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Sycamore for Sparrow



Students at Sycamore Middle School participated in the annual Color Run, raising funds for the North Valley Sparrow

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) Sycamore Middle School wrapped its fundraiser Spare Change for Sparrow after nearly a month of 'fun-raising' activities.

Beginning on March 6th and ending March 24th, students and staff participated in multiple events, each designed to raise donations for the North Valley Sparrow Foundation which supports cancer patients and their families during their battles



Sycamore students, dressed up for accompanying spirit days held throughout the month of fundraising, hold signs to alert drivers of "Chuck Your Change," another facet of the fundraising efforts of the school. Change collected was donated to the North Valley Sparrow Foundation. Photo by Michelle Solis

with the disease.

Teacher Michele Solis says that the whole school

was involved, including the office. Spare Change for Sparrow replaces the

school's previous fundraiser, Pennies for Patients, which Solis says no longer exists after the COVID pandemic shut it down.

The variety of events spanned from large to small. Students held "Chuck your Change" standing on the curb outside the school office for a few hours in the morning collecting donations from local traffic and passersby. March 14th was Pie Day, in honor of the symbol and mathematical Continued on page 3

City Council **Approves Contract for Geothermal Power**

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In the April 3 Gridley City Council meeting, City Administrator Cliff Wagner reported that FEMA has contacted the City about renting space in the Industrial Park off West Liberty Road for a few months. FEMA is looking for a secure space to store trailers and other equipment. Wagner reported that he requested FEMA submit details to the City, which he would then bring to the council members. City Attorney Tony Galyean noted that, "We're clearly on their radar; we have a good relationship with them."

The meeting began with two housing developers requesting time before the Council to air their grievances concerning working with city staff on ongoing projects. Dino Visinoni, of Visinoni Brothers Construction in Chico said they have been working with the City since the early 1990's on public works projects. Visinonie added, "Gridley has been a good place for us to work."

In 2017, Visinoni started a development company, with projects in Gridley north to Corning. Their projects, Visinoni said, have "affordable homes as the main goal," and to achieve this goal, costs must be managed efficiently. Visinoni said that with their current project at Little Avenue and Richins Avenue, problems with the City started immediately, adding, "A lot of the costs are from the City itself."

Steven Stapley, with S&S Construction, Sacramento area, recounted how S&S had successfully built, sold, and closed the 121 homes in the Eagle Meadows development at the west end of Sycamore Street. Their current project is across the street on the south side of Sycamore, comprising 41 planned homes. He supported Visinoni's request for time before the board, "To have you hear our grievances."

Councilmember Catalina Sanchez stated she would send an email requesting the agenda item for the April 17 meeting, allowing the developers to discuss their concerns.

The bulk of the council meeting was devoted to a contract with Geysers Power Company (Calpine) to provide geothermal-generated power to the City. The Renewables Portfolio Standard Program (RPS) Continued on page 6

In Memory of Ken Aldrich

Story and photo by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A special part of Gridley Unified School District was honored Wednesday, April 5th

at 5:30 in the afternoon. Friends, family, GUSD staff members, and GUSD board members were in attendance as the memory of Ken Aldrich was memorialized with a bench dedicated to the man, forever installed outside the district office.

Aldrich worked for GUSD for 41 years, serving in multiple capacities that ranged from transportation coordinator, technology coordinator, custodian and even bus driver. Superintendent Justin Kern mentioned that the list of duties was the longest he had ever seen, only excluding teaching and administration roles. Aldrich's devotion to the district, staff, and students did not go unnoticed. Kern spoke about how lucky the district was to have a man like Aldrich, saying, "If something needed to be done, Ken was the first to jump in and do it," and that



honor at the recent dedication outside the GUSD office with Superintendent Justin Kern.

he was always there to find solutions to issues.

In 2020, Aldrich was diagnosed with a rare form of bone marrow cancer called Myelofibrosis which disrupts the body's ability to produce normal blood cells. He underwent treatment at Stanford hospital. The community rallied around Aldrich and his family, holding fundraisers to help support the cost of treatment, but unfortunately, Aldrich succumbed to the battle in August of the same year.

Surrounded by a large group of supporters, Aldrich's wife Teri and daughter McKenzie had the honor of unveiling the cement bench dedicated to him. The inscription praised him for his years of service to GUSD, and Teri thanked those in attendance for their support, saying that Ken would be

excited and honored about the bench.

Kern told the Herald that he really appreciated "the fact that we've had an opportunity to honor Ken for everything that he did for our kids and our district. He was truly one of those people that was a part of the fabric of what we did here in our district." He continued, "He truly enjoyed what he did, and he loved doing it."

The New Pi-Line

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By Josh F.W. Cook

Yuba Sutter Temple news - and I'm not referencing Gurdwara Sahib, Shree Maa Devi Mandir, or Sri Narayan Hind. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Feather River Temple is more or less complete on the outside. Everyone is invited to an Open House for the Temple starting August 19th and running through September 19th (more info is available at featherrivertemple. org). The 38,000 square foot Temple building is so big you can fit the Sacramento/Reno size Temple in the lobby (almost sort of). It is now highly visible as you drive up Hwy 99; it is that big, landmark level big. Nonetheless, these erstwhile Christians may be seen by others as com-

ing in late to the sacred

fluence of the Yuba and Feather Rivers. The Chinese constructed the Bok Kai Moi on the banks of the Yuba River in 1880. The name means Temple (Mui), of the North (Bok), side of the stream (Kai). At that location, the locals installed 5 Gods to worship, which is why the Temple bears Chinese letters saying "Palace of Several Saints." Of the five Gods on the main altar, Bok I is situated in the center. Bok I is believed to possess powers controlling floods, waters of irrigation, and the rains. He is also called Hsuan-Tien Shang-Ti, Lord of the Black (Pavilions of) Heaven. If you scour California or the world, you will find no area with as many temples as Yuba/Sutter. Amazingly unlike other places, we have both Monotheist religions (Christians, Jews, Protestants, Sikhs), and we have Polytheists who have multiple Gods (Hindus, Taoists, Shintoists, and Confucianists). If you are one of those people who does not like here are his own.

to hear about religion, you live in the wrong place. Annually, tens of thousands of Sikhs and Hindus come to Yuba/ Sutter. There will be thousands of devoted Latter-Day Saints coming to town each year from now on as well. The Open House will be a big event and then the Temple goes into use by members of the Church, with smaller crowds and regular services. A few years back, the Oakland Temple went open to all types of believers for a couple of weeks, and more than 300,000 people rolled through. The local women who are handling the tours anticipate that over 100,000 people will come to Yuba City to take the Feather River Temple Tour (it's free). So the rest of America can be divided, political, angry, and nasty, we are happily moving toward making Yuba City the #1 Religious Inter-Faith Pilgrimage site in the world.

Josh F.W. Cook is an educator and administrator. The opinions expressed

GHS Powder Coater Sand Blaster Shade Structure to Be Built

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -Justin Kern, GUSD Superintendent, reported on several district projects at the April 5 GUSD Board meeting. The following projects will begin soon: a greenhouse behind the GHS ag barn, new HVAC at Sycamore School, and renovated GHS soccer fields. He also noted that the district is working on the certification process for the Randolph property. When initially purchased, the property totaled 14 acres. A 1.5-acre parcel was later added, where a home once stood. The certification process will verify the entire piece is buildable. At that point, the district will begin discuss-

ing possible uses. The board accepted a contract for the construction of the Shade Structure Project at GHS. The shade structure will house the powder-coater and sandblaster facility behind the ag mechanics shop. As for the new GHS eight-classroom building, the district expects to give the builders

a May 30 proceed date. Administrative reports reflected the flurry of end-of-year activity. Joan Schumann, Wilson School principal, noted parents have shown interest in the planned seven-week summer learning program, with 250 applications already submitted. The program serves students in the TK-5th grades. She added that staff adopted an all-invited approach to parent-teacher conferences, emphasizing the importance of connecting with



of service as an elementary school teacher at Wilson School. Justin Kern presented her with the board's resolution and a commemorative school bell. Photo by Cindy Scott

teachers, and raised the parent participation level from 15% for the prior year to 85% for this year.

Maggie Daugherty, Esperanza High School principal, reported that, after adding outdoor physical education activities and game time, student attendance increased, and students completed more academic work. Kim Kemmis, McKinley School principal, reported that the recent Read-a-Thon raised \$12,000. The funds will be used for several field trips held after Spring Break and for activities like Carnival Day and Water Day held the last week of school.

Mike Pilakowski, Director of Curriculum and Technology, explained that the district's English Learners Committee is meeting to discuss curriculum design for Newcomers, students who are new to the area and speak little or no English. Pre-packaged curriculums are rare, so committee members will design the "Gridley way" of addressing their education needs.

Eric Waterbury, Board President, noted the success of the recent FFA Rib Feed. There were 1200 pre-sold tickets, and 200 tickets sold at the door. The drive-thru line wrapped around the block to the fair office. Art Cota, board member, shared that 15 people cooked and barbequed all day to make it happen.

EDWARD S. SMITH • 8/26/1936 - 4/2/2023

Ed passed away peacefully early on Sunday, April 2, after a day with family gathered by his

Ed was born on August 26,1936, in Richmond, CA, to Oleta and Bryan Smith. He lived life to the fullest through a vast array of hunting and fishing experiences that shaped his life. Ed worked for California Department of Fish and Game for 37 years, ending his career as a Wildlife Management Supervisor.

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Edward is preceded in death by his parents, and second wife, Suzanne Smith. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Smith, his sons W. David Smith (Linda) and Stephen S. Smith (Lydia), and

step-daughter Rebecca Justeson (Michael). A Memorial Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Saturday April 22, at 4:30pm in Gridley; a Celebration of Life to follow immediately after in Parish Hall. Full obituary can be found at RamseyFuneralHomes.com.



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Early in the morning on March 30, 2023, Henk Roelofs passed away peacefully in Chico, California, at Enloe Hospital. Hendrikus "Henk" Roelofs was born in Huissen, Netherlands, the youngest son of 10 children to Jacobus and Anna Roelofs. In 1954, at the age of 22, Henk immigrated to Canada with his sister, Aleida "Lei," and her family, and in 1959, Henk arrived in America! Living in Broderick, California, Henk worked as a carpenter and waited for his bride, Henny Kuyper. Henk and Henny married on October 1, 1960, and spent

Henk operated a successful construction and

married

the next 621/2 years happily

remodeling business. He was known as the "Molding King." Henk and Henny retired in Gridley, California in 1997, where they joined the Lions club, enjoyed serving their community, and made many good friends.

Henk was known for his infectious laugh, wonderful smile and a thick Dutch accent. He loved his family, wood working, starting and finishing projects, gardening and all animals. Henk was a good husband, a good father and a good friend. He was a hard worker and was loved by all who knew him.

Henk is survived by his loving wife, Henny Roelofs, his children Annette Elsea (Steve), Jim Roelofs (Julie), and Theresa Roelofs; his grandchildren, Amanda, Avory, Coleman, Ever; and great grandson, Alister. Henk was preceded in death by his grandson, Thaddeus Svoboda.

A memorial service will be held on April 15, 2023, at 11am, at the First Presbyterian Church located at 446 Kentucky Street, Gridley, California.



Lions Eggs! A 45-Year Tradition Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra



Children in the 4-5 age group get ready to run for eggs! From left to right: Saxon Ross, Lion Julie Casalong, Dulcie McMartin, Lillien Woodington, and Emma Fuentes. Photo by Seti Long

By Barbara Ott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The 45th annual Gridley Lions Easter Egg Hunt happened Saturday, April 8th at Manuel Vierra Park in Gridley.

The Gridley Lions club, accompanied by the queens of the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program and Miss Agriculture America, along with many volunteers were out early hiding eggs, preparing for the massive number of children and families expected.

Hundreds of children participated in the various age grouped hunt areas. The Lions use hard-boiled Easter eggs because it follows tradition, they are a healthy food, and it's a "green" approach to plastic eggs or those that are not found. Eggs crushed or lost are food for the birds and the lawn mowers are not damaged by them.

At 11:00 am, children ages 0 to age 9 raced through the Park finding the 4,800 hidden Easter eggs. These eggs are lovingly boiled and dyed by the Gridley Lions Club every

It was over quickly for many of the age groups. The 8- to 9-year-olds, had a longer hunt looking for two of the ten golden eggs that remained unfound for about 10 minutes.

Every age group had golden eggs or received



These two cuties smile after winning bunnies at the Lions Easter Egg Hunt. Pictured left to right: Isabel and Gabriella.



Ms. Agriculture America Butte County Jr. Teen Queen Ali Khan and Ms. Agriculture America Butte County Teen Queen Isabella Bastiani turned out early Saturday morning to help the Gridley Lions hide Easter Eggs. Photo by Hilary Bastian

tickets that they would turn in for a raffle. The golden eggs and tickets were turned in for a variety of stuffed Easter bunnies.

This long-time Gridley tradition has been experienced by many citizens of Gridley when they were children. Some of the grandparents at this year's egg hunt remember hunting eggs when they were children.

The event marked off one more year in the memories of the families of Gridley.

Presents "Amore!"

By Jenny Grining

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Come enjoy well-known love songs, from the Beatles to Ashokan Farewell, with our local Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra. This year the orchestra is blessed to have more string players than ever before, including new musicians from Marysville, Yuba City, and our hometown of Gridley. These talented musicians add a rich balance to the string sections.

This free family-friendly concert will be Friday, April 21st at 7:00pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints at 400 Spruce Street. All are welcome. The orchestra will gladly accept donations to cover the cost of sheet music.



Thomas Byrd recently moved to Gridley and joined the Sutter Buttes Family Orchestra as a bass player. Photo by Jenny Grining

Adventure Awaits Love

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A beloved transplant to Gridley known as Lucy Love will be leaving next week on a new adventure.

Love was welcomed to the Gridley community after being displaced by the Camp Fire in 2018. She devoted herself to service, volunteering at the Camp Fire Distribution Center, helping fellow fire survivors with much needed goods and food. She also gave her time to the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce events and continues to volunteer at the St. Vincent De Paul's food closet until she and her family move to North Carolina.



Lucy Love gets ready for a **new adventure.** Photo by Seti Long

Lynne Spencer, Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce President, and the driving force behind the Camp Fire Distribution Center, first met Love when she walked through the doors as a survivor, but quickly became a volunteer

at the center. Spencer says that Love's "personality iust radiates, and you just connect to her." Love's own experience during the fire really helped other survivors relate to her. Spencer and others believe the community has benefited from gaining Love saying, "She's (Love) an amazing person and we really will miss her."

Love's excited about her move across the country, and she says that it will be like a clean slate, freeing her and her family of sometimes painful memories of the fire. Also, she is excited to meet and make new friends not hard to imagine for the spunky lady! Love will be greatly missed.

Egg Drop!



insulated egg packages designed by the 5th graders for the annual egg drop. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -Elementary School Students in Biggs and Gridley got the drop on some pre-Easter fun

Butte County/Station 74's ladder truck.

An annual event, the egg drop encourages 5th graders at Wilson and K-6th graders at Biggs Elementary School to do their best to insulate an egg so that it doesn't break when dropped from extreme heights.

Ladder Truck 74 joined the fun Wednesday in Biggs, and Friday in Gridley, extending their ladder up to 60 feet to test the engineering skills of

At Gridley Manuel Vierra Park, CALFIRE's Zach Downing and Chris Robinson helped orchestrate the dramatic egg drops for Wilson School students. Robinson hoisted up multiple loads of egg packages which he would then drop from the air above as the excited children chanted countdowns. After the packages landed, some with a crunch and some softly, Downing would clear the kids to retrieve their parcels and

Whether broken or unbroken, all participants found joy in the annual egg drop competition.

Sycamore for Sparrow

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equation 3.14. Students purchased pies from teacher Mr. (Jamie) Spring. Fridays were \$1 Friday, where teachers held various simple activities for their students to contribute to the cause.

Larger events included a giant water balloon fight between faculty and students, with over 400 water balloons used. Participants bought into the splashing good time. Kiss the Pig was a large draw for funds. Staff members were nominated and the one that earned the most donations had the honor of kissing a pig. This year's lucky winner was Ms. Tracy Dukes.

One of the more well-known events during the month was the annual color run, where students donned white t-shirts with a sparrow logo cleverly incorporating a cancer ribbon and ran around the perimeter of the school being blasted with colorful clouds of chalk. The results were rainbow-caked faces with smiles ear to ear – all for a good cause.

The month culminated with the release of Butterflies. McKinley School students joined their older Sycamore fellows to circle around Mrs. Solis as she read a solemn poem regarding the meaning of releasing a butterfly – symbolizing a wish sent to the heavens. On Thursday, March 30th, a multitude of butterflies were released, honoring those fighting the disease or that has lost their battles.

Solis says that over \$17,000 dollars were raised for the NVSF. Board member Cheryl Argetsinger said that the funds would go a long way to support cancer patients during their battles, purchasing gas cards, paying for hotel stays and even bills. Argetsinger expressed deep gratitude on behalf of the Sparrow Foundation for the student's hard work and willingness to support their cause.

Local Missionary is Scottsdale Bound

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -Marysa Taylor will serve a full-time mission to the Scottsdale Arizona Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints. She will begin with one week of at-home missionary training, followed by two weeks in the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, and then travel to Arizona to begin her service.

Taylor will speak to her home congregation, the Gridley Young Single Adult Branch, Sunday, April 16 at 1:30pm at the Liberty meetinghouse at 1259 French Avenue. Her parents are Rebekah and Maurice Taylor.



Marysa Taylor will serve as a full-time missionary in the Scottsdale Arizona Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Photo by Annabel Kent

with the help of CALFIRE/

check their eggs.

The Manzanita Elementary School District

Applications are being accepted to fill a vacancy on the Manzanita Elementary School District Board of Trustees.

> Applicants must be district residents and be registered to vote. Interviews for potential Board Member to be held May 10, 2023.

Interested residents may email Brittany Lobo **blobo@mesd.net** to request application or pick up paper copy. Applications are also available on our school website.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 3:00 PM on April 28, 2023.

Contact person: Brittany Lobo, Manzanita Elementary School District

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

It's feeling very springy with the flowers in the gardens. Freesias in abundance, double daffodils, the reblooming yellow iris all shining forth with yellow and white spring energy. The blueberries have a lot of flowers, such sweet little white bells. The Crimson Queen

Japanese maple new leave in a beautiful deep red. The Waterfall Japanese maple is its' springy yellowy green. Now if the weather would cooperate. The flowers obviously think it is fine. I'd like a little less chill. Soon I'll be complaining about too much heat. For those of you who love dianthus, Mac's Market has some of the sweet little ones with tiny bright reddish flowers and silvery leaves. I've been resisting them so go get them so I don't buy

The snails have returned from wherever they were last summer. Where would a snail go on vacation? Somewhere wet and warm. I know they are back because I am seeing them

daily. Signs of shiny slime trails are criss-crossing the patio. I have a rain barrel and I put water from it into five gallon buckets so it can refill when it rains. I have about 40 gallons of rain water that I then take out with a watering can and water my bonsai and orchids. What did I see yesterday while watering? Yes, a snail on the edge of the bucket bold as day. I noticed a plethora of them on my red hot poker plant. This tells me their vacation spot might be that plant. It is dense with leaves and I'm sure it is wet down there and might be warm. All of these snails are relatively young. It looks like the fight is back on. Snail Wars # 1,008,900. The joy of snail violence is back.★

Paradise Felon Pleads to Theft and Multiple Firearms Charges



Paradise investigators seized over 32,000 rounds of ammunition in over a dozen different calibers. Photo courtesy of Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey

Butte County District Attorney Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A 44-year-old Paradise man who previously worked for PG&E pled on April 3, 2023 to two charges related to thefts from PG&E as well as six firearm-related felonies. Included in the firearm pleas were charges for manufacturing a fully automatic machinegun, manufacturing an assault weapon, and possession of more than 32,000 rounds of

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said David Alexander Elkinton, 44, of Paradise, appeared in Butte County Superior Court today and entered no-contest pleas rather than contest the allegations against him. Elkinton was initially arrested in December 2022 when he was caught stealing a PG&E forklift from a work yard in Paradise. He was arrested and later bailed out of jail on the vehicle theft charge.

As Elkinton was out on \$15,000 bail, a second series of thefts from another PG&E work yard in Paradise was discovered in January 2023. Elkinton was a suspect and surveillance footage tied him to that 20CM04776series where thousands of dollars of equipment and copper wire was

GPS tracking of a PG&E vehicle stolen and used in the January 2023 thefts led the Paradise Police Department to Elkinton's property in Paradise and the discovery of a butane honey oil (BHO) lab and multiple

rounds of ammunition. Elkinton's criminal history revealed he was a felon and therefore prohibited from possessing ammunition.

Ramsey said this started a series of five search warrants by the Paradise Police Department investigators, who found and seized two BHO labs, methamphetamine, fentanyl, cocaine, a pipe bomb, 25 pounds of explosive powder, and enough firearm parts and ammunition "to arm a militia".

Paradise investigators also found three un-serialized and completed "ghost" guns, along with a bomb-making manual. Of note, these weapons were all homemade firearms, allegedly built by Elkington in his garage where firearms manufacturing equipment was located.

In total, the Paradise investigators seized over 32,000 rounds of ammunition in over a dozen different calibers and thousands of gun parts sufficient to easily construct at least a hundred complete rifles and pistols, plus a half-dozen silencers.

Evidence was located in Elkinton's cell phone that suggested Elkinton had been constructing firearms and selling them for thousands of dollars.

Ramsey said Elkinton's actions appeared far beyond that of a mere collector and were far more consistent with a large-scale firearms manufacturer and dealer.

Elkinton is set to be sentenced for his offenses on May 4, 2023. If sentenced to prison, he faces a sentence of fourteen years in state prison.

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

United

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Methodist

How many Easter candy eggs or candy did you eat or even have left? Did you finally find all the dyed hidden eggs or this year did you use plastic ones since real ones are so high priced? Don't be like me and find an Easter basket

hidden in your child's closet with, let's just say ripe boiled eggs a week later.

Easter is like the celebration of Christmas after all the programs, the parties, the egg hunts, the decorating, and food preparations, it is now time to put away things until next year.

But, the one thing we need to leave out is the Lamb, not the stuffed one, but the Heavenly One who was given for all of us. We need to keep Him in our hearts daily. We need to remember the historical celebrations from the Lord who callus us to uphold the lamb offered and its blood once spread on door posts to ward off a death angel in days of Exodus. Now we have the celebration of the final sacrificial Lamb and His blood that stained a wooden cross for us. God's plans are complete.

God for Sundays, each a little Easter, that brought a new dawn and a new He will come again for us.

awakening for creation.

Jesus came. Jesus died. Jesus will come again. We have His promise and we can count on it.

Spring is here. Birds are singing, flowers are blooming, and butterflies are coming out. New life in

nature should remind us of the new birth of freedom give by God to fulfill His promise from the beginning of time.

Now what do you do? Do you put your faith up with your decorations? Do you forget church meetings and fill your life with other activities? How about renewing your relationship with the Living Lord and feel, the Holy Spirit filling your lungs and body with joy and hope.

God never gives up on us. He holds out His loving hands and open arms to welcome us all home. Don't forget the Almighty Lamb of God just because the holiday is over. Embrace Him. Carry Him always. The new covenant has just begun.

Come share this new covenant with the Gridley United Methodist Church on Sundays at 10 am. We are located at But more than anything, we can praise 285 Magnolia Street. Jesus came for us, Jesus died for us, Jesus has risen for us.

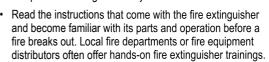
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A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the #1 priority for residents is to get out safely.

Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

SAFETY TIPS

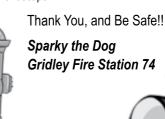
- · Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS:
- Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- · Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.
- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

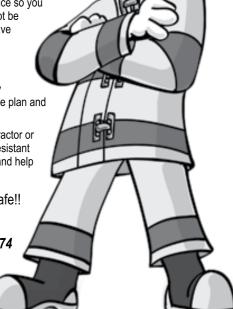


Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately

Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms. Check your local nursery, landscape contractor or

county extension service for advice on fire-resistant plants that are suited for your environment, and help to plan your landscape.









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The Feds Trouble of Their Own Making

I often scratch my head when it comes to the movements of the Federal Reserve (FED).

Responsible for raising and lowering interest rates, currently they are raising rates to try and quell inflation. Inflation of their own making I might add.

It's a well-known fact that printing up copious amounts of money to fund government, bailout financial institutions and stave off economic pull backs, if done to excess, will cause inflation.

Such is our current fate.

Increasing all the money in circulation by about 80% in the last half a decade to stem off the economic collapse brought about by the CoVid shutdowns, all that newly created cash has fostered the worst inflation in 40 years. In an attempt to reduce it, the FEDS have implemented an historic series of rate increases.

As often occurs in economic mechanics however, trying to fix one problem can result in other problems. A great example of this is the current banking crisis.

Banks take in deposits and are only required to keep a fraction of those deposits in cash. The rest they invest in a variety of highly regulated holdings.

A common practice is to loan short term but invest long term. What this means is they pay customers a small percentage on their deposits, then buy long term debt instruments that pays a higher percentage than they what pay out and pocket the difference.

All well and good until interest rates start to rise. Locked into longer term debt whose interest rate is fixed, when rates rise, the face value of that debt falls.

It works like this. Suppose a bank pays you 2% on your savings accounts. To cover that payment, they might buy a five year bond (which is basically an IOU) paying 4%. Remember, the longer the term of the loan, the higher interest it pays.

When rates rise (forced up by the FED as they are doing now), the bond the banks bought, which pays them 4%, then falls in value. This is because if rates rise, a new five year bond might now be paying 6%.

The problem arises when customers start withdrawing money in economic downturns to pay bills. In the case of all the recent bank failures, and the cause of most bank failures in general, customers increase their withdrawals as the economy slows. Since the bank is only required to keep a fraction of the deposits on hand and invest the rest, the bank soon runs out California Insurance License #0L34249.★

of cash, and now has to sell those 5 year bonds (paying 4%) to raise cash to meet withdrawals. But who would buy a bond paying 4% when the new ones, because of rising rates, pay 6%?

So the bank has to discount the face value of the bond to entice buyers of their bonds that only pay 4% in the current 6% environment,

So if the bank bought a \$1,000 bond way back when paying 4%, they have to sell the bond for less than \$1,000 to compensate the buyer of that bond for the lower 4% interest rate since new bonds

Bingo, the bank starts taking losses having to sell its bonds for less then what they bought them for.

The more withdrawals that occur, the more bonds have to be sold. The losses mount, until such a point where the losses break the bank. Known as the old fashion "bank run", the bank runs out of cash and then suffers horrible losses on the sale of its bonds. The bank may eventually close the doors and short pay their customers or wait for a bailout.

In a nutshell, the increase in rates by the FED dooms the banks to losses if customers start massive withdrawals over and beyond what cash the banks keep on hand.

The FEDs aren't dummies. They know how this mechanism works. But having to quell the inflation they caused by printing up insane amounts of money during the last few decades, they have to now raise

This may cause banks to take massive losses on their bond portfolios as nervous Americans run to withdraw their life savings. And round and round we go.

Like I said, one problem begets a solution which in turn can cause another problem.

The real problem, in this analyst's opinion, is the FED itself. Raising rates to address inflation now opens up a whole new can of worms.

"Watching the markets so you don't have to'

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Project Based Voucher Wait Lists

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will open its Project Based Voucher Program Wait List

our state's forests while also addressing the effects of climate change on California's landscape," said Chris Keithley, Assistant Deputy Director of Fire and Resource

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lastly, Special Topic Research grants to address

CAL FIRE News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California

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est health and wildland fire science critical

to the State of California that support land-

owners, resource agencies, fire management

organizations, and decisionmakers through-

grants continues to be an important com-

ponent helping to advance the health of

"The research conducted as part of these

a particular need identified by the CAL FIRE's Fire and Resource Assessment Program to focus this year on leveraging U.S. Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis data to inform forest management.

The Forest Health Research Grant Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities.

This program is designed to complement the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Action Plan, the 2018 Strategic Fire Plan for California, and the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy, which propose to protect lives, property, and resources of California and increase the ability of our natural and working lands to survive and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Official Call for Applications:

Forest Health Research Grants Program: The call for concept proposals opened on March 23, 2023. Concept proposals are due no later than 3:00 PM on April 27, 2023.

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For more information and to sign up for grant email announcements, visit www.fire. ca.gov/grants

Man Sentenced in Connection with Chico Gas Station Shooting

Butte County District Attorney Press Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A Chico man was sentenced on March 29, 2023, to 11 years and 8 months in state prison for charges stemming from a shooting at a Chico gas station last year.

Patrick Dowell-Rollins, 32, had previously pleaded no contest in Butte County Superior Court to counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm, felon in possession of a firearm, and dissuading witnesses.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges stemmed from an incident on November 7, 2022, when a woman and her husband called 911 and reported they had just witnessed a shooting at a Mobile gas station on Longfellow Road and East 1st Avenue where they were filling their car tire

Dowell-Rollins was seen on surveillance video pulling up to a fuel pump and filling the tank. At one point, Dowell-Rollins walked away from his car and out of view of the video. The couple was able to describe what was not captured on surveillance, that Dowell-Rollins walked up to a male when they heard a "pop." Surveillance then showed Dowell-Rollins calmly walk back to his vehicle and drive away. When Chico police arrived at the scene, they located a 28-year-old male victim suffering from a gunshot wound to his left arm and a spent .45 caliber casing on the ground near where the couple heard the "pop." The victim was uncooperative with the police.

The Chico Police SWAT team located and

arrested Dowell-Rollins standing outside of a Chico residence on November 23, 2022. In a holster strapped to Dowell-Rollins' chest, police located a loaded semiautomatic .45 caliber handgun. It was later forensically determined the spent casing at the gas station came from that handgun.

While in custody at the Butte County Jail awaiting a preliminary hearing where the reporting couple was expected to testify, Dowell-Rollins made a phone call to an outside associate requesting the witnesses and their relatives be contacted. A Chico Police detective intercepted the call and talked with the associate, foiling Dowell-Rollins' plan.

In sentencing Dowell-Rollins to the upper term, Judge Corie Caraway noted the seriousness of the present crimes and Dowell-Rollins previous criminal history of two prior felon-in-possession of firearm convictions along with numerous fleeing and resisting arrest convictions.

The crimes of assault with a firearm and dissuading witnesses both constitute "strikes" under California law. In any future cases, Dowell-Rollins will be subject to sentencing under California's three-strikes law. The crime of dissuading added two years to Dowell-Rollins' sentence.

Ramsey noted his office considers attempts to dissuade witnesses to be priority offenses and always vigorously prosecutes such attempts.

Since the plea, the victim of the shooting has died due to causes unrelated to the shooting.

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Dear Dave,

I'm thinking more seriously about buying a home in the next year or so. It seems like the housing market has cooled off a bit, so I am also planning to get a secured credit card to help me rebuild my credit score in the meantime. I make \$60,000 a year, and I have about \$15,000 in debt and \$3,100 in savings. Is this a good idea and a good start toward getting my credit back on track and taking control of my finances?

Martin

Dear Martin,

In a word, no. I want you to become debt-free before you buy a home. I also want

Dave Ramsey Says

you to have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses set aside, and have a down payment - preferably of at least 20%, so you can avoid having to pay private mortgage insurance before buying a home.

Let me tell you a couple of things. Number one, your income is your most powerful wealth building tool. If you don't have any payments, you have the ability to build wealth and be generous. When you have debt, all you do is send money out the door to make payments. So, being in debt is a guaranteed way to stay broke. That means getting a secured credit card is not a good idea, either.

Also, did you know you can get a home mortgage with no credit score through a process called manual underwriting? All you have to do is make sure you have a good, long history of paying other things, like your utilities and rent, on time. Most mortgage lenders who do manual underwriting would also require that you have all your debts paid off completely and the accounts closed for at least six months.

Buying a house when you're in debt and broke is a really bad idea, Martin. It's the fastest way I know to turn something that should be a blessing into a financial and emotional curse. Just be patient, get out of debt and save up. Getting control of your finances is the smartest thing you can do before buying a home!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eighttime national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.

City Council Approves Contract

Continued from page 1

began in 2002, with the State of California mandating that 20% of electrical retail sales must be served by renewable resources by 2017. Since 2002, the state has accelerated the program, mandating further RPS percentage requirements.

Tony Zimmer, representing Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), attended the council meeting remotely. The City of Gridley is a member of NCPA, a consortium of several locally owned electric utilities which make joint investments in energy resources. NCPA is looking for additional power supply, especially renewables. NCPA negotiated a contract with Geysers Power for electrical supply that would help meet the city's RPS renewables requirement.

Gevsers owns and manages 14 geothermal generation plants in the Mayacamas Mountains in Lake and Sonoma Counties, the largest complex of geothermal power plants in the world. NCPA has asked eight cities to join in the 12-year contract. Gridley would receive 0.6% of the contracted power.

Councilmember Bruce Johnson expressed particular concern that, in the future, the state might delist geothermal as a renewable resource. Zimmer said that there was a provision in the contract for the parties to opt out if the State delisted geothermal from the RPS program.

Johnson asked, if RPS requirements mandates were not increasing, "Would we be doing this?" Wagner replied, "We would still need to take a hard look at the deal, because it's reliable base load power." Galyean added, "This contract fills two needs. It provides baseline power you always have to have, and it also satisfies the current portfolio requirements that we've been concerned about."

Zimmer noted that geothermal "is actually one of the more stable renewable technologies," running 24 hours a

day, unlike wind and solar, which isn't dependable. The contracted cost of power from Geysers is \$79 per megawatt hour. Zimmer noted that the price is good and falls within the average range.

Wagner noted that the contract with Geysers is a rare opportunity to meet state RPS requirements. He explained that reliance on abundant natural gas-powered electricity was once standard, but that "the regulatory environment in Sacramento has obviously changed . . . and the targets that are being set for us have changed." Wagner reported that last year, the City was required to purchase 6000 renewable energy credits because of natural-gas emissions from other plants providing power to the City.

Mayor Mike Farr asked Zimmer about hydrogen-generating projects. Zimmer replied that the State is actively seeking grants and funding for hydrogen projects, but that it's in the research and discovery phase. Farr asked if hydrogen would be considered renewable, and Zimmer responded it would be up for debate and might depend on whether renewable resources were used to produce the hvdrogen.

Councilmember Catalina Sanchez added that, in her meetings with NCPA, cities are being asked to develop ways to add to their RPS portfolio with local power production, saying, "What's out there that we can tap into to bring in more energy production here in Gridley, versus outsourcing it."

The Council approved the NCPA contract with Geysers, with Councilmember Angel Calderon abstaining. He said he is concerned with how the contract will affect customer cost. Wagner replied that a Cost of Services Study is underway that would provide that information. Calderon added, "I would be willing to go through with this if the City subsidized rate increases to the elderly and disabled." *



Storms, Flood Waters Wreak Havoc in **Key Farming Regions**

Months of heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding have dealt a new financial blow to California farmers. After a multiyear drought that had them fallowing land and plowing under crops, they now face flooded fields, property damage and crop delays. The damage has extended from dairies and orchards in the San Joaquin Valley to strawberry and vegetable fields along the Central Coast, with potential longer-term fallouts impacting some of the most productive agricultural regions in the world.

Court Rejects Challenges to Water **Quality Rules for Farm Irrigation**

A Sacramento appeals court has sided with California farmers on three cases related to water quality regulations, which environmental groups had challenged for years. In deciding cases in favor of the California Farm Bureau and the California State Water Resources Control Board, the Third District Court of Appeal upheld the Central Valley's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Environmental groups had challenged the program as insufficient under the law. The program is intended to protect water quality in the Eastern San Joaquin watershed.

Farm Bureau Members Engage with Lawmakers During Capitol Ag Conference

Farmers and ranchers from across California went to work this month on the legislative agenda for the California Farm Bureau – with Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, state lawmakers and agency officials present for direct conversations. Water supply issues and recent flood impacts for agriculture fueled discussions at the March 27-29 Capitol Ag Conference in Sacramento. The Farm Bureau's March 28 Legislative Day also featured meetings at the state Capitol with numerous legislators and staff.

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Gallagher, Essayli Condemn Democrats' **Refusal to Hear Bill Protecting Parental Rights**

Special Release from Assembly Republican Caucus

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Today, (April 10, 2023) Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (Yuba City) and Assemblyman Bill Essayli (R-Corona) issued the following statements on the announcement by Assembly Education Committee Chair Al Muratsuchi and the Legislative LGBTQ+ Caucus that AB 1314 would not receive a hearing. AB 1314 would require schools to notify parents within three days if their child begins a gender transition at school.

"This decision confirms there are two fundamentally different views of education: Republicans want to empower parents to be involved with their children's upbringing and education, while Democrats see parents as a threat to be isolated and ignored. Democrats' refusal to even hear our bill confirms they are only interested in dictating a one-sizefits-all policy from Sacramento and shutting down anyone with a different point of view. It's sad, but not surprising." - Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher, District 3

'Today's decision to deny a hearing on AB 1314 is symbolic of where Sacramento Democrats stand on parental rights. They believe the government owns our children and that parents do

not have a right to know what is happening with their own children at school. Gender dysphoria is a serious issue, and parents need to be aware of the associated mental health risks trans minors face. Studies are clear that trans minors do better with parental involvement. Leaving parents in the dark is dangerous

"The Supreme Court has already ruled that parents have a fundamental right to direct the care, upbringing, and education of their children. While Democrats have the votes to kill my bill in Sacramento, they do not have the votes to suppress parents' voices at the local level. I encourage parents to continue bringing lawsuits against their school districts challenging existing policies that allow children to be socially transitioned at school without parental consent."

Assemblyman Bill Essayli, District 63 AB 1314 comes in the wake of a lawsuit against Chico Unified School District that alleges school officials secretly transitioned an elementary school student and the firing of a Riverside County teacher for refusing to keep students' pronouns secret from their parents.

A recent study by University of Texas researchers found that LGBTQ+ young people with supportive parents were significantly less likely to experience depression.

Chico Youth Sentenced to Prison for Vehicular Manslaughter

Butte County District Attorney Press Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A 20-year-old Chico man was sentenced to three years in state prison for killing a 26-year-old man in a vehicle versus motorcycle collision last year in downtown Chico as well as for beating a man in the Butte County Jail.

Pesiaune Finau, 20, was previously convicted in Butte County Superior Court of felony counts of vehicular manslaughter and battery with serious bodily injury.

The courtroom gallery was filled with supporters and loved ones of the 26-yearold victim, Hunter Dixon. Hunter's mother and father fought through tears when speaking to the judge and urging justice for their beloved son.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the vehicular manslaughter charge resulted from an incident on September 26, 2021, when the Chico Police received reports of a collision at the intersection of 8th Street and Main Street in downtown Chico.

It was a clear and dry afternoon when Finau was driving a SUV westbound on E. 8th Street at 76 mph in a 35-mph zone and ran a red light at Main Street. He struck 26-year-old Hunter Dixon, who was riding through that intersection on his motorcycle on the green light.

The investigation showed that after Finau struck Dixon at 63 mph, he veered to the right and into a building at 120 W. 8th Street. The building sustained major structural damage and had to be braced for safety by the Chico Fire Department. Finau did not have a driver's license and had been recently ticketed for the lack of a license. Dixon was pronounced dead soon after at the hospital.

While the manslaughter case was pending with Finau in jail, he beat a fellow inmate ripping a gaping hole in the corner of the inmate's mouth, and he was subsequently charged with battery with serious bodily injury.

Ramsey noted the judge was limited to a lower term prison sentence of three years due to a recent change in the law by the California state legislature mandating lower term sentencing for those offenders under 26 years of age.

The judge also ordered Finau to be responsible for restitution for the burial expenses of Dixon and the expected \$50,000 in repairs to the building Finau damaged.

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Road, Clipper Mills, CA 95930 Date filed in Butte County: March 16, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 2/3/2005

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000303 The following person(s) are doing business as: THE GYM SALOON, 6093 Lincoln Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95966 David W. Martin, 7390 Lincoln Boulevard, #96, Palermo, CA

Date filed in Butte County: March 21, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 21, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000294 The following person(s) are doing business as: SUNSHINE MOBILE NOTARY AND SIGNING, 1150 Hobart Street,

Apt. B, Chico, CA 95926 Amarissa S. Norris, 1150 Hobart Street, Apt. B, Chico, CA 95926 Date filed in Butte County: March 20, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 19, 2023

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SUNSHINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000292 The following person(s) are doing business as: STAN'S BAR & LOUNGE, INC., 280 Fairview Drive, Gridley, CA 95948 Stan's Bar & Lounge, Inc., 280 Fairview Drive, Gridley, CA

Date filed in Butte County: March 20, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 7, 2023

This Business is conducted by: Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000269 The following person(s) are doing business as: THE PLANT BARN AND GIFTS, 406 Entler

Avenue, Chico, CA 95928 Magnolia Gift and Garden, 1367 East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926 Date filed in Butte County: March 10. 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000357 The following person(s) are doing business as: ZOLLINS CARPENTRY, 2610 Ithaca Street, Oroville, CA 95966 Zachary A Collins, 2610 Ithaca Street, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: April 4, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 4, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000300 The following person(s) are doing business as: LUNDBERG FAMILY FARMS, 5311 Midway, Richvale, CA 95974

Wehah Farm Incorporated, 5311 Midway, Richvale, CA 95974 Date filed in Butte County: March 21, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000129 The following person(s) are doing business as: IN AND OUT LIGHTS, 15 Apache Court, Oroville, CA 95966 Kelly Haywood, 15 Apache

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Court, Oroville, CA 95966 Date filed in Butte County: February 3, 2023. The Registrant ness under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000203 The following person(s) are doing business as: ARGETSINGER FAMILY TRUST, 663 Center Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Cheryl Argetsinger Trustee, and Rick Argetsinger Trustee, 663 Center Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: 22, 2023 Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME – STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FILE NO. 2021-0000998

The following person(s) (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: THE PLANT BARN AND GIFTS, 406 Entler Avenue, Chico, CA 95928 Denise Lynn Kelly, 406 Entler Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

Original filing date: 8/11/2021; Statement expires: 8/11/2026. The Registrant began transacting business on: 9/20/2006. Business conducted by: Individual.

Date Filed in Butte County: March 15, 2023. This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County s/W. Schroeder, Deputy

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NAME CHANGE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV00308

Petitioner DeLanna Seaton aka DeLanna Clayter filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DeLanna Joan Seaton aka DeLanna Joan Clayter to Isla Kepeloni Seaton.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing May 3, 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 February 7, 2023 Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 2023

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE

OF NAME CASE #23CV00423

Petitioner Mandolin Sarah Ortega Kladko filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Mandolin Sarah Ortega Kladko to Mandolin Sarah Kladko.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file writ-ten objection that includes the reason's for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing May 10, 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 February 21, 2023 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 2023

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHAEL GENE MORIN CASE NO. 23PR00173 To all heirs, beneficiaries, cred-

itors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be

otherwise interested in the will or

estate of Michael Gene Morin. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Micah Morin, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Micah Morin be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the dece-The petition requests authority

to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interésted 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: May 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-

ing of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written obections 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 representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Jill N. Robbins, 815 Cottage Street, Susanville, CA 96130; 530/257-8111

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB), pursuant to Section 12878 of the California Water Code, will hold a public hearing Friday, April 28, 2023, in the Sierra Hearing Room at the CalEPA Building, located at 1001 I St. #1, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Note: The public hearing is currently scheduled to be held in person at the identified venue however due to changing conditions the meeting venue may change and is also expected to be simultaneously held virtually. In the event of a meeting location change, we ask that the public confirm the venue location on the CVFPB's website or attend the public hearing remotely via the WEBEX or Zoom link or telephone. The remote hearing link and telephone instructions can be found at CVFPB's website, www.cvfpb.ca.gov, by click on the Meetings icon. This hearing is being held to consider the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget estimate for Maintenance Areas (MAs) Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, and 17 (Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yolo Counties) for maintenance and operation of the levees and flood risk reduction works within the MAs.

The purpose of the hearing is to confirm or revise the proposed maintenance and operation work program and budget submitted to the CVFPB by the Department of Water Resources for fiscal year 2023-2024. The CVFPB will receive evidence or testimony from any landowner or other interested person relevant to the proposed program of work, the necessity for such work, or the estimated

Within 10 days of the meeting date, please check the CVFPB website www.cvfpb.ca.gov for a copy of the proposed budget and an agenda for the April 28th meeting. If you need reasonable accommodations, call the Central Valley Flood Protection Board at (916) 574-0609, or contact the CVFPB Clerk at ryan.jones@cvflood.ca.gov as soon as possible, for arrangements.

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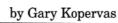












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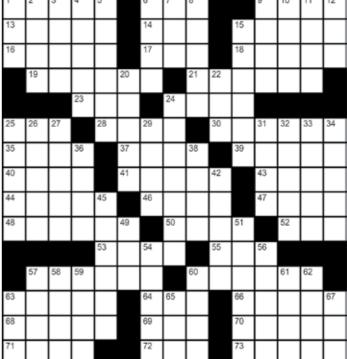
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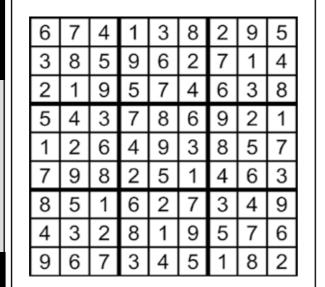
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Lady Lions Double Up Trojans, Attempts to Establish Spot in SVL



Live Oak junior outfielder Aubrey Lopez (17) takes a hack in the Lady Lions 10-5 win over Durham on Thursday, April 6.



Live Oak junior outfielder Aubrey Lopez (17) rounds third base in the Lady Lions 10-5 victory on Thursday, April 6 versus Durham

Story by Steven Bryla, photos by Chris Pedigo

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak Lady Lions softball team won its third consecutive game as they beat the Durham Trojans 10-5 on Thursday, April 6 in a Sacramento Valley League matchup.

Live Oak put itself in prime position with the series sweep over Durham as it gave them their first two victories in the SVL of the year.

Lady Lions head coach Kevin Medeiros took the program over last season and the senior heavy roster into the playoffs for the school's first time in about 20 years.

In previous conversations with the Herald, Medeiros expressed that this team is younger and not the same team as last year. He added that even though this team isn't the same, they work nonstop and are a hardworking group.

Live Oak (4-4, 2-3 SVL) junior center fielder Aubrey Lopez put the Lady Lions on the board first in the bottom of the first inning when she took home on a wild pitch by the Trojans. Durham snatched the lead back quickly in the second inning off a single leading to two runs batted in (RBI)

Live Oak rallied in the bottom of the second as they put six runs on the board to take the lead back 7-2.

If you ever get a chance to take a peek inside the Lady Lions dugout, there is a purple and black velvety sombrero that is passed around religiously throughout the game. Lopez said that it's a rally hat and anyone can wear it at any minute of the game.

Lopez went one-for-three with two RBIs on the night and made a couple key catches in the outfield throughout the

game. She joked to the Herald that she has to not think when the ball is coming her way. "It's a habit and if you over think it, then that's when things go bad," she said.

In the circle for Live Oak was sophomore pitcher Izabella Pacheco, who picked up her fourth win on the season. Pacheco was effective in keeping the ball in the strike zone. Mederios told the Herald she is coming into her own and he is excited to see how far she continues to grow throughout the season. Pacheco threw all seven innings and gave up seven hits, five runs, but struck out 10.

The Trojans made a push on Pacheco in the final three innings but nothing really had the scare of anything drastic for the Lady Lions to worry about.

Live Oak sophomore catcher Alexa Medina extended her hitting streak to five games on the season. Medina went twofor-three with a double and an RBI.

Medina is able to see the entire field from behind the plate, which gives her an advantage of seeing things develop early on. "When I'm behind the plate, I can see where everything is and I know where the ball is going to be headed," Medina said.

Medeiros said that one of the best things about this group of Lady Lions is they don't quit fighting. He added that even though there were errors made in the game, the girls didn't drop their heads and give up.

Live Oak traveled to Winters this week in a pivotal SVL matchup as they are looking to gain ground now that they found a groove in the last few games.

Medeiros believes they are evenly matched. "Whoever makes the least amount of mistakes and puts up the most runs will win the game," Medeiros said. ★

Lions Drop Sixth Consecutive Game, 0-6 Halfway Through SVL Play

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak Lions baseball team suffered its sixth consecutive defeat as they lost to the Durham Trojans 16-2 in a Sacramento Valley League matchup on Thursday, April 6.

Live Oak took on a competitive team towards the top of the CIF Northern Section, as Durham was ranked 9th in the latest MaxPreps poll on April 6. This marked the third

consecutive week the Lions have played a top-15 ranked team in the Northern Section for SVL play.

Live Oak (3-6, 0-6 SVL) head coach Jeff Smith expressed to the Herald his team gives him their best effort and that is all he wants from them.

The Lions started freshman pitcher/infielder Bradley Perigo on the mound against Durham. Perigo was consistent in getting the ball over the plate for strikes against the Trojans.

Durham (8-3-1) had precise

touch and were able to hit the ball in the right spots where Live Oak was not able to field the ball and attempt a clean out.

Smith spoke of the youth movement the Lions have this season with only four upper class men on their 15-man roster. "It shows on the field we're young," Smith said. "We make a good play one second and then we kick a routine ball on the next play."

Sophomore pitcher/infielder T.J. Ehrke relieved Perigo later in the game. Ehrke and Perigo combined for surrendering 12 hits, but did strike out four Trojans along the way and the Lions squeezed five hits through the infield past Durham.

Live Oak junior outfielder Eben Jones exemplified leadership qualities during the game against the Trojans as he acted as first base coach. Although Jones wasn't in the lineup at the time, he had everyone ready looking for the next play.

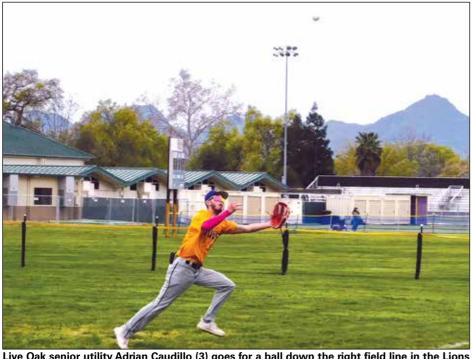
Jones' support was heard through the roof, whether it was a hitter taking a great hack at the ball or showing great patience

by letting a ball go out of the zone on the outside corner.

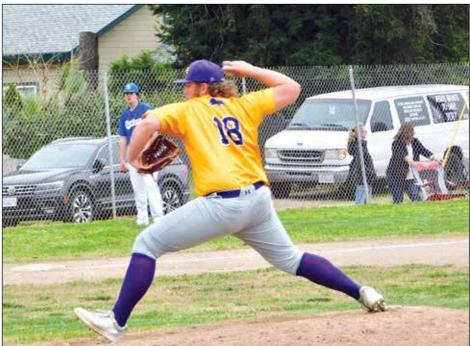
Smith expressed his gratitude for Jones post-game and was able to get Jones into the lineup during the 16-2 defeat.

Live Oak faced another challenge this past week as they traveled to Winters to play another competitive ranked team in the Northern Section.

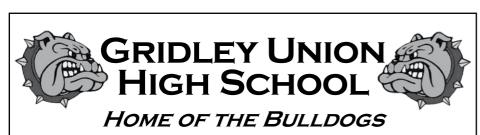
The SVL schedule for the Lions will lighten up after playing their final three opponents in league - Pierce, Paradise and Willows.



Live Oak senior utility Adrian Caudillo (3) goes for a ball down the right field line in the Lions 16-2 loss versus Durham on Thursday, April 6.



Live Oak sophomore pitcher T.J. Ehrke (18) throws a pitch in the Lions 16-2 loss versus Durham on Thursday, April 6.



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The Feather River California Temple for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is located at 1470 Butte House Road in Yuba City, California. Photo courtesy of Roseville Coordinating Council

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The public is invited to tour the Feather River California Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The open house runs from Saturday, August 19, through Saturday, September 9, 2023, except for Sunday, August 20, 27, and September 3, 2023. After the open house, the temple will be formally dedicated on Sunday, October 8, 2023, in two sessions. Information on free reservations for tours will be announced in coming weeks.

The 38,000 square foot temple is located at 1470 Butte House Road in Yuba City, California. A new meetinghouse and distribution center have also been built next to it to meet the needs of members of the Church throughout the area.

The Feather River California Temple

was first announced by Church President Russell M. Nelson in October 2018 and is one of nine temples in California. Currently, there are seven temples operating in Fresno, Los Angeles, Newport Beach, Oakland, Redlands, Sacramento, and San Diego. An eighth temple in Modesto has been announced. They serve over 735,000 members of the Church in California in 1,189 congregations.

Latter-day Saint temples differ from the meetinghouses or chapels where members meet for Sunday worship services. Temples are considered "houses of the Lord" where Christ's teachings are reaffirmed through sacred ordinances that unite families for eternity. Inside, members learn more about the purpose of life and make covenants to serve Jesus Christ and others. For more information, please go to FeatherRiverTemple.org.

Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

One-Day Patents Boot Camp (Chico)

Do you have an idea for an invention? Do you have an invention you are working on or have completed? Join Butte College SBDC and the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a One-Day Patents Boot Camp. The training includes: the Basics of Patent, Search Training, Forms

and Requirements for Filing, Application Data Sheet, and Patent Center and DOCX files. This in-person, one-day workshop will cover:

An understanding of patents and intellectual property rights, required materials needed to file a patent application, drafting a patent application and more!

Date/Time: Wednesday, **May 3,** 2023, Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm **Cost/Location:** Free, Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

One-Day Trademarks Boot Camp (Chico)

Come and learn the best way to grow your business and protect your brand. Join Butte College SBDC and a trademark attorney from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a one-Day Trademarks Boot Camp. Learn best practices to protect your ideas, grow your business, and protect your brand. The training will include Fundamentals of Trademarks, Searching, Applications and Filing, TEAS Plus Demonstration, Responding to an Office Action, and Keeping Your Registration Alive. This in-person, one-day workshop covers: Definitions and Types of Trademarks, Benefits of Federal Trademark Registration, Selecting a Trademark, Filing and Registration and much more!

Date/Time: Thursday, May 4, 2023, Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm Cost/Location: Free, Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

The Basics of Bookkeeping (Oroville)

Learn basic concepts for setting up your bookkeeping and develop an understanding of financial statements to better manage your business. Learn and understand common terms used in bookkeeping so you can converse confidently with lenders and financial advisors. Learn key concepts for good record keeping for your business

Date/Time: Thursday, May 17, 2023, Time: 9:00am - 11:00am Cost/Location: Free, The Axiom, 1420 Myers Street, Oroville

Understanding Food Costs and Pricing (Colusa)

Join Butte College SBDC for a 2-hour workshop on understanding food costs & pricing. This training is for both existing & startup restaurants & food businesses. Topics include: Understanding Profit & Loss Statements, Industry Benchmarks for Food Costs, How to Work from a Budget, Industry Techniques for Calculating Plate Costs, How to Price for Profitability, and Best Practice for Managing Inventory

Date/Time: Thursday, May 24, 2023, Time: 9:00am - 11:00am Cost/Location: Free, ; Colusa City Hall, 425 Webster St., Colusa

Common Problems Encountered with QuickBooks Desktop Accounting (Chico)

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: Thursday, May 25, 2023, Time: 8:30am - 10:30am
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