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# What a RICETASTIC Day!

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Decades after the original event was started by the Schohr family, a new generation has revived the fun-filled, educational field trip and invited the youth of Gridley to attend.

Ricetastic Day is a way for local youth to gain knowledge and have a hands-on experience with one of the major agricultural products in our area – rice. Tracy Schohr, who organized the event, said that her family used to hold this event when she was young and that “we were wanting to bring that back.” She continues, “With a child in kindergarten and knowing many of his classmates don’t grow up on farms, I saw it as an opportunity to showcase farming in our local community.”

On Tuesday, September 12th, the Schohr family welcomed 145 first graders to their ranch on Colusa Highway. As buses arrived, each of the 6 classes were greeted by Gridley High School FFA members and provided with water and rice cakes for a treat.

As students made their way to a hay-bale seat, Tracy and her brother Ryan Schohr explained what to expect from Ricetastic Day. Ryan broke the growth process down into an easily understandable concept for children, sharing that they take dirt, water from the Oroville Dam, and sunlight to make food to eat. “And that’s what this day is all about – to bring you to the farm and show you how we do that.” He continued, “We hope you have a learning adventure today!”

Tracy then introduced a panel of GHS FFA students who helped her illustrate the process of farming rice, from prepping to harvest. Using photos, she shared with students how the ground is prepared, having both the children and FFA students make



Gridley FFA’s Ella Hughes shows students how the giant tractor combine funnels rice into the bankout wagon she describes.

motions like the tractor wheels that disc the earth, the wings of a plane as the rice is planted, and finally the noise of a truck horn as the rice is hauled away by the semi-trucks.

Each class received a different colored commemorative “Ricetastic Day” t-shirt, which also aided in keeping the groups together as they broke away to cycle through informative booths. Students heard books read aloud about rice and agriculture,

got to make crafts with colored rice and colored pages of large farm equipment, and got to taste various foods made from rice. Of course, the day wouldn’t be complete without getting an up-close look at some of the huge farm equipment used in harvesting as FFA members shared how each worked.

Finally, Luis Espino from the University of California Cooperative  
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## “Back to School” Celebrations and Struggles at GUSD

Story by Melody McDowell

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Getting back to school is always a mixed bag of new and old experiences, routines, stressors, and circumstances. This year, it came with a unique challenge at Wilson Elementary, where a brand-new drop-off and pick-up procedure was pioneered. Stop-and-go traffic, temporarily misplaced students, and general miscommunication marked the first few days of school, which were minimum days with one shared early release time for the entire student body.

Parents who attended the September 8 GUSD board meeting highlighted concerns ranging from basic student safety and logistical issues with pick-up locations to broader communication issues between administration and parents. They expressed fears and frustration experienced while navigating the new system and asked for better clarity, responsiveness, and communication in the future.

While direct board and administration response during the meeting was minimal, several updates shared by administration pointed to their awareness of and concern about these and other relevant issues for Gridley students and families. Administrators also took time to hear and respond more specifically in some interactions which took place after the board meeting had ended. Students and parents are encouraged to reach out personally to site administrators to seek resolution to questions and concerns.

Superintendent Justin Kern indicated that he has been participating in Local Roadway Safety Plan meetings, which involve officials from the City of Gridley, the Chief of Police, CalTrans, and the Department of Transportation. This committee has been collaborating about placement of stop signs, traffic lights, and areas of high safety concern.

Dr. Joan Schumann, Principal of Wilson Elementary, recognized with gratitude the efforts of numerous staff and parents who initially advocated for changes to improve the safety of students during drop-off and pick-up. She acknowledged the difficulties experienced in implementing this year’s plan and expressed thanks to those whose efforts helped immensely in smoothing out and streamlining the process.

The flow of traffic and the time and effort required to navigate the new system have all improved  
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# A Look at Opportunity: Gridley FFA Ag Showcase 2023

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Last week prospective FFA Students, current members, advisors, and families took a look at the program at the third annual FFA Showcase.

At 6:00 pm the evening of September 5th, the different areas of focus within the FFA Pathway were on display at the Guardian Building, where current FFA Members answered questions and explained to those interested in joining the group what opportunities were available.

FFA Member and Miss Agriculture America National Teen Queen, Isabella Bastiani said, “I think the Ag Showcase gives the incoming generation of students the chance to explore the agricultural world and all of its opportunities. Half of the time, students don’t actually know what FFA is or maybe what it has to offer. The Ag Showcase lets us help them find



This year’s Gridley FFA officers from left to right: Public Relations – Reagan Witt, Secretary - Billy Routon, Treasurer – Ellie Woods. Back row: Vice President – John Placencia, President – Annie Woods, Sentinel – Gemma Donati, and Reporter – Joe Schohr. Photo provided by GHS FFA

what they want to do in our organization.” FFA Treasurer, Ellie Woods

understand the importance of FFA.”

Banners and titles won by those showing their animal projects at the fair hung proudly above tables filled with floral and horticulture projects, welding projects, and ag mechanics demo’s.

Free ice cream was provided to those attending courtesy of Johnson-U-Pick Farm. A photo booth allowed officers and participants the chance to snap some cute pictures of themselves with live animals, including an adorable calf and small goat.

Gridley FFA merchandise was on sale so that members could pick up fresh gear for the upcoming year and tickets for the upcoming FFA Drive-thru Rib Dinner planned for October 19th were up for grabs. With limited supply, these tickets may go quickly, so the community is urged to get theirs soon. Contact an FFA student or advisor to order yours!



# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

More and more often, county roads that once had really good dips and significant curves have been disappearing as modern engineering standards require them to be straightened out and leveled (boring). So the NASCAR-style S curve on the back Biggs-Gridley Road remains one of the last true sport driving experiences on our public roads. Late last week, the neighbors in the S curve area of the county became concerned as the weeds around the northern portion of the S had become so tall they seemed to be creating a small triangle of vegetation that resembled all of the things they warn you about those pamphlets about "protecting your house from wildfires" (people

from Richvale were more concerned that the weeds might impede their view while taking the S turns at more than 70 mph). Robbie Miller, a lifelong political leader in our communities, took the lead and contacted Butte County Supervisor Tod Kimmelshue. Within days, the orange-shirted public works department arrived to abate (a fancy term for weed whacking)—the fire hazard/driving nuisance. With the advent of digital social media and the ability to complain publicly as frequently as one would like to, it's refreshing to see old-fashioned neighborhood leadership step up and solve problems. Robbie Miller gets it done. Indeed, around two decades ago, Mr. Miller organized community members to stop the placement of violent criminal felons in our area by the state of California. Robbie Miller is a good neighbor and a great community servant.

\*\*\* Western Pond Turtles are the only native freshwater turtle species in California. I was shocked to learn this, and it seems as if the other turtles around the area are non-native

invaders. The things you learn when you take time to read State Fish and Wildlife reports.

\*\*\* News arrived last week that the Department of Water Resources has discovered a couple of million dollars of repairs that need to take place on the infamous Oroville Dam Spillway. While some people were concerned and baffled that, yet again, millions of dollars are being spent at the dam after billions of dollars had already been spent at the dam, others were relieved that regular maintenance and significant investment in the upkeep of the dam is finally becoming a regular occurrence. Everyone should thank Oroville Supervisor Bill Connelly. Ever since the near catastrophic dam(n) failure, he has been doggedly pursuing the state of California to ensure they do what they're supposed to do to maintain the dam. Bill's non-stop efforts to make the State "do the right thing" are paying off.

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

# Champions!



The North Valley 12U baseball team hosted the NV Invitational in Gridley this weekend. The North Valley boys went 4-0 this weekend and battled the OBC Outlaws out of Sacramento in the Championship Game and gritted out a tough 5-2 victory to take home the 1st place trophy! Congratulations! Photo courtesy of Michelle Solis

## Gallagher Announces Funding for Small Agricultural Businesses

From the Office of James Gallagher

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) is proud to announce the opening of applications for the Small Agricultural Business Drought and Flood Relief Grant Program. Established in 2022, this program provides crucial support to California's agricultural industry, which has been struggling to recover from the devastating effects of extreme weather.

In 2022, the program received \$75 million in initial funding to provide relief to agricultural businesses impacted by drought. Recognizing the extraordinary need

faced by our farmers, Assemblyman Gallagher championed legislation, Assembly Bill 1044, to secure additional funding for the program. An extra \$20 million was later included in the state budget, enabling the program to expand its scope to offer relief to businesses impacted by flooding.

"California's agricultural industry is the backbone of our state's economy and our farmers have faced unprecedented challenges in recent years," said Gallagher "High input costs combined with inflation and regulatory expenses have put the agricultural industry in a precarious situation, jeopardizing producers' continued operation. This

funding addresses a critical need to help keep these businesses open and workers employed."

The Small Agricultural Business Drought and Flood Relief Grant Program is now open for applications and eligible farmers who have been affected by drought or floods are strongly encouraged to apply for this essential relief. Designed to assist small agricultural businesses most impacted by recent drought and flood conditions, the program offers direct grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000.

Interested farmers are encouraged to review their eligibility and apply by visiting the official website: CADroughtFloodRelief.com

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Extension used portable equipment to show how the rice is processed after it is harvested. Espino illustrated how rice came from the field and was milled into an edible product.

Of the event, Espino would say, "This is great. We need these type of events" to teach kids how rice is harvested, mentioning that they probably see the fields everyday but know nothing about the

crop.

Gridley Unified School District Superintendent Justin Kern praised Ricetastic Day. "It's awesome," he said, "It's what drives this community and some of these kids have never had these kind of experiences, so it's an amazing opportunity."

After the successful field trip, Tracy said that "today was great! The 1st graders got to see, touch, smell and taste rice, plus hear the tractor combine harvest!

Thanks to partners, the day showcased every stage of rice farming." She expressed her thanks saying the day would not have been possible without "the community that said yes to making the idea a reality – including my family, our ranch employees, Lisa Donati, the Gridley School Administration, office support and teachers, along with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Butte County

Farm Bureau, Gridley FFA, UC Cooperative Extension, CalFresh Healthy Living and the CA Rice Commission."

Ricetastic Day is planned to return next year, hosting McKinley 1st graders, including her son Colton, with the hopes to expand to an afternoon session for Manzanita, Biggs, and Richvale 1st grade students. The takeaway? Tracy says, "that rice farming is really cool!"



Luis Espino of the UC Cooperative Extension lets children touch rice pulled from the patties before he demonstrates how it is processed with portable milling equipment.



Ryan Schohr (left) and sister Tracy ask the group of 1st graders touring their ranch to raise their hand if they know the answers to their rice-related questions.



Colton Schohr shows off his Ricetastic Day t-shirt!



Tracy Schohr walks the students through the rice harvesting process, asking questions and having them make interactive movements while she does so.



Gridley FFA members volunteered at the event, handing out rice cakes and water to the children as they arrived at Ricetastic Day.



Madeline Schohr paints wildlife with glue and colored grains of rice at the Natural Resources Conservation Service booth.

## Rotary's Redfield is Club President

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Rotary International group has a new president at its helm.

Clark Redfield has been acting president of the group, since former President Adam Groen completed his year of service. This is Redfield's second term as Rotary President, and he will be serving until summer of 2024.

Redfield is extremely active in Rotary and is Area 1 Assistant District Governor for District 5180, which encompasses 36 clubs including Gridley. He is in his last year of a three-year term and oversees clubs in Gridley, Oroville, and Marysville.

District 5180 clubs accept new members by invitation. For more information, contact admin@rotary5180.org or Lisa Van De Hey, Membership Chair, at lisavandehy@att.net.



Clark Redfield leads the Gridley Rotary Club meetings as President. Photo courtesy of Lisa Van De Hey

## Blessing of the Animals at the Gridley United Methodist Church

A Blessing of the Animals service witnesses to God's and the church's loving, care and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened.

This service is specifically appealing to children so, come celebrate God's creatures with us. Bring your pets to be blessed at 10:00 am on Saturday September 23rd to the Gridley United Methodist Church at 285 Magnolia Street.

If your animal is too big or hard to bring you can bring a picture, or special toy your animal likes to the blessing.

It can also be a time you can remember an animal that has passed and you want blessed for the contributions they have made to your life. You can also bring a picture or their favorite toy.

We are looking forward to sharing this time with you.

## Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

### Common Problems Encountered with QuickBooks Desktop Accounting (Orland)

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

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

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

### Branding Your Business (Paradise)

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

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

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

### Attract, Engage, and Retain Great Employees (Chico)

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

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

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

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

Accurate bookkeeping is critical to the success of any business. This QuickBooks Series is for entrepreneurs and business owners in the beginning stage of bookkeeping (i.e., planning, have not yet purchased their system, or have purchased but not using). The trainer will guide you through the basics of accounting from identifying the best QuickBooks version for your business, to setting up your system, managing accounts, and using financial reports to manage your day-to-day activities. Series includes 4 focus areas:

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

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

**Week 3 - October 19: Accounts Receivable**

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

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

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

### ServSafe Food Safety Training and Certification (Chico)

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**Date/Time:** Thursday, November 16, 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

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**Despite delayed harvest, California pear growers are optimistic**

California Bartlett pear growers say they are seeing a good crop of high-quality fruit, even though a cold spring and late bloom delayed harvest by about two weeks. Lake County pear grower Pat Scully, general manager and owner of Finley-based Scully Packing Co., which packs and ships 35% to 40% of the state's Bartlett crop, said he is pleased by the results he is seeing. He said the fruit is "sized nicely" and harvest looks promising. Harvest is ongoing in the state's two main growing regions, the Sacramento River Delta and Lake and Mendocino counties.

**Vast rural land purchases in Solano County stir concerns at hearing**

Farmers and their advocates say the state should seek to protect agricultural resources and open space amid concerns raised over a company buying large swaths of farmland in Solano County. At the state Capitol last week, the state Senate Agriculture Committee held a panel discussion on "navigating threats to California agriculture." The discussion was inspired by a venture known as Flannery Associates LLC. Since 2018, the group backed by Silicon Valley billionaires has amassed 400 parcels spanning nearly 55,000 acres of agricultural-zoned land near Travis Air Force Base.

**Canning, Fresh Peaches See Production Increases**

Harvest continues for the state's cling peaches for canning and freestone peaches for the fresh market, with estimates of good crops that will exceed last year's production. Rich Hudgins, chief executive officer of the Sacramento-based California Canning Peach Association, said this year's harvest will likely exceed the preseason estimate of 212,000 tons. That's up from 204,440 tons in 2022. In fresh-market peaches, the state's estimated freestone peach production is forecast to be 260,000 tons, up from 240,000 tons in 2022, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**California Senator Introduces Legislation To Expand Disaster Relief Access**

U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla has announced legislation to improve disaster relief to help specialty crop farmers recover from catastrophic events. Along with the bill's co-author Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., Padilla introduced the Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act. The legislation waives adjusted gross income restrictions that prevent some farmers from receiving disaster relief under U.S. Department of Agriculture programs. Padilla said the measure could help California growers who produce high-value specialty crops but are saddled with high land costs and escalating expenses. ★

# Local Defense Lawyer Granted Diversion for Crimes Committed

**Butte County DA News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A former Butte County criminal defense lawyer was granted mental health diversion on a felony charge of harboring a client, who was a wanted fugitive and her boyfriend, as well as misdemeanor charges for possessing methamphetamine and a smoking device, in Butte County Superior Court on September 5, 2023.

Stephana Linda Marie Femino, 48, of Paradise, was granted the diversion by a visiting judge Friday, September 1, 2023, in her felony criminal case after claiming she committed her crimes as a result of mental illness that allowed her client/boyfriend to take advantage of her.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said as a result of the diversion, Femino does not face further prosecution or punishment for her alleged crimes as long as she follows a mental health treatment plan proposed by her attorney and approved by the judge for the next two years. If she continues treatment and does not commit any more crimes, her case will be dismissed as if it never happened.

Ramsey said his office adamantly opposed Femino's bid for diversion under a program recently created by the state legislature that allows people to be diverted from

prosecution if they can show a connection between a mental health diagnosis and the crimes they committed. Ramsey said his office presented evidence that although Femino claimed various mental health conditions, they were entirely unrelated to her decision to harbor her fugitive client/ boyfriend from the law.

Despite this, the judge, visiting from Shasta County Superior Court, because all local Butte County judges disqualified themselves because of Femino's work in the local court, nonetheless found that Femino met the criteria for being diverted from the criminal justice system citing the fact that the diversion law makes it extremely difficult for the prosecution to overcome such a claim – even if it is tenuous at best.

Ramsey said the judge found her mental illness was a "significant factor" in her alleged crimes as a lawyer would not normally act in the way Femino did in protecting a client.

Ramsey said that Femino's "client" was Adam Ashford, 50, of Chico, who is currently in state prison on multiple felony counts of assault, evading, drug, and firearm offenses.

Ramsey said last year between May and June, Ashford failed to appear on several violations of a felony probation he was on, and the court issued

warrants for his arrest. Ramsey said Femino, his lawyer and girlfriend, then undertook to provide Ashford with financial assistance to help him remain on the run, buying hotel rooms for them to stay in, and helping him avoid police contact by allowing him to hide in her law office.

Ramsey said that on June 24, 2022, Ashford was finally arrested near Butte College when officers found him driving a car with Femino as a passenger. As a result of the arrest, Ramsey said his investigators uncovered thousands of cell phone messages between Ashford and Femino, all while he was wanted on his warrants, showing Femino sending Ashford money, obtaining hotel rooms for him, and allowing him to hide in her law office.

Femino was later arrested on July 29, 2022, on a felony arrest warrant for her Harboring charge that was issued by a local judge. During the arrest, a search of her car in the courthouse parking lot revealed a small amount of methamphetamine and a smoking pipe that she claimed was a "client's" items.

Femino was facing criminal consequences of up to three years in jail for her felony crime at the time of the diversion.

Femino's license to practice law was suspended in December of 2022 by the California State Bar. ★

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significantly since the beginning of school August 28. Following a parent poll this week, Principal Schumann shared in a parent email that a clear majority of parents favored working to refine the new system over returning to old methods. Among other adjustments, some grades are now released just a few minutes earlier on early release days, allowing for a less congested pick-up experience.

On a more celebratory note, McKinley Primary School is enjoying their newly on-site afterschool program, reporting that the program is full and receiving positive feedback. They have plans for a new 1st grade field trip that will happen this trimester, which will take kids onto a rice farm for a new and different experience from past trips. Wilson's garden successes at the Butte County Fair as well as their new-this-year summer reading program have yielded a lot of excitement.

New Sycamore Middle School Principal Chris Schmidt praised parents of 8th graders for a fantastic showing at their parent meeting, ahead of Back-to-School night. Gridley High construction projects are progressing nicely, and their home games began this week.

Maggie Daugherty, Principal of Esperanza High School and Director of

Special Education for the district, reported on policy changes she hopes will increase the effectiveness of services at Esperanza, including a daily credit system and a new five-period day in lieu of starting out with homeroom. On the Special Education front, she indicated that her team will be focused this year on facilitating IEP meetings and seeking out specific parent feedback through surveys following each meeting to help hone their approach.

Of note, the GUSD Transportation Department reported on bussing and current efforts to streamline schedules. The director, Ed White, shared that they are working toward getting a new, digital system implemented which will allow drivers, riders, and parents to be connected in real time. He looks forward to hopefully being able to set routes, complete rider lists, and make contact with families long before the start of school, wherever feasible, in future years.

And finally, our community can look forward to a new level of collaboration between Gridley schools and the Butte County Library system. Welcome to the new district librarian, Teresa Campuzano, who will be working hard, with site librarians and administrators, to bring library access and increased literacy to GUSD students and families. ★

# Suspect Arrested for Firearm and Possession of Controlled Substances for Sale



Image of seized items found in the possession of William Lester Larabee, Jr., during the arrest. Photo courtesy BINTF

**BINTF News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - On August 11th, 2023, Agents from the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) and Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) of the Butte County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at two locations in Chico: an apartment at 2333 Pillsbury Road and a storage unit at 2175 Nord Avenue. The person identified in the search warrant, 40-year-old William Lester Larabee, Jr., had recently been involved in several vehicle pursuits and an assault with a deadly weapon and domestic violence incident. As such, Agents were determined to deny him access to a vehicle, therefore preventing him from placing the public at further risk during this operation. Mr. Larabee was also frequently changing locations and vehicles. As Agents observed him arrive at the Pillsbury Road

location, they allowed Mr. Larabee to exit his vehicle. Mr. Larabee then placed a backpack he had been wearing in another vehicle. As an Agent made contact with him, other Agents moved into position to detain him. Mr. Larabee then chose to flee on foot. Other positioned Agents took Mr. Larabee into custody after a short distance and without further incident.

During a search of all locations, backpack and Mr. Larabee, pursuant to the search warrant, Agents located the following evidence items:

Rifle, Handgun, Ammunition, Methamphetamine (8.5 grams), Fentanyl (1.2 grams), Digital Scale and Packaging Materials, \$2,519 in U.S. Currency (seized per asset forfeiture laws), Mr. Larabee was arrested and booked into the Butte County Jail on the following charges:

Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm (29800 (a)(1) PC); Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition (30305 (a)(1) PC); Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sale (11378 HS); Possession of a Controlled Substance while Armed with a Loaded Firearm (11370.1 (a) HS)

Additional charges are pending. For questions or information regarding this media release please contact Commander Michael O'Brien via email at mobrien@buttecounty.net or by phone at (530) 552-5632.

The purpose of the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF) is to investigate violations of the law involving controlled substances and criminal street gangs in the County of Butte, to include all incorporated cities of the County of Butte. ★



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# Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Here we are heading toward Fall. About ten days before the Autumnal Equinox. The cooler nights have encouraged some trees to start the action of abscission, otherwise known as falling leaves.

One of my bonsai maples has been coloring up and dropping leaves for a week. Fall

is such a wonderful letting go time. So many plants start getting ready for winter. Once it cools off at night the leaf drop will increase until we get to stomp around in piles of leaves. I love this season.

I'm always ready for the changes on the horizon. The citrus start getting bigger while all the other fruit trees are starting to get ready for dormancy.

The dwarf Kumquat I have in a pot has a lot of small green fruit popping out and getting bigger. Bigger being relative in Kumquats; about the size of a large oblong marble.

I bought that little tree to create another fruiting bonsai. It has such a long trunk before the graft that it is a bit awkward

for making into a bonsai. I planted it into a larger bowl pot and it seems happy. I might plant it in the ground at some point. It is a dwarf type so it will never get very large and if I prune it regularly it will certainly stay small. There is a modern tendency in grafted landscape trees to graft about 12-18 inches up. This is noticeable in Japanese dwarf maples. I'm thinking it is so when put into a yard it has some added height throughout the trunk. It is very annoying when one wishes to make a bonsai. This is a double memory time, the loss of Berry Creek to fire three years ago.

Also 9-11 twenty-two years ago. All times of letting go appropriate to the season. ★

## SPARKY'S CORNER

### CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY

One of the most important jobs you have as a parent is keeping your child safe when riding in a vehicle. Each year, thousands of young children are killed or injured in car crashes. Proper use of car seats helps keep children safe. But with so many different seats on the market, many parents find this overwhelming.

If you are expectant parents, give yourself enough time to learn how to properly install the car seat in your car before your baby is born to ensure a safe ride home from the hospital. The type of seat your child needs depends on several things, including your child's age and size and the type of vehicle you have. For more information, check the Butte County Department of Public Health website at [www.buttecounty.net/publichealth](http://www.buttecounty.net/publichealth) or call (530) 895-4035.

Here are some car seat safety tips:

#### Rear Facing Seat (birth to two years)

- Best seat for child to use has a harness that moves with your child in an accident to cradle your child's head and neck
- All children must ride in rear facing seat until child reaches size or age requirements set by seat manufacturer.
- Switch to convertible rear-facing seat for larger infants when rear-facing infant seat is outgrown.

#### Forward Facing Seat (Two years and older)

- Has harness and tether that limits forward movement during an accident
- Keep child in forward-facing seat with a harness until age and size limits set by manufacturer are exceeded.

#### Booster Seat (Five years and older)

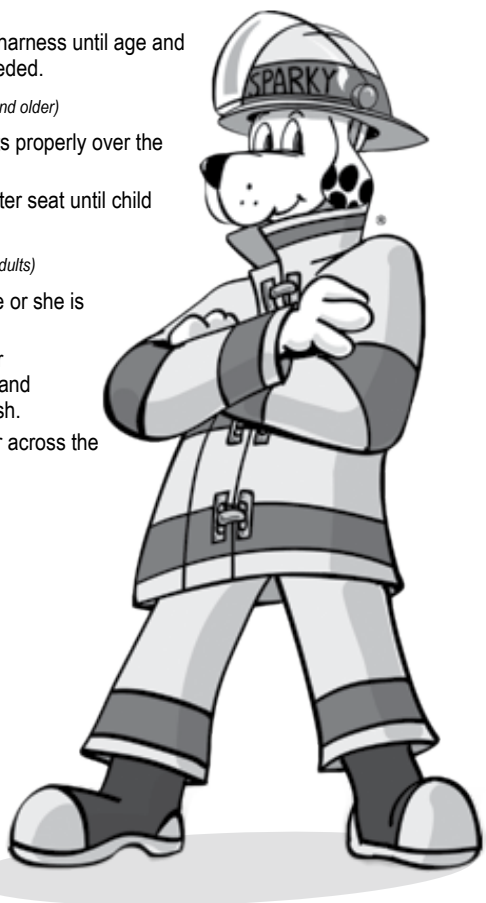
- A booster seat positions seat belt so it fits properly over the stronger parts of the child's body.
- Use forward-facing belt positioning booster seat until child reaches 4'9" tall, typically at age 12.

#### Seat Belt (Older Children and Adults)

- Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly.
- The seat belt should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain the child safely in a crash.
- It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck or face.

Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog  
Gridley Fire Station 74



#### TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No.: 2023-00404-CA  
A.P.N.:028-290-023-000

Property Address: 26 SHADY GREEN LANE, BANGOR, CA 95914

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

注:本文件包含一个信息摘要

참고사항:본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Trustor: Erin Harden and Kelly Harden, husband and wife, as joint tenants

Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC

Deed of Trust Recorded 09/25/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0049635 in book ---, page--- and of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California,

Date of Sale: 11/01/2023 at 03:30 PM

Place of Sale: MAIN ENTRANCE, BUTTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1 COURT STREET, OROVILLE, CA 95965

Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$ 62,060.46

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, 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, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:

All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:

More fully described in said Deed of Trust.

Street Address or other common designation of real property: 26 SHADY GREEN LANE, BANGOR, CA 95914

A.P.N.: 028-290-023-000

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 62,060.46.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

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.

The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.

#### NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <https://www.altisource.com/loginpage.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2023-00404-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855)-976-3916, or visit this internet website <https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079>, using the file number assigned to this case 2023-00404-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

Date: September 8, 2023

Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000702**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Tiley, 6211 Forgiven Way, Paradise, CA 95969  
Ryan R Mulford, 6211 Forgiven Way, Paradise, CA 95969  
Date filed in Butte County: August 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 27, 2023  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023  
TILEY 9-15-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000712**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Oregrown, 1408 Park Avenue, Chico, CA 95928  
Chico Flagship, LLC, 679 E 7th Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: August 11, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2021  
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 25, Sept 1, 8, 15, 2023  
OREGROWN 9-15-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000725**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Therapeutic Healing Source, 95 Declaration Drive, Chico, CA 95973  
Nicole D Cox, 2736 Swallowtail Way, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: August 16, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
THERAPEUTIC 9-22-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000751**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Gridley Post Acute, 246 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
Olowalu Beach Holdings LLC, 701 Palomar Airport Road Suite 230, Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Date filed in Butte County: August 22, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 1, 2021  
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GRIDLEY 9-22-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000731**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Monys's Moxie Method, 10 Keystone Court, Chico, CA 95973  
Monysu Strang, 10 Keystone Court, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: August 18, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 17, 2023  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
MONYS 9-22-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000746**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: The Dynamic Healing Center, 815 E 5th Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Nicolette B Lincoln, 5 Willowbrook Way Unit B, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: August 22, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
DYNAMIC 9-22-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000752**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Chico Eye Center Medical Group, 3401 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95973  
Pablo M Arregui, MD Inc., 3401 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: August 22, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 1, 1999  
This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023  
CHICO 9-22-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000766**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Azure Bodyworks, 2231 St George Lane, Chico, CA 95926  
Jill M Russell, 1264 Hobart Street, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: August 28, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this state-

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AZURE 9-29-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000755**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Liberty Cleaning and Auto Detailing, 3840 Rosenben Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966  
Lindsey R Glenn, 3840 Rosenben Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966  
Date filed in Butte County: August 24, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 6/1/2023.  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023  
LIBERTY 9-29-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000747**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Advanced Document Concepts for Business, 702 Nord Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Superior California Office Equipment Incorporated, 702 Nord Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: August 22, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: 8/1/1970.  
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: September 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023  
ADVANCED 9-29-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000791**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Four Leaf Clothing Co., 730 Main Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Jill C Bailey, 1660 Hooker Oak Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: Sept 6, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023  
FOUR 10-6-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000770**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Metro, 1401 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Metabolic Profiling Technologies, LLC, 1401 Mangrove Avenue, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: August 29, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023  
METPRO 10-6-23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0000741**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Orchard Hospital, 240 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948  
Orchard Gridley Hospital Incorporated, 700 17th Street #205, Modesto, CA 95354  
Date filed in Butte County: August 21, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: June 22, 2023  
This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023  
ORCHARD 10-6-23

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DALE LEE LOFLAND. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by DARLA R. LOFLAND in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DARLA R. LOFLAND be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/17/23 at 9:00AM in Dept. 1 located at 1775 CONCORD AVE., CHICO, CA 95928

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal del-

ivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner LESLIE E. RILEY - SBN 265987 VARNER & BRANDT LLP 3237 E GUASTI RD., STE 220 ONTARIO CA 91761 Telephone (909) 931-0879 9/1, 9/8, 9/15/23 CNS-3732526# GRIDLEY HERALD 9/15/23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KERRY E. NUOVO CASE NO. 22PR00430

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Kerry E. Nuovo. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mitch W. H. Holtkamp, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Mitch W. H. Holtkamp be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 1, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may 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 tele-

phone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661  
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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #23CV02147  
Petitioner Azra Suhas filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Azra Suhas to Sara Suhas. 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 October 4, 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  
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### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #23CV01853  
Petitioner Frederick Carl Holzen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Frederick Carl Holzen to Fredrick Carl Smith. 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 October 4, 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  
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### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

CASE #23CV02148  
Petitioner Azra Suhas filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ayhan Hajizadeh to Ayhan Suhas. 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 October 4, 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  
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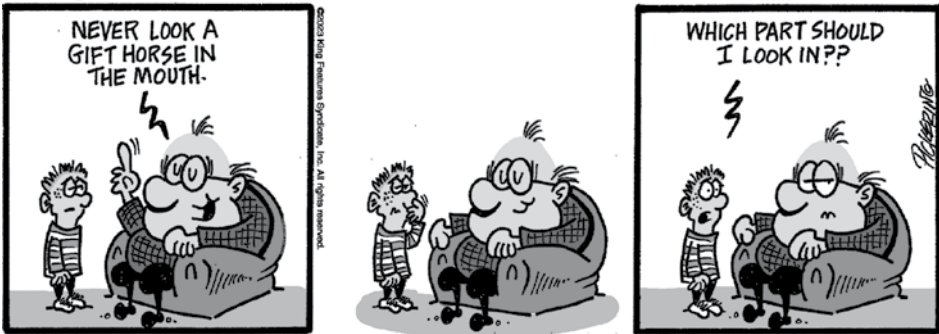




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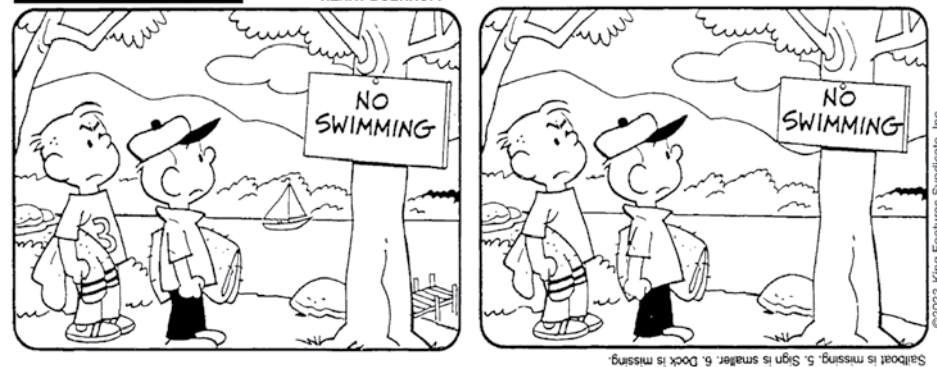
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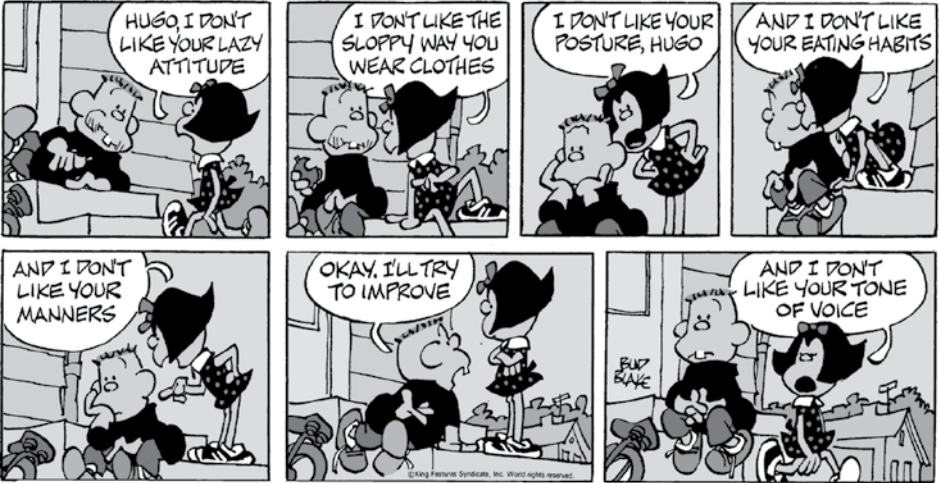
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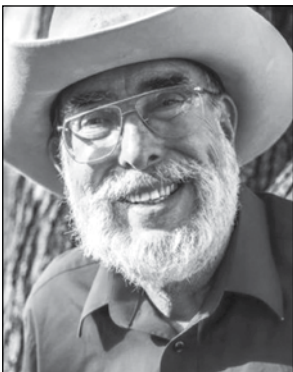
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# Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY

# Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal



Slim Randles

## Fall is Just a Wonderful Time to be Alive

and exhibitions occur. Because by the time fall rolls around, we have jars of jelly ready for competition. The hunters have been practicing out at the range for weeks now and are ready to take the rifle or the bow into the woods to see how their skills measure up to those who they'd love to subdivide and put in the freezer.

The kids are all back in school now, where they can try out all the new crazy stunts on their friends that they learned from their uncles last summer. It is a holy, blessed time for that. Family tradition, you know.

The uncles have been polishing these stunts for decades now and have

them down to a science. And the older folks may not be building cabins or climbing mountains after elk as much these days, but there is a lot to be said for just passing along stories to the youngsters. And it works out fairly well when we realize that 'most everyone who could challenge the truth of one of those stories has already graciously died on us.

Fall is just a wonderful time to be alive.

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In Solomon's book of Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verse 11 we read, "God has also set eternity in the human heart." That's why we are left with a hole there that needs to be filled and seems only by God himself.

That's why people ask, "Why am I here? What is my purpose?" We are always Jesus' life, death, and resurrection that that missing part of the puzzle, the longing we can't find, that itch we can't cure, or the hole left to fill became visible and possible.

Man met the mighty God in the flesh and saw what was missing, a personal relationship with a living God who loved and cared for His children.

The Ten Commandments, the law of Moses, gave us a look at what sin was and what it could cost us in life. But the law could not save us, it only gave us a foundation to view eternity from. Jesus came to show us what we needed and to help fill our emptiness. God's mercy and compassion was in full flesh for us to see.

I guess you would say in modern

terms, God gave us a human GPS. All roads lead home to our Creator. Stop and think about it. Do you ever have a nagging feeling that something is missing? Do you ever look to others for love and find none? Do you get overly involved in a career or business only to

be unfulfilled?

We explore. We look. We challenge. We push forward, always looking for that thing that we think will make us whole. The only way we'll be able to find that "something" is to ask God first and all the rest we need in life will be given. God promised.

Are you angry? Tell God. Are you sick? Ask God's help. Are you lost in crime and lawlessness? Call on God. Are you lonely and depressed? Knock on God's heavenly door in prayer and He'll open His Kingdom to you. Go Home! He has left you a guidance system, follow it.

Join us if finding the path He has left for us. The Gridley United Methodist Church worship every Sunday at 10 am. Our church is at 285 Magnolia Street. ★



# Oroville Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Attempted Murder

## Butte County DA News Release

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - An Oroville man was sentenced on September 6, 2023, to life in prison by a Butte County judge after he was convicted by a jury last month for attempted murder, assault with a semi-automatic firearm, as well as being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. He had also pleaded guilty after his trial of attempting to intimidate witnesses during the trial.

Peter Lee Flaming, 53, was sentenced to 20 years

in prison, with an additional 39 years to life after he serves those 20 years.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the jury took less than two hours to return guilty verdicts on all charges and special allegations.

Ramsey said this case began last March when Butte County Sheriff's deputies responded to a suspicious vehicle crash in the Thermalito area. When they arrived, deputies found the victim, 47, in the driver's seat of the crashed vehicle,

bleeding profusely from three gunshot wounds. The victim told deputies he had been shot at a different location, but drove away until he lost control of his vehicle. Deputies were able to administer life-saving measures until medical personnel arrived and transported the victim to the hospital, where he received emergency surgery and ultimately recovered.

Deputies learned in their investigation that the person who shot the victim was Flaming, a friend of the victim, and that Flaming had shot the

victim as the victim was exiting his vehicle that he slept in on Flaming's property in Thermalito. Deputies responded to Flaming's residence, but Flaming had fled the area. Later, Flaming was arrested without incident when he returned to his house and a good Samaritan reported seeing him.

Ramsey said the evidence presented at the trial showed that Flaming had an ongoing disagreement with the victim over a mutual female friend, and on the morning of March 19, 2023, he

exited his house and shot the victim three times. Flaming then fled the area. The gun was never recovered.

Ramsey said the jury also heard evidence outlining the motive for the shooting, as well as circumstances of the crime that proved Flaming did not merely intend to hurt or scare his friend, but intended to kill him. Ramsey said the evidence proved to the jury that Flaming committed the attempted murder willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation, which is the most serious form

of attempted murder.

Ramsey said that Flaming also pleaded guilty to charges of attempting to intimidate the victim and a key witness at his trial. Ramsey said those charges added an additional eight years to his sentence.

Ramsey explained that although his charges meant Flaming was sentenced to serve decades in prison before he would be eligible for parole consideration in his life sentence, recent changes in state law by the legislature will give him his first opportunity at parole after only 20 years. ★

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# Lady Bulldogs Swept by Marysville, Go 3-2 in Hamilton Tourney

Story and photos by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Marysville Lady Indians volleyball team swept the Gridley Lady Bulldogs in straight sets (27-25, 25-21, 26-24) on Wednesday, September 6.

This was the second meeting between the two teams as they met earlier in the season at the Chico tournament where Gridley swept Marysville in two sets on August 19.

Although the roles were reversed after September 6, two of the three sets went into extra points to win the sets.

The crowd in Gridley celebrated the (5-8) game with a whiteout theme as it was the Lady Bulldogs first game of the year. The interesting fact on that note is the Lady Indians haven't played a home game yet either as their home gym is getting a brand-new floor.

Marysville (4-8) head coach Annie Wooten expressed to Messenger Publishing Group that it has been a challenge to not be in their own gym on a daily basis just to get simple things like where the line work on the gym floors would be.

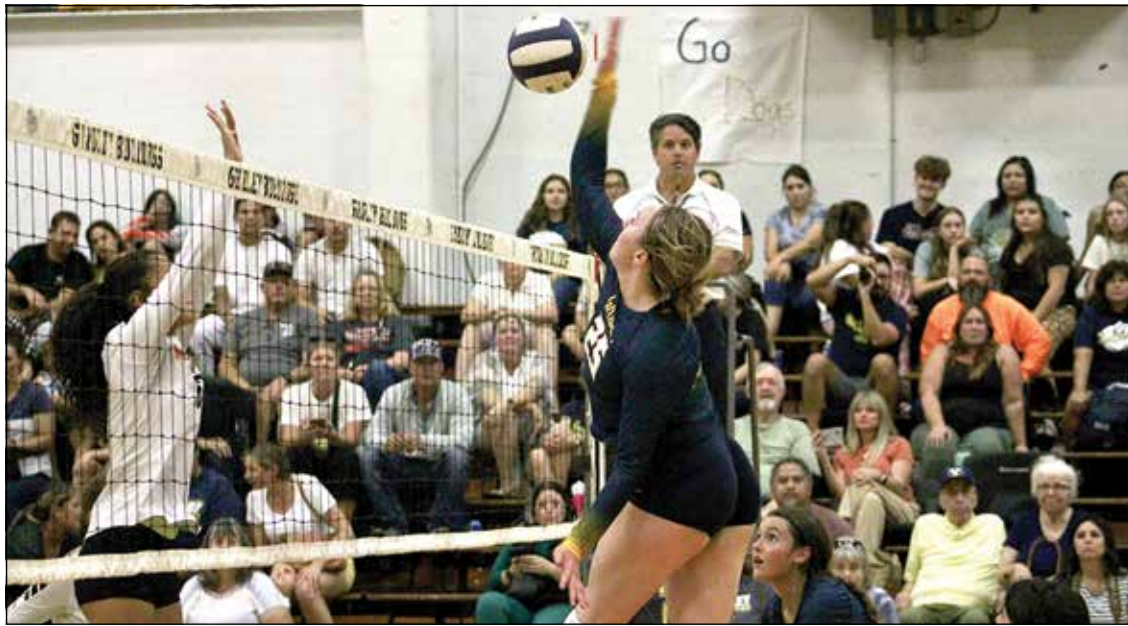
The first set of the match was so close that neither team was ahead by more than two points the entire set. Although there were plenty of good volleys, amazing digs and bulldozing blocks, there were still flaws both coaches wanted to improve on.

Gridley head coach Elizabeth Ayon told MPG there were a lot of missed opportunities the Lady Bulldogs didn't do well in the match against Marysville.

Some of the missed opportunities included 14 service receiving errors and 22 dig errors.



Gridley senior libero Giselle Fuentes (1) serves the ball in the Lady Bulldogs loss to Marysville on Wednesday, September 6.



Gridley junior middle hitter Charlee Sormano (25) hits the ball in the Lady Bulldogs defeat to Marysville on Wednesday, September 6.

Gridley completed in the Hamilton tournament that took place September 7 and 9th, where they went 3-2 and Ayon said they played well overall.

Lady Bulldogs middle/outside hitter Charlee Sormano

led Gridley with 11 kills, three blocks and nine digs. Senior libero Giselle Fuentes led the way for Gridley with 20 digs.

In the second set, the Lady Indians jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead, and it was due to great

setting by junior setter Madison White.

White expressed to MPG that it was a good overall team win, and her and her teammates were focused to win.

The final set was set like the

first and neither team had breathing room until Marysville took advantage and cheered as the final whistle ended the match.

The Lady Indians began their Pioneer Valley League play the night prior in the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section where they got swept in straight sets by Sutter. The match with Gridley took place in between a PVL match set up with Lindhurst the following day.

White explained that you could take non-league games not as serious as like okay they aren't league games, we don't need to worry if we win or lose, but Marysville takes every match seriously.

"That first set always hypes everyone up," White said. "We're like hey let's go, let's keep this going for tomorrow too."

White added that during PVL play, she wants the team to get comfortable enough where she is able to input more hitting plays and sneak attacks on other teams with her teammates to potentially throw their opponents off their games.

White expressed to MPG that it is important she is in the right positions as well to set her teammates correctly because if she isn't doing her job, how can her teammates do theirs.

The Lady Indians continued league play this week as they traveled to Colfax and Bear River.

Gridley hosted Live Oak this past Wednesday to kick off the rivalry week festivities before the 14th Annual Harvest Bowl kicks off tonight.

The Lady Bulldogs begin Butte View League play on Tuesday, September 19 at Las Plumas at 6:30 p.m.

# Lions Seek First Harvest Bowl Win Since 2012, Bulldogs Look for First Win of Season

Story by Steven Bryla

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Cheering, booing and noisemakers will all be heard at "The Boneyard" at Gridley High School as the 14th Annual Harvest Bowl football game between the Gridley Bulldogs and the Live Oak Lions takes place tonight!

The yearly installment during the two cross-town rival football communities has been nothing but straight streaks since these athletes were born post 2005 and grew up with one another playing together as teammates as part of the Gridley Titans in youth football!

Gridley has won the last nine Harvest Bowls, there was no game in 2020 due to COVID-19. The series between the two schools favor the Bulldogs currently 10-6 in the MaxPreps era (2004).

Despite the records going into the game, all bets are off and none of that matters as both schools fight for the honor of their town to have the bragging rights.

Gridley (0-2) comes into the game winless with first year head coach Mike Meyer, but like the old saying goes, don't judge a book by its cover.

The Bulldogs' two losses were to Wheatland and Marysville as both games ended in 14-7 defeats. Both teams also compete in one of the toughest small school conferences, which is the Pioneer Valley League in the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section.

One of the biggest advantages for Gridley that the Herald was told by Meyer preseason was how fresh they will be as he won't have as many players playing on both sides of the ball as in years past in the program.

Key returners for the Bulldogs offensively include junior quarterback Gus Stogsdill and senior running back Ryan Woolery.



Gridley sophomore linebacker Jason Davis Jr. (52) intercepts a pass in the Bulldogs 14-7 defeat to Wheatland on Friday, September 1. Photo by Libby Tolman

Stogsdill comes in with a year of prior experience of the big game in which he had accumulated over 300 yards of offense last season.

Stogsdill put on weight in the off-season and added to his strength on the field and has 126 yards on the ground and 184 yards in the air through the first two games of the season.

Woolery didn't have many carries last season, but his leadership on the field is evident as he leads the team with 45 touches currently on the year following the first couple weeks.

Stogsdill just gets another

season of searching for an Engelmann downfield; he searches for sophomore wide receiver Riley instead of 2023 alumnus Andrew. After two solid games receiving, Riley has six receptions for 142 yards.

Defensively for Gridley, you can't start without talking about their defense with sophomore linebacker Jason Davis Jr. Davis is the current team leader in tackles with 21, but junior lineman Ben Clement leads the Bulldogs with 7.0 tackles for loss in the first two games.

For Live Oak, the story is somewhat similar to last year

as they enter the Harvest Bowl undefeated with wins over Oroville and Lindhurst.

Although Lindhurst is significantly better than last season, that wasn't the most impressive feature of the 2023 Lions.

Live Oak (2-0) has a gunslinger named Aaron Rogers who can let the ball fly as Lions head coach Robert Tilton told the Herald preseason that he was going to input an emphasis on throwing the ball this season.

Against Lindhurst, Rogers let the ball fly as he tracked his two favorite targets downfield in senior wide receiver Noah Cuevas and junior running back Tanner Tillotson.

The accuracy of Rogers has the availability to be there on a consistent basis if he has a consistent cushion of time from his offensive line.

On top of the deep ball threats Live Oak has, their running game improved as junior running back Mario Ramirez bulldozed the Blazers on the ground on Thursday, September 7.

Ramirez had 252 yards on the ground from 28 carries and three

touchdowns.

The Lions are a better overall unit than last season but defensively one of the biggest adjustments needed for success is covering the deep ball.

Live Oak was vulnerable a couple times against Lindhurst, but that could also have been due to more players going both ways. The line play for the Lions on both sides of the ball looked great against Lindhurst.

Final prediction This Harvest Bowl should be the closest one score wise compared to the last five being Gridley blowouts.

Everyone wants to know if this is going to be the year the Lions break the losing streak. The Live Oak athletes want to end it and be the team to do it, but do they have enough to do it?

Taking into account that Gridley has played the tougher schedule so far, I believe Gridley snags the double-digit number and extends their win streak in a close one 31-23.

Kickoff for the game takes place at 7:30 p.m.



Gridley junior quarterback Gus Stogsdill (3) breaks free on a kick return during the Bulldogs 14-7 defeat against Wheatland on Friday, September 1. Photo by Libby Tolman



# Clean California Unveils New Roadside Artwork Designed by Local Students

By Kevin Murphy, Caltrans

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Caltrans and the city of Oroville hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug. 30 to celebrate the completion of a \$3.2 million project that will bring safety improvements and artistic elements to State Route 70 (SR-70) near the Montgomery Street and State Route 162 (SR-162) interchanges in Oroville.

The improvements are part of Governor Gavin Newsom's Clean California initiative, a sweeping \$1.2 billion clean-up effort led by Caltrans to remove trash, beautify public spaces and create thousands of jobs across the state.

"Clean California works to transform our public spaces, beautify our state, and improve the safety of our transportation network," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. "We are delighted to work with the City of Oroville to create these beautiful landmarks and continue the city's tradition of recognizing important public art."

This project includes the creation of dry creek beds and rock outcroppings along the roadsides, as well as new decorative slope paving and fencing marking the interchange. The new fencing and landscaping will create additional safety barriers between sidewalks and vehicle access points to SR-70, and new curbs and slope paving will improve drainage inside underpasses during

rainstorms.

Additionally, the project incorporates artistic elements installed on the existing piers under the SR-162 interchange. These transportation art pieces were facilitated by local artists from the Rainforest Art Collective of Chico and designed by area high school students who joined together to celebrate the wildlife of the region.

Oroville has a rich and complex history and is known for its public art, murals, and museums throughout downtown. The SR-70 interchanges will serve as critical links in a vibrant art corridor that begins at the city's Entry Arch and continues throughout the Feather River Art Wall on Table Mountain Boulevard.

"We are excited to see and share the expression of Oroville youth in permanent art projects that provide tremendous public pride and positive quality of life," said Oroville Mayor David Pittman.

"Caltrans fully appreciates the effort the city of Oroville made to reach out to local artists and organizations for this project," added Caltrans District 3 Director Amarjeet Benipal. "These installations contribute greatly to the aesthetics of the corridor."

"The Clean California initiative has provided a rare and marvelous opportunity for local Oroville youth to participate in the creation of beautiful and lasting public art. These installations will make a wonderful impression when entering and leaving

Oroville, and the artists at the Rainforest Art Project are thrilled to be a part of this

transformation," said Dan Evers, CEO of the Rainforest Art Project.

Construction began in April and was the first of two Clean California beautification projects on the state highway system in Butte County to be completed. The second project is currently under construction and will provide similar improvements to the 20th Street and Skyway interchanges along State Route 99 in Chico.

The Oroville project is among 126 Clean California beautification projects worth \$312 million [2] designed to help energize communities and create connectivity along the state highway system. There are an additional 105 projects statewide funded by nearly \$300 million in Clean California local grants [3] to remove litter and transform public spaces in underserved communities. Building on Clean California's success, Governor Newsom earlier this year announced a new round of \$100 million in grants for local beautification projects. The projects will be announced in the coming weeks.

Many Clean California projects throughout the state include public art created by local artists and other design aesthetics. Among its many positive attributes, art in public spaces has been shown to benefit communities by reducing illegal dumping and graffiti, just one of the goals of Clean California. ★

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