were said.”

Never wanting any attention, Hozer was discreetly behind many acts of selfless giving and kindness to members of the Gridley community. Santillan said that the scope of that generosity was even unknown to her until after his passing.

Tuesday, July 11 was the first day the newly monikered “The Hozer” was available to order and it will remain the day’s special. The pizza features a jalapeño white sauce topped with jack cheese and chorizo sausage. After it comes out of the oven, it is topped with shredded lettuce, Pico de Gallo, crushed taco chips, cotija cheese, and avocado lime cilantro cream.

To order it, or any other of Our Town’s pizzas, please visit Ourtown530.com or call (530) 797-9346. ★

Lions of Graffiti to the Rescue!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Just roar if you find some graffiti and the Gridley Lions Club will come to your aid.

The Gridley Lions Club Graffiti Removal Team has been actively removing unsightly tagging in our area for years. They keep their supplies in a dedicated trailer and have accumulated a variety of colors in order to repair the vandalism that occurs throughout town. Lately, they have had their hands busy responding to calls multiple times a month.

Over the week-end of July 8th, Lions



Lion James Brown readies to remove tagging near the Feather River. Photo provided by Vern Hartman

Vern Hartman and James Brown tackled a large piece down

by the Feather River. Defacement occurred on the western abutment of the old Feather River bridge, requiring the gentlemen to scale down a somewhat steep slope and wear safety equipment.

The Lions plan to address what Hartman describes as a “mural” due to its size located near Heron Landing later this month and says that they do their best to keep up on hotspots like the brick building on the corner of Magnolia and Virginia Streets.

If you are aware of any graffiti that needs removal, Hartman asks that you text him at (530) 514-6616. ★

CAL FIRE Funding Provides New Opportunities for Wood Product Innovation

CAL FIRE News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On June 20, 2023, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Wood Products and Bioenergy Team announced that it will offer \$16 million in new grants. These projects will fund expansion in workforce and businesses involved in creating healthy, resilient forests across the State as outlined in California’s Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan.

The 14 grant offers will go to an array of non-profits, small businesses and manufacturing facilities across California.

Two grants will subsidize transporting low-value forest biomass. Dinuba Energy in Tulare County will restart operations at their bioenergy facility with new capacity to utilize sub-merchantable and cull logs from forest-fuel reduction activities. Lignum Support LLC will utilize subsidies to recover biomass from forest health and roadside hazard reduction projects that would otherwise be left in the woods.

Three workforce development grants will provide new job training opportunities and forestry outreach. Future Fire Academy in Placer County will train veterans and justice-involved persons for careers in forestry and firefighting. The CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts will fund 140 individuals from across the State to pursue over 300 forestry-related certificates that will prepare them for higher quality work. Lastly, the California Forestry Association will partner with communications experts to market forestry and provide equitable forestry education opportunities.

A total of four grants will be offered to small forest operations and milling

businesses. Cascade Custom Cutting in Shasta County will receive assistance in purchasing additional in-woods equipment. Forestree Collective in Sonoma County will expand their capacity to mill lumber as will Rath Industries and Tubit Enterprises in Shasta County.

In Tuolumne County, American Wood Fibers will receive assistance in purchasing new technology to process burned and diseased logs into animal bedding products. Kodama Systems will fund development of new software and hardware for high-speed site connectivity and telemetry at remote forest thinning sites.

Mote, Inc. will be offered a grant to further research and develop a biomass gasification facility in El Dorado County that will produce hydrogen and sequester carbon dioxide from regional wood waste. Similarly, Arbor Energy and Resources Corp will be offered a grant to support engineering design for novel gasification technology in Placer County.

Since January 2022, the Wood Products and Bioenergy Team has awarded \$67 million to business and workforce projects that align with the State’s climate mitigation and economic development goals.

“CAL FIRE’s Business and Workforce Development Grants Program offers the most project support of any grant program we researched,” said Eric Martin of the Northstar Community Services District. “The funding is invaluable in stimulating development of projects that support the State’s ambitious goal of treating one million forest acres annually.”

CAL FIRE’s Business and Workforce Development grant awards are funded with State of California General Funds. The solicitation remains open to new grant applications. Please visit CAL FIRE’s Wood Products and Bioenergy webpage for details. ★



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New Fund Provides Support and Protection for Prescribed Fire and Cultural Burning

CALFIRE News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On June 19, 2023, the State of California will roll out a first-of-its-kind approach to curbing the state’s catastrophic wildfire problem by providing new protections for prescribed fire and cultural burning practitioners. The \$20 million allocated for the “Prescribed Fire Liability Claims Fund Pilot” will cover losses in the rare instance that a prescribed or cultural burn escapes control.

California Senator Bill Dodd authored the 2022 bill (Senate Bill 926) that made this fund possible, continuing his many years of leadership on wildfire and prescribed fire-related legislation.

“Prescribed fire is a cost-effective way to minimize the scope and severity of wildfires,” said Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa. “It’s a tool that has been used for millennia by Native American tribes and one that will continue to play a big role in wildfire prevention. The rollout of this fund is a big step toward keeping California communities safe.”

The use of prescribed fire and cultural burning—sometimes collectively called “good” or “beneficial” fire—is a key component of wildfire risk management in California. These projects reduce hazardous fuels, help restore ecological and cultural values, and make our communities safer and our ecosystems more resilient to wildfire. However, lack of liability insurance for practitioners has been a major barrier to increasing the use of prescribed fire, even as firefighters, fire scientists, at-risk communities, and state, federal, and tribal leaders call for more.

“The Prescribed Fire Claims Fund pilot project removes a significant barrier to obtaining insurance for potential damages from a prescribed fire or cultural burn conducted by a certified prescribed fire burn boss or a cultural fire practitioner,” said CAL FIRE Director/Chief Joe Tyler. “As we continue to focus on increasing the resiliency of the state’s forests, creating a pathway for private burn bosses to have the significant protection this claims fund provides is a critical step toward reaching the goals of the Governor’s Wildfire and Forest Resilience” Action Plan.”

The fund will provide up to \$2 million in coverage for prescribed fire projects led by a qualified burn boss or cultural practitioner. The fund is meant to demonstrate that prescribed fire, when carefully planned, resourced, and implemented, is a low-risk land management tool that mitigates the larger, more damaging risks of high-severity wildfires. The fund is the first of its kind nationally and is the result of several years of collaboration by a diversity of partners working with Senator Dodd’s Office, including The Nature Conservancy, CAL FIRE, the University of California Cooperative Extension, the California Department

of Insurance, Tribal representatives, and many others.

“Launching this program is a key step in scaling ecologically based forest management to reduce the risk of megafires. We appreciate Senator Dodd’s leadership and the expedient work of CAL FIRE and beneficial fire practitioners to develop this fund as the next fire season quickly approaches,” said Dan Porter, The Nature Conservancy’s Forest Program Director.

The fund will also advance cultural burning, helping Indigenous Californians restore their connection to fire.

“Cultural burning is an essential practice to meet diverse objectives, including biodiversity stewardship, ecological health, and community safety. The availability of this pilot fund provides cultural fire practitioners a safeguard against financial risk in the unlikely event of an escaped burn. This is a significant incentive to support revitalization of burning traditions following the legacy of policies banning such practices,” said Don Hankins, Professor of Geography and Planning at CSU Chico and co-founder of the Indigenous Stewardship Network.

This fund is part of a larger vision for restoring beneficial fire across California’s fire-adapted ecosystems. Last year, the state released its Strategic Plan for Expanding the Use of Beneficial Fire, which identified this claims fund as a priority. The state has also rolled out a state-certified burn boss program, changed the liability standard for prescribed fire, and made investments in prescribed burn associations, agency staffing, and other related efforts.

“We are using every tool to protect Californians, including using prescribed fire to fight wildfires,” said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. “The Prescribed Fire Claims fund will be critical to assisting our tribal groups, non-profits and private landowners who are leading the way. This is an example of government being innovative and leading by example. The data that we get from the claims fund is going to be essential to our on-going education with insurance companies to support insuring this important work.”

Lenya Quinn-Davidson, Fire Network Director for the University of California’s Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, says the recent momentum is unparalleled.

“Californians are desperate to have a better relationship with fire, and only with innovative approaches like this Claims Fund will we be able to unleash the good work that needs to happen,” said Quinn-Davidson. “It’s a challenging time to be working on fire in California, but also an incredibly inspiring time.”

More information about the Pilot Prescribed Fire Claims Fund can be found on the CAL FIRE Website including frequently asked questions and an enrollment form for practitioners. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Garden observations: I watched a spider try to catch a moth. The moth flew out of my bonsai trees while I was watering. It dashed into a spider web and was a little tangled. The spider was quick, racing to the movement. I could imagine the glee in its multifaceted eyes. That moth kept trying to fly. I

was thinking of saving it when it managed to save itself. It was a great little drama of persistence. It was only slightly entangled so it had half a chance and it won the chance lottery. At the last second it broke free and flew out of the shelving area, free to go on being a moth. The spider seemed disappointed. I think if spiders could stomp and throw fits, it would have.

Then one morning I went outside early and was messing around cleaning up a table where I repot, when I looked at a bottle of systemic house plant treatment. I’m experimenting with this on my succulents and begonias when they get mealy bugs. What do my wondering eyes see? Not

one but two snails eating the instruction label. I knew they chewed on a variety of things. First time I saw the whole snail chewed paper thing. The paper had gotten wet and those snails were in gourmet paper heaven. Munch, munch. The label is half gone. They had to do one of their feats of daring-do to get on top of that table. Up 2.5 feet on spindle legs, then upside down across the bottom of the table top, then over several carved edges of the table, then across a section of table and up the bottle. Amazing. As usual I couldn’t kill them directly, so I tossed them out on the lawn to find their way to some other something to climb and eat. ★

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Hammered Spoons

Lake Francis; no motors, pedal boat rentals. Nice Shell Crackers AKA Red Ear Sunfish. Try: Meal Worm on Jig. (b) Shasta Lake; rainbows and browns

Super Duper

pepper. Fry in unsalted compound butter. Signed: Trout Connoisseur. EHB Comment: *WOW! Throw out that ^%\$#@ stuff and have yourself a Tuna sandwich.*

Hammered Silver Spoon/ Herring Dodger

Bowman Lake Loop - Series of 9 lakes. Fuller Lake; planted with rainbow trout. Launch at the boat ramp and fish near the inflow pipe. Try: Pale Morning Dun (PMD, Blue Winged Olive (BWO). (b)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA

S.F. Bay Seal Rock; fish the outgoing tide for big halibut. Try: Tray Bait. (b) Sportfishers catch a few Broadnose Sevengill sharks. Try: Tray Bait. (a) Note: Sevengill sharks live for 49 years. Populate temperate inshore waters. Have 7-gills instead of 5. No explanation why.

COASTAL WATERS

Cordell Banks; oodles of Blue Fin Tuna, 40-130 lbs. Try: 8” Feathered Lure. (g) Fort Bragg; rumors of Blue Fin Tuna jumping. Charter boats run for 20-minutes, puts them into schools of 8-9 lb. Chilies. Try: Shrimp Fly. (b) Monterey Bay/ Moss Landing. Fishing off the Marine Canyon, limits of Yellow Tail, Vermillion, and Bocaccio at 300+ feet deep. Try: Shrimp Fly. (b)

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Thoughts to Ponder Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church

Have you ever talked to God? Have you asked a question and received an answer? Have you received nudges from the Holy Spirit and responded? In the Bible we read of many humans that have had a conversation with the Lord. I don't think He has quit doing that. In fact, the Lord and I have had many talking sessions in my life time.

How do you know it is Him? Like Moses knew from a burning bush, Abraham was sent messengers, as was Joseph. A donkey was used at one time to talk to a man God needed to converse with.

David was told to go fight a giant, he did and he won. Paul was visited on a road on the way to Damascus. He talked openly with Jesus and got a career change.

When you have a feeling deep within that you should say or do something that is called a nudge. God is speaking. Learn to listen! Sometimes in a small still voice as clear as day, God will give you an answer in your heart and mind. I ask Him once, "Lord, what am I supposed to be doing?" As clear as if I heard Him speak, He said, "Be about my business."



When you want to talk to God be prepared to listen. Listen for His voice, His power, and His Spirit. Don't think you have to set aside special times to pray and talk to God (which is good too). God's answering machine is always on. He is never too busy to listen or answer. I know it is hard to believe one God can hear us all, but our living and loving God is all powerful and all knowing.

Our prayers and conversations go up like incense to fill bowls at God's throne. I've talked to God as a person in my life since I was a child. Just talking to Him eases pain, hurt, and helps dry tears. I, often in the strangest places, just say, "Thank you, Lord I know that was you."

Don't be afraid. Just speak out and speak up. God loves to hear from you.

Come visit us at the Gridley United Methodist Church and your voice can join ours in speaking to and listening to God. Our worship service starts at 10 am every Sunday. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. Also Saturday July 15th we are going to have a special outdoor evening communion at 9 pm in front of the church. All are welcome to join us in communion. ★



Slim Randles

Watching the fly fishing going on down at Lewis Creek is a little like box seats at the Bolshoi ballet. You might not even know what those old guys are doing, but dang they seem to do it well.

Long, sinuous casts out from the bank to the Lunker Hole. The Lunker, often dreamed, never caught, but our community would be the poorer without him.

"Fly fishing," said Marvin Pincus, "is just another name for life."

"Or love," said our cowboy, Steve.

"Or frustration," said Dud, who was about to shinny up a tree to cut loose

"I jest fly fish cuz it's more funner"

a tangle made by his back cast. He wouldn't have bothered, but that fly hanging down from that tall branch was tied by Marvin Pincus. And was therefore an objet 'd arte, which we learned is a French term meaning darned cute. But if left in that tree, it might cause death and suffering to a bird.

"It could be a metaphor," said Windy, making a little scud fly skitter across the surface.

"Metaphor?" Steve said.

Windy shrugged. "Heard that the other day. Means somethin' like that there, I think. Might be a metafive ..."

"Don't think so, Windy."

"Thanks, Doc. Jest cogmitatin', you know, 'bout

life and when to use a dry fly or when to drag one a-them streamies along and temptationize them fish."

"That's pretty deep, Windy," said Dud, nodding his head.

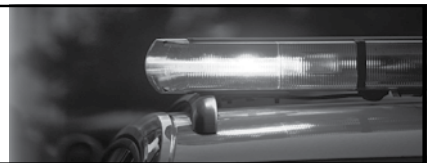
"Don't think so," Windy said, "Last time I fell in 'twas 'bout three foot or so. I jest fly fish cuz it's more funner than drownin' worms."

"You can say that again!" "Okay, Doc... I jest fly fish cuz it's more funner ..."

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Rentals, 1860, 1862, & 1864
Sycamore Street, Gridley, CA
95948

Mickey Bennett, Gail Bennet and
Christopher Bennett, 1583 Glenn
Ellen Drive, Gridley, CA 95948.
Date filed in Butte County: June
14, 2023. The Registrant com-
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on: June 1, 1990.

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Business and Professions Code.
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SYCAMORE 7-14-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000558
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: AT4 Wildland/
Hofker Wildland, 6300 Wall
Lane, Paradise, CA 95969
Raymond Hofker, 6300 Wall
Lane, Paradise, CA 95969.
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WILDLAND 7-14-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000557
The following person(s) are
doing business as: Oroville
Resource Center and Rescue
Mission, 4250 Lincoln Boulevard,
Oroville, CA 95966
Oroville Rescue Mission Inc,
2150 Bird Street, Oroville, CA
95966.

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RESOURCE 7-14-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000498
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: MSL Studios,
131 Main Street, Chico, CA
95928
Damian Campos, 131 Main
Street, Chico, CA 95928.
Date filed in Butte County: May
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STUDIOS 7-14-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000565
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: Forbestown
General Store, 19175 New York
Flat Road, Forbestown, CA
95941
Delilah D Villapando and Richard
L. Villapando, 19175 New York
Flat Road, Forbestown, CA
95941.

Date filed in Butte County: June
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FORBESTOWN 7-14-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000583
The following person(s) are
doing business as: Long Run
Designs, 1440 Oregon Street,
Gridley, CA 95948
Seti A Long, 1440 Oregon Street,
Gridley, CA 95948.
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SETI 7-21-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000556
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: Stay Faded
Barber Studio, 2216 5th Avenue,
Oroville, CA 95966
Alberto Alejandro Chavoya,
2216 5th Avenue, Oroville, CA
95966

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FADED 7-28-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000593
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: James Water
Service, 14063 Morning Glory
Place, Chico, CA 95973
James Whitaker, 14063 Morning
Glory Place, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: June
27, 2023. The Registrant com-
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JAMES 7-28-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000612
The following person(s) are
doing business as: Blue Collar
Plumbing, 457 Scarlet Oak
Drive, Gridley, CA 95948
Jared F Higby, 457 Scarlet Oak
Drive, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: July
3, 2023. The Registrant com-
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JARED 8-4-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-
00006620
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: L and L Lazer
Creations, 1968 Jefferson Street,
Oroville, CA 95966
Laura J Lerner, 1968 Jefferson
Street, Oroville, CA 95966
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LAZER 8-4-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000595
The following person(s) are do-
ing business as: Dang Good
Web Development, 2960
Wingfield Avenue, Chico, CA
95928

Jared Chesebro, 2960 Wingfield
Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.
Date filed in Butte County: June
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DANG 8-4-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000564
The following person(s) are
doing business as: Paradise

Estates/Paradise Ridge Estates/
Paradise MHC, 1354 Elliot Road,
Paradise, CA 95969
Paradise Mobile Estates, LLC,
3308 El Camino Avenue Suite
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #23CV01567

Petitioner Katherine E. Lewis
filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing names as fol-
lows: Katherine E. Lewis to
Katherine Hollister.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing
indicated below to show cause, if any,
why the petition for change of name
should not be granted. Any person ob-
jecting to the name changes described
above must file written objection that
includes the reasons for the objection at
least two court days before the matter is
scheduled to be heard and must appear
at the hearing August 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior
Court of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775 Concord
Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on June 21, 2023
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023
KATHERINE 7-28-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #23CV01480

Petitioner Crystal Gardner filed
a petition with this court for a de-
cree changing names as follows:
Ayden Michael Garcia to Ayden
Michael Gardner.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing
indicated below to show cause, if any,
why the petition for change of name
should not be granted. Any person ob-
jecting to the name changes described
above must file written objection that
includes the reasons for the objection at
least two court days before the matter is
scheduled to be heard and must appear
at the hearing August 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior
Court of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775 Concord
Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on June 8, 2023
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023
CRYSTAL 7-28-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #23CV01274

Petitioner Steven D. Roberts,
and Emily M. Bertolino filed a
petition with this court for a de-
cree changing names as follows:
Oliver Galahad Roberts to Oliver
Steven Roberts.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing
indicated below to show cause, if any,
why the petition for change of name
should not be granted. Any person ob-
jecting to the name changes described
above must file written objection that
includes the reasons for the objection at
least two court days before the matter is
scheduled to be heard and must appear
at the hearing August 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior
Court of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775 Concord
Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on June 21, 2023
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2023
STEVEN 8-4-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE
OF NAME
CASE #23CV00821

Petitioner Ivan Gustavo
Ramos, filed a petition with this
court for a decree changing
names as follows: Ivan Gustavo
Ramos to J. Welden.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing
indicated below to show cause, if any,
why the petition for change of name
should not be granted. Any person ob-
jecting to the name changes described
above must file written objection that
includes the reasons for the objection at
least two court days before the matter is
scheduled to be heard and must appear
at the hearing August 2, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Department TBA, Room TBA, Superior
Court of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775 Concord
Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on June 21, 2023
Steven E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 2023
IVAN 8-4-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
RONALD D. WILLIAMS
CASE NO. 22PR00289

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be other-
wise interested in the will or es-
tate of Ronald D. Williams.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Roger A. Williams, in
the Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting
Anna M. Williams be appointed

as personal representative(s)
to administer the estate of the
decedent.

The petition requests the de-
cedent's will and codicils, if any,
be admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination 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, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent 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:
August 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, 1775 Concord
Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-
ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections 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 de-
ceased, 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 rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal deliv-
ery 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 in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Roger A. Williams,
11659 N 135th Place, AZ 85259;
602-527-9966
Publish: June 30, July 7, 14,
2023
ROGER 7-14-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
WILMAR JOHN KOEHLER, JR AKA:
BILL KOEHLER
CASE NO. 22PR00296

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be other-
wise interested in the will or es-
tate of Wilmar John Koehler, JR
aka: Bill Koehler.

A Petition for Probate has
been filed by Jan E. Meyer, in
the Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting Jan
E. Meyer be appointed as per-
sonal representative(s) to admin-
ister the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the de-
cedent's will and codicils, if any,
be admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination 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, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent 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:
August 22, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in
Dept 1, Room NC-3. Superior
Court of California, County of
Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue,
Chico, CA 95928.

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ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections 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 de-
ceased, 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 rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal deliv-
ery 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 in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Desiree J. Vance,
P.O. Box 1081, Oroville, CA
95965; 530-965-5672

Publish: June 30, July 7, 14,
2023
JAN 7-14-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
MICHAEL A. LINDSAY AKA MICHAEL
ALAN LINDSAY
CASE NO. 23PR00310

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be oth-
erwise interested in the will or
estate of Michael A. Lindsay aka
Michael Alan Lindsay.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Mark A. Lindsay, in the
Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting Mark
A. Lindsay be appointed as per-
sonal representative(s) to admin-
ister the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the de-
cedent's will and codicils, if any,
be admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination 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, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent 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:
August 8, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept
1. Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, 1775 Concord
Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

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appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections 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 de-
ceased, 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 rep-
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You may want to consult with
an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file
kept by the court. If you are in-
terested in the estate, you may
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Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc,
P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA
95965; 530-533-5661
Publish: July 14, 21, 28, 2023
MARK 7-28-23

TRUSTEE SALE

ETS No: CA08000928-22-1 APN: 024-
130-070-000 TO NO: 220445121-CA-
VOI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
(The above statement is made pursu-
ant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)
(1). The Summary will be provided to
Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only,
pursuant to CA Civil Code Section
2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT
UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED
December 6, 2005. 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 August 2, 2023 at 03:30
PM, at the main entrance to the County
Courthouse at 1 Court Street, Oroville,
CA 95965, MTC Financial Inc. dba
Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed
Trustee, under and pursuant to the
power of sale contained in that certain
Deed of Trust recorded on December
16, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005-
0076228, and that said Deed of Trust
was modified by Modification Agreement
and recorded February 11, 2014 as
Instrument Number 2014-0004394,
of official records in the Office of the
Recorder of Butte County, California,
executed by LINDA L. ASHBAUGH,
AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AS HER
SOLE AND SEPERATE PROPERTY,
as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as
nominee for AMERICAN STERLING
BANK, A MISSOURI CORPORATION as
Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC
AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER,
in lawful money of the United States,
all payable at the time of sale, that cer-
tain property situated in said County,
California describing the land therein
as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN
SAID DEED OF TRUST The property
heretofore described is being sold "as is".
The street address and other TRUSTEE
SALCommon designation, if any, of the
real property described above is purpor-
ted to be: 1037 EAST EVANS REIMER
RD FKA 1041 EAST EVANS REIMER
ROAD, GRIDLEY, CA 95948 The under-
signed Trustee disclaims any liability for
any incorectness of the street address
and other common designation, if any,
shown herein. Said sale will be made
without covenant or warranty, express
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 ex-
penses of the Trustee and of the trusts
created by said Deed of Trust. The
total amount of the unpaid balance of
the obligations secured by the property
to be sold and reasonable estimated
costs, expenses and advances at the
time of the initial publication of this
Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to
be \$121,017.35 (Estimated). However,

prepayment premiums, accrued in-
terest and advances will increase this
figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at
said sale may include all or part of said
amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee
will accept a cashier's check drawn on a
state or national bank, a check drawn by
a state or federal credit union or a check
drawn by a state or federal savings and
loan association, savings association or
savings bank specified in Section 5102
of the California Financial Code and au-
thorized to do business in California, or
other such funds as may be acceptable
to the Trustee. In the event tender other
than cash is accepted, the Trustee may
withhold the issuance of the Trustee's
Deed Upon Sale until funds become
available to the payee or endorsee as a
matter of right. The property offered for
sale excludes all funds held on account
by the property receiver, if applicable.
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 un-
derstand 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 prop-
erty. 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 exist-
ence, 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 in-
formation. 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 prop-
erty. Notice to Property Owner The
sale date shown on this Notice of Sale
may be postponed one or more times
by the Mortgage, 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 Nationwide
Posting & Publication at 916.939.0772

Temple Construction Manager Benefits from Community Support

By Cindy Scott

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Adam Roberts earned an appreciation of the “refiner’s fire.” As Project Manager for Okland Construction in the building of the Feather River Temple in Yuba City, he supervised the construction process of the temple building and grounds. “It was my first temple as Project Manager, and it has been way tougher than I expected.”

The temple, built by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is near completion. Roberts especially appreciated the support of “the community—how cool the community has been. Church members or not, people have been great.” He noted the City was especially efficient and helpful.

Roberts described the most difficult challenge in one word, “Covid.” Materials procurement was especially difficult, especially the interior marble stone floors and the millwork. There were also Covid challenges on site. For months, workers wore masks and had to navigate vaccine mandates. They incorporated boot sanitization pads and performed special cleanings of surfaces being touched.

Roberts also recalled rogue storms that came in during early scheduled concrete pours. They were receiving concrete pours every other week when a storm knocked them off schedule. Afterwards, they received three pours in one week, in a quarter of the time, and it put them back on schedule.

An interesting challenge arose with the placement of the Angel Moroni statue atop the temple tower. To Latter-day Saints, the Angel Moroni is not a symbol of worship, but represents preaching to the world. “The first time, we



Adam Roberts, his wife Jessie, and their daughters enjoyed northern California for almost three years. Adam was the project manager for Okland Construction in the building of the Feather River Temple in Yuba City. Photo provided by Adam Roberts

didn’t even take the statue off the truck,” Roberts explained. The final, which needed to fit atop the ball, was off by 22.5 degrees, so it was returned for modifications. “When the statue was finally set,” Roberts shared, “it was a good, happy, memorable day.”

Completing the finish work was also challenging, “It is difficult to achieve the level of finish required by a temple,” Roberts continued, “We would do good finish work, the inspector would come, we would take it up a notch, the inspector would come again and so on,” until the work met requirements. Noting the ceilings in the instruction rooms include groin vaults with different radiuses, Roberts said that, “Watching them come together was especially rewarding.”

Roberts mentioned some of the outside features. The Church agreed to keep Constitution Grove, on the northeast corner of the site. Under the mature redwood trees is a city plaque that will be maintained. A mature California Oak on the west side of the temple was preserved and named “Bruce.” Roberts reported that, as he walked by the tree one day, he thought, “That tree looks like a Bruce,” so he and the crew began calling it Bruce. The tree was planted in the 1970’s, when the original meetinghouse was built.

The Feather River Temple incorporates elements native to the Yuba-Sutter area. Almond blossoms are integral to the art glass designs. Roberts also described an olive-tree art piece in the temple, a reproduction of an original painting in the Rome Italy Temple.

Roberts was particularly excited for the 30 olive trees, each over 100 years old, brought to the site from Corning. Ancient Olive Trees, a company that specializes in transplanting old olive trees, warned that the failure rate can be as high as 20%. Roberts reported, “We’ve only lost one tree, so it is a tender mercy.” The trees compose four orchards on the four corners of the temple.

Roberts and his wife Jessie had two daughters when they arrived in California in July 2020. While here, they added a third daughter, their “California souvenir.” They enjoyed touring northern California during their nearly three-year stay. As a self-described “outdoors family,” they visited the national and state parks, including Lassen, Yosemite, and Muir Woods. They also enjoyed boating on area lakes, including Lake Oroville.

As Roberts left the area for his next assignment, he expressed his appreciation for the community, “Thanks for all the support, I’ve felt it.”★

New Research Offers Clarity on Actual Water Use by Agriculture

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Recent scientific work by the California Bountiful Foundation, the 501(c)(3) science and research arm of the California Farm Bureau, has found that California farmers and ranchers use only 15% of the total water the state receives.

These findings, now available on the California Bountiful Foundation website under Research and Studies, offers a data-based analysis of water use of California agriculture, the largest food producing sector in the U.S. The data contradicts stereotypes often repeated on the share of water used for agriculture.

A policy brief and peer-reviewed scientific publications will follow to memorialize this work, said Dr. Amrith Gunasekara, director of science and research for the California Farm Bureau.

“We set out to understand how agriculture water is allocated, portrayed, and presented,” Dr. Gunasekara said. “What we found out is that commonly expressed beliefs over water

use by farmers and ranchers are simply not supported by actual data on how much water California receives.”

The California Bountiful Foundation, in collaboration with the Governmental Affairs Division of the California Farm Bureau, has started to release policy briefs to educate policy makers and stakeholder groups.

“For an agricultural sector that leads the nation in food production and provides a diverse, nutritious, affordable and safe food supply, this data shows that California agriculture is highly efficient,” said California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson. “We are working hard to educate our policy makers to bring understanding to California’s critical agricultural food production.”

More information on policy briefs can be found at www.cfbf.com/california-bountiful-foundation/research-studies.

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 29,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.3 million Farm Bureau members. ★

Chico Man Held to Answer After Stabbing a Chico Motel Guest

Butte County News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On July 11, 2023, a Butte County judge found sufficient evidence during a preliminary hearing to hold a Chico man to answer for charges of threatening a motel guest while holding a sawed-off shotgun to the guest’s head and then slashing the man several times with a knife. The judge also held the defendant to answer for stalking his former girlfriend.

Jeremy Raymond Brooks, 49, of Chico, was charged with assault with a firearm, assault with a deadly weapon, first-degree residential burglary, criminal threats, possession of a firearm by a felon, unlawful possession of ammunition, stalking, and battery.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges stemmed from an August 8, 2022 incident where Brooks went to a local motel on Broadway Street in Chico and knocked on a male guest’s motel room door. When the guest answered the door, Brooks pointed a sawed-off shotgun at the guest’s stomach and demanded to know “Where is she?” The guest told Brooks he didn’t know who or what he was talking about. Brooks then pointed the shotgun at the guest’s face and said he was going to ask only one more time. When the guest did not provide Brooks with an answer, Brooks pulled out a knife and slashed the guest numerous times. The victim was able to escape and run to the office manager for help who then called the police. Police arrived and located Brooks in the victim guest’s room and were able to take Brooks into custody. Luckily the guest’s wounds were non-life threatening.

Ramsey said Brooks had also been involved in an incident that occurred at the same motel just two days before when, according to a motel clerk, Brooks showed up at the motel office asking if his “wife” was at the motel. The employee told Brooks she was not listed as a guest, but

Brooks demanded to see the list of guests at the motel. The employee refused to provide Brooks the list and Brooks left the office. However, when the employee exited the motel office shortly after, he was attacked and punched by Brooks in the parking lot. Two days later when Brooks’ picture was shown in the press after his gun and slashing arrest, the employee recognized Brooks as the male who attacked him.

Ramsey said it was further determined back on April 16, 2021, Brooks had entered a home in Redding and attacked a male resident with a large metal wrench while stating he was looking for his girlfriend. The same day, Brooks led Redding officers on a chase eventually leading to his arrest. However, Brooks ended up posting bail that same day and was released from the Shasta County Jail.

Later formal charges were brought by the Shasta County District Attorney charging Brooks with residential burglary, assault with a deadly weapon, fleeing and eluding a police officer, and a warrant for Brook’s arrest was issued in November 2021. The warrant was served on Brooks on July 5, 2022, and he was released on his own recognizance the same day with an arraignment date set for September 2, 2022, but Brooks failed to appear there as he was in Butte County Jail for the August 2022 Chico incident. A Shasta County warrant was issued and has been placed as a hold on Brooks at the Butte County Jail.

Brooks’ former girlfriend testified at today’s preliminary hearing, telling the judge that Brooks had been stalking her over the last two years despite a restraining order.

Brooks faces a 25-to-life prison sentence under the three-strikes law because he was previously convicted of two counts of carjacking in 1996. Brooks remains in custody in the Butte County jail with bail set at \$1,570,000. His next appearance in Butte County Superior Court will be on July 26, 2023, for setting of his jury trial. ★

Male Juvenile Struck by Train Suspected of Suicide

Sutter County Sheriff’s Office News Release

SUTTER COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On July 10th, 2023, at around 9:50 am, the deputies from the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office went to the area of Pleasant Grove Road and Bear River Road for a person that was hit by a train. The conductor of the Union Pacific Train said they hit a male person who was lying on the train tracks located right at the Sutter County/Yuba County

line and they suspected him to be a juvenile. After further investigation by both the Sutter County Sheriff’s Office and the Yuba County Sheriff’s Office, the decedent was identified as a 16-year-old male juvenile from the Plumas Lake area. At this time there is no evidence of foul play, as it is a suspected suicide.

“This is a tragic event for both Sutter and Yuba County and we extend our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of this young man,” said Sheriff Barnes. ★

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR RICHVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (Two positions of Director)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Richvale Irrigation District will conduct a General District Election on the 7th day of November, 2023 for the purposes of electing the position of Director. The term for each position of director shall be for four (4) years or until the Director’s successor qualifies and takes office.

- To be qualified as a candidate for the position of Director, a person must be a holder of title to land within District boundaries, or the Legal Representative of a holder of title to land within District boundaries, and an elector.
- If insufficient nominations are received and a petition for election is not filed within the time period stipulated in Election Code section 1 0515, appointment to each elective office will be made as prescribed within the Election Code section 10515.
- Declarations of Candidacy may be obtained at the Richvale Irrigation District office located at 1148 Richvale Highway, Richvale, CA 95974, and must be returned and filed at the same location no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2023, and no candidate shall withdraw his or her Declaration of Candidacy after that date. If the incumbent elective officers do not file Declarations of Candidacy by the indicated deadline, the time to file is extended to August 16, 2023.
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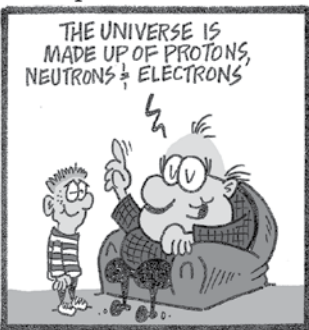
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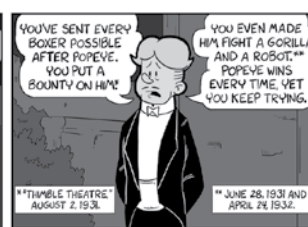
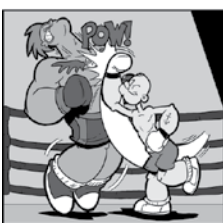


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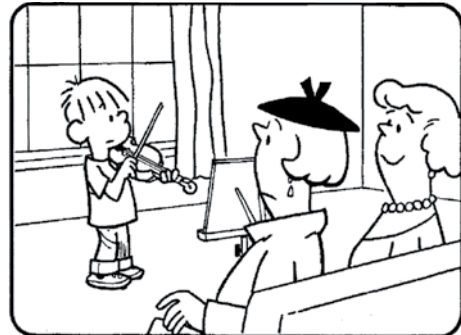


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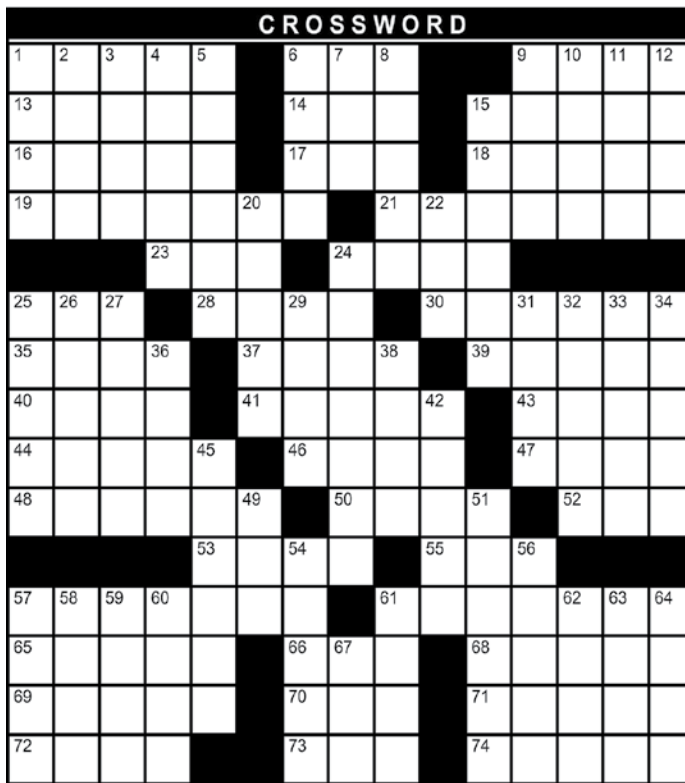
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CAL FIRE Secures Additional Aircraft

Public Urged to Refrain from Operating Drones in Fire Zones

CAL FIRE News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - CAL FIRE is bolstering its firefighting aircraft fleet across California for the second year in a row as a result of over \$72 million in funding provided by the administration of Governor Gavin Newsom. The investment has allowed CAL FIRE to secure 24 additional firefighting aircraft (19 helicopters and 5 airplanes for a contractual period of 90-120 days) to enhance their statewide response efforts against wildfires in California. The additional fixed-wing aircraft include 3 large airtankers specifically designed to carry up to 4,000 gallons of retardant. These aircraft have been strategically located in communities across California and will be pre-positioned to meet the needs of potential fire activity throughout the state.

“The deployment of more aircraft dedicated to the people of California marks a historic milestone, with the highest number of firefighting aircraft ever available for initial attack in the state for the second consecutive year,” stated Director and Fire Chief Joe Tyler. Chief Tyler further explained that “the significant rainfall California experienced this winter has led to a substantial increase of highly flammable fuels, which contribute to the rapid

escalation of fires.” Last week alone, CAL FIRE responded to over 300 wildfires as temperatures continued to increase across the state.

Aircraft are initially prepositioned in the following Counties: Butte, Tuolumne, San Diego, Tulare, Humboldt, Mariposa, Nevada, Siskiyou, Sacramento, Fresno, Shasta, San Luis Obispo, Napa, Placer, Lassen, Riverside, and Sonoma Counties.

Established in 1970, CAL FIRE's aviation program has grown to over 60 fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft, making it the largest civil aerial firefighting fleet worldwide. This renowned aviation program responds to thousands of wildfires dropping water and fire retardant in California each year.

In light of these efforts, CAL FIRE urges the public to refrain from operating drones over areas with fire activity. It is important to note that flying drones in these areas is strictly prohibited by law. Drone operation hampers aerial firefighting capabilities and poses significant risks to lives, property, and natural resources.

CAL FIRE remains dedicated to the protection of California's communities and natural landscapes, and these additional firefighting aircraft represent a significant step towards enhancing the state's wildfire response capabilities. ★

LaMalfa, Republican Congressional Delegation Oppose Gas Tax Increase



From the Office of Doug LaMalfa

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) - Today, (June 30, 2023), Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) and the entire California Republican congressional delegation sent a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom opposing the impending gas tax increase of 8% on July 1, 2023. The lawmakers also called on the governor to extend the partial diesel sales tax exemption, which is set to expire this September. Congressman LaMalfa also joined a similar effort to suspend the gas tax last year, when Californians were paying around \$6.00 per gallon.

In the letter, the members highlight the already high cost of living in California and the potential for gas tax increases to contribute to the troubling trend of people leaving the state in droves.

“Starting tomorrow Californians will be paying \$1.26 per gallon of gas just in taxes and fees. California already has the second highest state gas tax in the nation, and the average price of gas in California is \$1.28 higher than the national average. California Republican

lawmakers have tried to stop this senselessness time and time again, but it appears that Governor Newsom wants our state to become as unaffordable as possible,” said Congressman LaMalfa.

Read the full letter below:

Dear Governor Newsom,

We express strong opposition to the proposed increase in California's state excise tax on gasoline, scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2023. This tax increase places an unnecessary burden on the people of California who are already grappling with the high cost of living in our state.

Last year, we urged you to consider a full and immediate suspension of the state gas tax, given the challenges faced by Californians who had to choose between filling their gas tanks and meeting their families' needs. Unfortunately, our concerns were not addressed, and the situation has since worsened. Californians continue to be confronted with exorbitant gasoline prices, ranking among the highest in the country, and the rapidly increasing cost of basic necessities, such as housing, food, energy, and transportation. On July 1, 2023, the gas tax will increase another 8 percent.

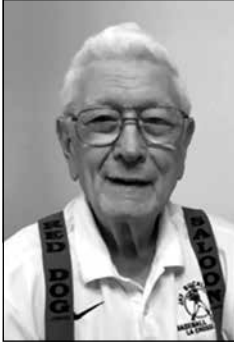
It is important to consider the potential repercussions of increasing the gas tax, including the population's desire to remain in the state. California

recently experienced a significant shift in its representation in the House of Representatives, losing a seat for the first time in its history. This loss can be attributed to the substantial number of individuals who have chosen to leave the state in search of more affordable living conditions. Increasing the gas tax may worsen this trend, contributing to the exodus of taxpaying California residents.

While we were pleased that a partial diesel sales tax exemption was included in last year's budget, this exemption is unfortunately set to expire this September. This tax relief helped reduce commercial transportation costs and lower the price of consumer goods. The new budget that you have set forth does not extend this much-needed relief and we are concerned that this too will exacerbate the economic challenges facing California families.

With the cost of goods rising across the board and the price for a gallon of gas remaining among the highest in the nation, now is the time to pursue all avenues of relief for our families. We call on you to immediately suspend increases to California's excise tax on gasoline and extend the partial diesel sales tax exemption.

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. ★



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Another State Debacle

The State spent \$600 million, but can't say whether it helped



A watchtower at the California Health Care Facility in Stockton on Feb. 5, 2023. Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

By **Byrhonda Lyons**,
CALMatters.com

As Gov. Gavin Newsom retools the state’s prison system to emphasize rehabilitation, his administration has little evidence that a privately run program for parolees costing taxpayers \$100 million a year works to prevent future crime.

The state does not collect data on whether parolees who participate in the program have found jobs or whether they are returned to prison for another crime. What state data does show is that only 40% of participants completed at least one of the services they were offered.

The information gap frustrates critics of the governor’s policies as well as supporters who want evidence that the state’s investments are working.

“At the end of the day, we’ve come from 160,000 people incarcerated down to 95 (thousand). So, we’ve had some success,” said Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, a Los Angeles Democrat, referring to the decline in the state’s prison population since 2011.

“But I also want to ensure the public that they’ve been safe with all these people not recidivating... And the only way we can do that is to come up with data,” he said.

CalMatters’ yearlong investigation of the parolee reentry program draws on court records, state reports and data, contracts, tax forms, policy experts, interviews with vendors and communication with several current and former program participants — some of whom are back in prison.

CalMatters found:

- Corrections department data is outdated, inaccurate or doesn’t exist. When the department provided CalMatters with a roster of more than 400 locations providing rehabilitation services, we visited 23 of them, finding some with inaccurate addresses, one with a padlocked gate in front of a seemingly closed site, another that appeared to be abandoned, and three where employees said they were no longer providing rehabilitation services.
- Department officials struggled to explain how many people enrolled in the program in 2020-2021. The department published an annual report noting 17,650 participants. Dana Simas, a department spokesperson at the time, told CalMatters the

program served 9,516 people. The department later revised that number to 8,213.

- State data show only two out of five parolees who participated in the rehabilitation program in 2020-2021 completed at least one service

California Department of Justice — effectively barring them from doing business in California.

The rehabilitation program for parolees formally launched in 2014 under the name Specialized Treatment for Optimized

education, and treatment services to support successful reentry and recidivism reduction.”

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation officials ignored multiple requests for an interview.

Instead, a department’s pub-

lic affairs official responded to emailed questions with emailed responses and fulfilled many public records requests.

After CalMatters’ inquiries, department official Terri Hardy said by email that the department would begin to track recidivism and the employment rate among participants in the STOP and that it would prevent unlicensed vendors from managing reentry homes and treatment facilities.

Hardy also said by email the department is “currently working on a report that addresses STOP programs.” She added that the department said it has created a tool to “better track” whether the four primary contractors are conducting annual reviews of reentry homes and treatment facilities, which are required.

“CDCR understands the importance of oversight and accountability in this program,” Hardy said by email. “Since STOP was created in 2014, CDCR has continually worked to make the system better.”

Advocates for the program maintain it is a good investment for the state. They say it provides

a soft landing for parolees who otherwise would be on their own and competing for scarce housing in California’s high-priced market.

California’s spending on the parolee program swelled over a decade of reform in the state’s prison system, when Govs.



The former Karl Holton Youth Correctional Facility now the location of the California Health Care Facility in Stockton on Feb. 5, 2023. Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

offered to them. Based on how the state collects data, it’s unclear if anyone finished all of the services offered to them. A spokesperson said the corrections agency “is unable to provide further completion information.”

- State officials rarely review the operations of the four companies that operate the program, state accountability reviews show. Records show state officials only documented reviews of three of the more than 400 state-funded reentry homes and treatment facilities from 2018 to December 2022.
- Some of the nonprofit vendors that manage reentry homes lease their facilities from their own executives, according to public records, raising “red flags” among experts who say the arrangements could signal financial conflicts of interest.
- The state’s July 2022 list of reentry homes included several with suspended business licenses and nonprofit status revoked years ago by the

Programming, often referred to as STOP. It is a voluntary program that serves less than a quarter of the roughly 35,000 inmates released from prison each year. Many of the parolees live at the homes; others visit outpatient centers.

The STOP program for parolees, which has cost the state about \$600 million in the past decade, is run by four large contractors. Those companies also contract with nearly 200 nonprofits, private companies or community organizations to provide housing and rehabilitation services for parolees in roughly 450 homes and treatment centers.

All of the contractors told CalMatters that they were proud of the work that they do with the program.

“GEO Reentry Services is proud to operate California’s Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming ... on behalf of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation,” wrote Monica Hook, GEO’s vice president of communications. “GEO Reentry connects participants in 18 counties with housing,

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Brown and Newsom backed policy changes that shortened criminal sentences and steered more resources to rehabilitation.

The new policies slimmed down California’s overburdened system, allowing Newsom to close a prison and begin shutting down three more.

California discloses recidivism data on a three-year cycle but the latest report is outdated. In fact, the most recent report describes people who were released from prison in 2017-18 — before Newsom took office.

A separate report by the California State Auditor in 2019 found that prisoners who completed recommended cognitive-based therapy rehabilitation programs recidivated at about the same rate as those who did not. The auditor recommended six legislative actions for lawmakers to ensure rehabilitation programs set performance targets and reduce recidivism.

Lawmakers have not made many of the recommended changes.

To read the entire report go to CalMatters.org. ★

Drakes Stay in Playoff Race After Getting Back to .500 on Season

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Marysville Drakes stayed in the playoff race for the Pecos League Pacific Division standings as they went 3-1 during the week of Sunday, July 2 through Saturday, July 8.

The 3-1 record last week also brought their season record back to .500 on the year as they finished the week with a 17-17 record.

Marysville shot up the scoreboard with 68 runs during the week, including a minimum of 20 in each win. The Drakes beat the Dublin Leprechauns twice, the Vallejo Seaweed on July 7 and their lone loss of the week to Martinez on July 4, 8-5.

Marysville jumped out to early leads over Dublin and Vallejo on July 6 and 7th. The hitting lineup that Drakes manager Bill Rogan has at his disposal is lethal.

Earl (EJ) Johnson controlled the Vallejo bats all game on July 7 as he pitched six strong innings allowing one run, four hits and fanned 10 batters at the plate.

Johnson has missed a lot of time recently due to a broken left hand he suffered a few weeks ago. His hand is in a soft brace to where he has been cleared to pitch.

The Drakes jumped out to an explosive 9-0 lead in the first inning against Vallejo due to the Seaweed starter struggling to find the strike zone by throwing 50 plus pitches in the opening frame.

Marysville slaughtered the ball and made Seaweeds pitcher Jordan Jacobs pay when the strike zone was hit around his four walks and were awarded only two hits.

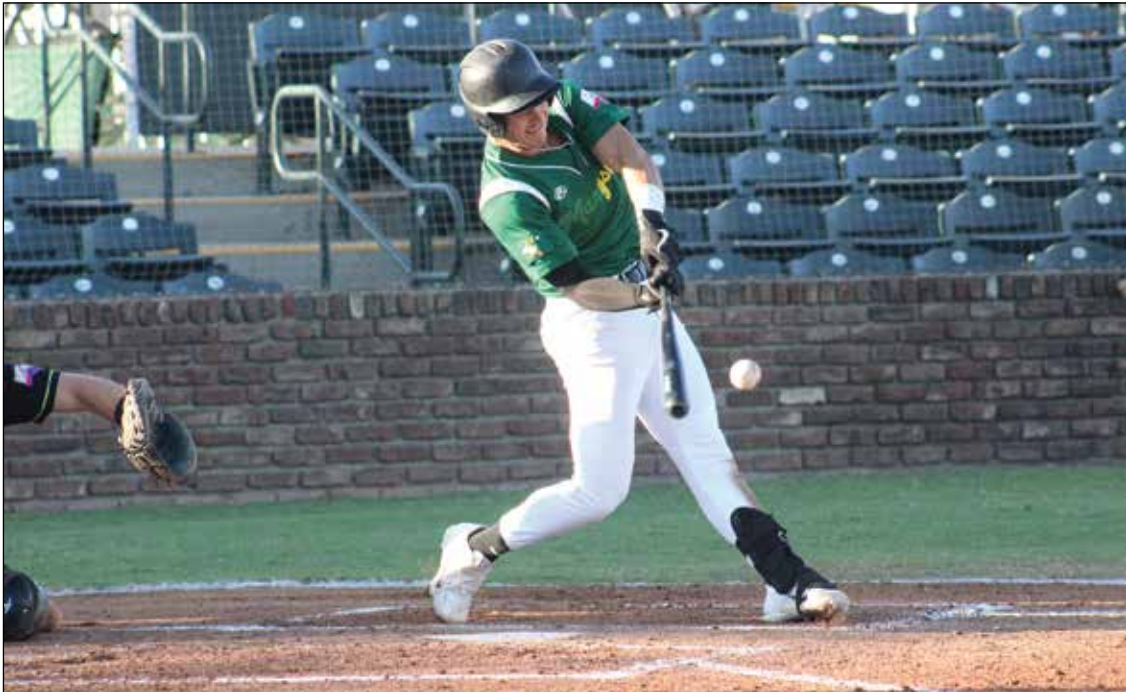
The Drakes had multiple sharp hits including three monster home runs including one by Marysville Outfielder Logan Weaver that left the park in a hurry.

Examples of the explosive lineup have shown itself in bits and pieces throughout the season so far.

Weaver is ranked as the number one hitter in the league according to the Pecos League website



Marysville pitcher Earl (EJ) Johnson (17) throws a pitch in the Drakes 23-3 victory over Dublin on Saturday, July 8.



Marysville first baseman Neal Boudreau (30) swings at a pitch in the Drakes 23-3 win over Vallejo on Saturday, July 8.

with a hitters' score of 257 as of Sunday, July 9. Weaver's stats were a .419 batting average, 48 runs batted in (RBI) and 62 hits (22 extra base hits).

Weaver was one of the six Marysville players that were named to the Pecos League All-Star Game on July 9 at Martinez. Utilities Joe Starick, Evan Blum, infielder Declan Peterson, pitchers Evan Nakagawa and Rodrigo Sanchez were also named to the team.

Starick hit .406 on the season with 41 hits, 33 RBIs and has a 12-game hitting streak going into the All-Star break. Blum hit .276 with 33 RBIs and has a five-game hitting streak that he's taking into the break after getting out of a four-game hitless streak.

Nakagawa and Sanchez have been two of the main starters for the Drakes this season as each has had shining moments on the mound. Sanchez went into the

break ranked as the fourth best pitcher in the Pacific division as he posted a 5-1 record in 38 innings of work with striking out 50 and an earned run average of 3.07. In his eight starts on the year, Nakagawa has a 3-1 record in 46 innings on the mound, striking out 43 batters and a 3.91 ERA.

Rogan expressed that although five Marysville players were selected for the game, he told Pecos League commissioner Andrew

Dunn that he is adding Peterson to the list.

"He missed out on the last couple of All-Star games nearly and although he is hurt, he still deserves the recognition for all he has done on-and-off the field," Rogan said.

He added that Peterson is one of the smartest and most dedicated players that has been a part of Rogan's teams for the last three seasons.

There were two different games for the Pecos League as the Pacific and Mountain divisions held separate games with the Mountain division being played on Sunday, July 16 in Alpine, Texas.

The Pacific Division's North roster was compiled from Martinez, San Rafael, Marysville and Vallejo as they played the South team composed of players from Bakersfield, Lancaster, Monterey and Dublin.

The Drakes had 16 games remaining in the season as they began play on Tuesday at Martinez. Marysville was a game and a half behind Martinez for fifth place in the Pacific division standings.

Rogan told the Dispatch that every game really mattered and it is playoff time to put up or shut up. In the Drakes final 16 games they had five games on the road.

There is no surprise that most teams in the league struggle on the road and Marysville is a victim of that statistic as well.

"I don't understand why that is a thing," Rogan said. "I guess it's the different environment but we need to win them all."

The Drakes had five remaining games with teams currently with a worse record than them on July 9, so the games against teams like San Rafael, Martinez and Lancaster are must-win games if they want to get into the fourth spot for playoffs that begin on August 1.

The Drakes had a challenging week ahead of them this week with two games against the Pacific division leaders San Rafael at home on Wednesday and on the road tonight.

Marysville will see Bakersfield for the first time of the season as they host them tomorrow, July 15. ★

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State Parks Reopens Application Period for Peace Officer Cadet Exams

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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks has reopened the application period for the State Park Peace Officer Cadet exams. The department invites individuals to “Live the Parks Life” as rangers or lifeguards in the nation’s largest state park system. The new deadline to apply is Monday, July 31, 2023. Cadet academy graduates can serve the state as rangers and lifeguards to safeguard both visitors and the historical, cultural and natural resources found in 280 state park units. Offices are located near beaches or waterways, or in deserts, parks, museums, historic parks and state vehicular recreation areas.

“I know firsthand how rewarding it is to be a ranger to not only ensure public safety, but to educate our visitors about the rich history and amazing state parks available here in California,” said California State Parks Director Armando Quintero. “We invite you to Live the Parks Life by applying to the State Park Peace Officer Cadet Academy.”

The minimum age to be a peace officer is 21 years old. Candidates are required to have a valid California driver’s license and have 60 units of college credits, with 21 units being general education.

The entire selection process for becoming a ranger or lifeguard takes approximately 15 months. The first step in the selection/examination process is to mail, email or hand deliver an application during the open application period. The application is used to determine if the candidate meets the minimum qualifications for admission into the examination, which consists of the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Entry Level Law Enforcement Test Battery written exam. This exam is used to admit the candidate into the next phases of the selection process, which include the



Serving in California’s State Park System is a unique opportunity to make an everlasting impact on the state’s natural landscapes. In the image: State Park Peace Officer Angelica Stevens and K-9 Halo. Photo courtesy of California State Parks

physical agility test, background investigation, oral interview, and medical and psychological evaluations. Successful applicants will be sent a notification to attend the eight-month-long POST-certified law enforcement academy.

The academy instruction prepares cadets physically, mentally and emotionally to enter the workforce as a state park peace officer ranger or lifeguard. Rangers and lifeguards are sworn officers equipped with a firearm and badge. Cadets will learn how to conduct

investigations, make physical arrests, use firearms and perform emergency responses. Training also includes how to actively protect park resources, assist visitors and run interpretive programs.

Below are some frequently asked questions regarding the State Park Peace Officer Cadet Academy:

Do I have to carry a firearm to serve as a ranger or lifeguard?

Yes. Cadet training includes how to conduct investigations, make physical arrests, use firearms

and perform emergency responses.

What is the age minimum and age maximum to apply?

Candidates must be at least 21 years of age to become a peace officer. State Park Peace Officer's mandatory retirement age is 65 years, but there is no maximum application age.

I have not completed two years of college yet. Can I still apply while I am still taking classes?

Candidates may be enrolled in college at the time of application

but must have at least 21 units of general education credits satisfying general education curriculum standards with courses (which may include courses in natural science, social science, mathematics, language and humanities). By the time of appointment, a candidate must have completed 60 semester units of study at a state-accredited college or university. A degree in park administration, natural sciences, social sciences, law enforcement or a related field is desirable.

Where is the Cadet Academy located?

Most cadets attend training at Butte College Law Enforcement Academy (Butte County). However, the department may utilize several academy sites, including Mott Training Center at Asilomar in Pacific Grove, South Bay Regional Public Safety Academy at Fort Ord in Monterey, and the Ben Clark Law Enforcement Training facility in Riverside. It is at the department's discretion to determine an academy location for each class.

Do I get paid while at the academy?

Yes. Cadets earn a salary; currently, the monthly salary range is \$3,930 to \$5,300. Most cadets start at the low end of the range unless they are a current state employee with a salary within the range.

To hire a workforce reflective of California’s diverse population, California State Parks is committed to ensuring equal access and connecting all job seekers to opportunities through fair hiring and employment practices. For more information on the cadet exams, minimum qualifications, additional frequently asked questions and a timeline of the recruitment cycle, please visit LiveTheParksLife.com.

Please send questions regarding other employment opportunities at California State Parks to the Workforce Planning and Recruitment Office at recruiting@parks.ca.gov ★

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