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Storm Damages Butte Theatre



During the vicious storm that hammered the North State in early February, a large portion of the Butte Theatres roof was torn off and thrown across neighboring streets and yards. Photo by Will Sheffield

By John J. Raspanti

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Almost sixty years ago, The Beatles invaded the Butte Theater in Gridley.

Not live per se, but the next best thing. The Fab Four were starring in their first film, A Hard Day's Night, and the box office was jumping. The shrieks and screams that occurred likely shook the building - and the roof.

Sadly, that same roof couldn't withstand the pounding of a recent storm.

Some of its remains ended up on Spruce Ave.

The hulk of the once imposing theater sits dormant on Kentucky Street in downtown Gridley, deteriorating daily, surrounded by other historic buildings. An ice cream parlor was once adjacent to the theater. Across the

street, City Hall faces it.

The style was Art Deco, highlighted by the marquee and lofty tower. Three blue rectangular tiles with diamond patterns identify the sloping entrance. In the center, in front of the smallest one, is where the octagonal ticket booth once sat. After paying, patrons would enter through stylish swinging doors. The doors are long gone, replaced by brooding gray frames with glass.

Peering through the glass, one can see decaying walls and dark shadows. In the past, there was a green carpet and a circular foyer-rotunda decorated in chrome. Inside the theatre, rows of seats would lead down to the stage, with golden murals on either side of the screen - surely now faded and lost to time.

Among the glass frames, there is a simple plaque that reads Butte Theater

1938. That year signified the theater opening.

The first film screened was "Mad About Music" - starring the popular Deanna Durbin. Saturday afternoon matinees were double features along with perhaps a serial, a short starring The Three Stooges, and a cartoon.

The theater would remain open until September 3, 1973. Every now and again, it would reopen, only to have the doors close. A church took over the location for several years, but for many Gridley residents, memories remain of spending hours in the air-conditioned movie theater.

Wandering by the old location, it's easy to hear the voices and feel the whisks of a once frenetic place.

Its pride is intact if not all of what remains. ★

City Council Meeting Covers Industrial Development and More

Story by Teri Saya

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley City Council opened their regular meeting at 6 p.m. on February 5th. The public was encouraged to attend either in person or via Zoom.

The Council approved the Public Works construction of a concrete pad at Manual Vierra Park. The pad construction will be put in place to hold a memorial bench purchased by The Gridley Lions Club. The estimated cost for the pad installation is \$1,512, which would be reimbursed to the City of Gridley by the Lions Club resulting in no impact on the city budget. The bench will be located on the west side of the park, north of the tennis courts, near the Lions meeting hall, which is at 186 Washington Street.

RSG, Inc. is a consulting agency contracted by the City of Gridley to assist with all projects relating to the Redevelopment Agency. An amendment to the 2023 - 2024 fiscal year contract of \$30,000, approved in August of 2023, requesting an additional \$7,000 to cover costs incurred that were not originally planned for, was voted on and approved by the City Council. Also approved was the renewal of the contract with RSG Inc, for the fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$30,000. This modification of the budget was put forth to the public present and there were no objections.

With an impressive Power Point presentation, the Gridley Fire Department requested the purchase of a new Ladder Truck with outfit equipment. The presentation pointed out that the old fire truck that is in use now, is 17 years old and in need of repair.

This excerpt was taken from the Gridley Fire Department's written proposal; 'The Fire Department's current 17-year-old Quint Aerial Ladder Truck is becoming unreliable, resulting in more frequent and extensive repair costs along with inconsistencies in the service we can provide. Due to the age of the vehicle, the time has come to replace the existing front line Ladder Truck. As part of the justification to the need, it is important

Another Farm Show in the Books

Story and photos by Susan Meeker

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Another Colusa Farm Show is in the books after the 2024 exposition saw a mix of clear skies and rain.

Despite an atmospheric river blowing through Northern California just days before the Colusa Farm Show, the sun came out Feb. 6, as if on cue.

On the second day, it rained.

"It would not be a Colusa Farm Show without at least one day of rain," said Casey Ryan, standards officer for the Colusa County Air Pollution Control District, at an informational booth hosted by the Agriculture Department.

Billed as the "granddaddy" of farm trade shows on the West Coast, the Colusa Farm Show brought the usual flood of visitors through the gates of the Colusa County Fairgrounds to learn about the latest in farm equipment and agriculture-related services.

"I could say I came to



The 59th annual Colusa Farm Show provided one-stop shopping for all farm service needs.

win a Yeti," joked Jake Robinson, of Oroville. "But I actually came hoping to get a good deal on an orchard shredder."

Robinson said he was greeted well at the Colusa Farm Show by manufacturers and retailers of all kinds of farm equipment but was most impressed with Orchard Machinery Corporation's new E-limb-inator.

"And E does not stand for electric," Robinson said, noting the unique

design of a machine built to chew through large limbs and carries with it 140 gallons of diesel fuel, 15 gallons of diesel emissions fluid, and 160 gallons of hydraulic oil. "I just don't think we are there yet with electric farm equipment. Maybe someday."

The three-day run of the Colusa Farm Show provided one-stop shopping for all farm equipment and services.

Combines, tractors, shakers, scrapers, tillers,

mowers, risers, along with farm and sport vehicles were just some of the equipment on display outdoors. Farm credit and banking services, nursery and seed suppliers, water, soil and conservation experts, insurance agencies, utility building manufacturers, and other service providers filled all four exhibit buildings.

While many people came to the show for specific services, quite a few

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

American Almond Beef store on the corner of Hwy 99 and Hazel has Garlic and Honey Pepper Beef Jerky on sale for \$9. This is a bargain. Often, beef jerky is like movie theater popcorn and can be priced higher per ounce than some precious metals. It's interesting. When I wrote the words garlic

and honey & pepper beef jerky out loud, I noticed a significant increase in saliva production. Try it for yourself. If saying garlic pepper & honey beef jerky does not have that effect on you, it is a sign you should probably immediately seek medical intervention.

If you do seek a medical intervention, I recommend Orchard Hospital where you should have your tongue, ears, nose, and throat checked out. As a general rule Herald Pi Line rule, everyone in town should always go to the local hospital for everything, especially if you have health insurance coverage. A small city north

of Eureka needed a specified number of take-offs and landings to be eligible for federal airport funding (without which the airport would close), so the local County Office of Education began offering ROP classes to train student pilots from the High School. That course offering put the take-off and landing count high enough to save the airport. So, with the ROP flying school in mind, always go to the Orchard Hospital. We must ensure we keep the count up and the doors open.

Josh F.W. Cook is an alumnus of the nationally ranked Butte College; opinions expressed here are solely his. ★

City Council Meeting Covers Industrial Development and More

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to understand that this specialized apparatus operational focus is not just about the 100-foot aerial ladder. Having a truck for buildings three stories or higher, new apartment complexes, historic downtown, or any building over two stories is critical for fire suppression, ventilation, and rescue operations i.e. Orchard Hospital, etc. The ladder truck has emergency responses and daily duties that help the Fire Department accomplish its goals and objectives in serving the community. As our community continues to grow, the need for a Ladder Truck becomes more imperative.

Funding sources were reviewed with the Finance Department and there are enough funds in the Equipment Reserve Fund to cover the down payment for the requested Ladder Truck as well as the yearly payments. Total payment with interest came to \$1,536,432. The City Council unanimously passed this proposal.

The permanent closure of Vermont Street which bi-sects two schools, McKinley Primary School, and Sycamore Middle School, was approved with a vote of 4 to 1.

The city received a letter from the Gridley Unified School District with an interest in acquiring a portion of Vermont Street to expand school classrooms. Superintendent, Justin Kern and Board President Eric Waterbury asked the city to consider transferring a portion of the Vermont Street right-of-way to the GUSD. Safety issues were addressed, such as access to public works trucks, i.e. police, ambulance, and fire. The cost to gate and permanently close Vermont Street will be about \$5,000.

As for the Gridley Industrial Park Complex Subdivision located along Industrial Park Drive off of Highway 99, the City Council has considered and accepted proposals for the development of parcel 2, parcel 8, parcel 9, and parcel 10 in the Industrial Park.

Questions were brought up about parcel 10 which will be used for CAT Transportation truck storage and repair. There is a sports complex adjacent to this parcel where children come to play sports. It was suggested that there should be environmental protections established for this parcel.

All documents pertaining to this meeting can be viewed at: http://gridley.ca.us/public/uploads/pdfs/020524_Agenda_-_Copy.pdf. ★



Gridley High School Wrestling Ends Season with Wins!

By Joe Ruggirello

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Wrestling is mankind's oldest and most basic form of recreational combat. It traces back to the dawn of civilization. Carvings and drawings estimated to be between 15,000 and 20,000 years old, found in caves in southern Europe, illustrate wrestlers in holds in levers positions.

In the past, Gridley High School wrestling has never seen a full line up of boys on either JV or Varsity teams eventually expanded to allow females to compete. With the sports growing popularity nationwide, girls wrestling has blossomed and given them their own group to compete with.

Gridley wrestling program started off the year with a good size group of boys and girls, but dwindled down

over the course of the season due to injuries. The program was left with just seven teammates - two boys and five girls made up the last of the wrestlers to fight for a chance to go to the state tournament in Bakersfield California February 22 through 25.

With only seven wrestlers going to the section tournament, two were seeded in the respective weight classes - Jonathan Rangle at 113 pounds was seeded fifth and Phoenix Brynman at 126 pounds seeded third. Both Rangle and Brynman would move on through the tournament and both placed at the respective seedings, taking fifth and third place.

Moving forward in the tournament was Ava Campos, who would lose her first match against Live Oak by pin. Campos made it to the second day,

only to lose in the blood rounds to Quincy in a back-and-forth match that ended by pin late in the third round.

Freshman Oliviah Jurado, wrestling at 147-pound weight class, found herself wrestling Chico in the first round of masters. Jurado lost by pin in her second match of the day. She would face Anderson winning 7-2. Jurado would find herself pinning her opponent in the third round. She would move onto the second day of the tournament, only to get pinned by Burney in the second round to end her season taking 6th place.


GHS Senior Kyleigh Colburn, wrestling at 190 pounds, unfortunately did not make it past the first day wrestling. She fought tough, but came up short against Anderson and Pierce High School.

Ellie Wood, also a Senior, came out this year to wrestle for the first time. With a slow start to the season, Wood picked up momentum towards the end of the season. She found herself matched up with Shasta in her first match of the day. Wood's was up 2 to 1, going into the second round and won by pin. Her second match pitted the Senior against Trinity High School, which she would win 4 to 0., and win her third match against Durham. Woods continued on to wrestle for third and fourth place in the tournament, losing to Anderson by pin in the first round.

Miguel Avina, a freshman boy who wrestled at heavyweight 285 pounds, found himself at the bottom of his bracket having to face the number one seed in the tournament, Durham.

Avina would lose this match by pin in the first round. His next match would be against foothill. Miguel would win by his third match of the day, which him paired up against Central Valley, the number eight seed. Avina would upset him 12 to 5. On the second day of the tournament, he would come up against the number six seed from Willows. Avina would find himself fighting for third place in the tournament, only to lose to Lassen high. He would end his Freshman year, placing fourth at the masters tournament in Red Bluff.

It was a great tournament and a great season. GHS Wrestling coaching staff is looking forward to next season. The hopes are to fill more weight classes and compete in the northern section as a team. ★



MEMORIAL

LUCY PENNING • 12/8/1942 - 2/10/2024

Lucy Penning, born Wilma Lucille Snyder on December 8, 1942 in Carthage, MO passed away peacefully at her Gridley home, surrounded by family on February 10, 2024.

Lucy grew up on her family cattle ranch at Leesville, CA. She was active in 4-H, played banjo, loved riding horses and raising calves and sheep. She attended Stonyford School and Mercy Academy in Red Bluff. Lucy married Pat Penning in 1976, they moved to Gridley in 1981 and farmed rice and walnuts.

She had a green thumb growing flowers and vegetables. Known for her cooking and gardening, she loved entertaining and feeding family and friends and sharing



(Keegan) Townzen.

She is survived by children Julie (Dunlap) Farnham, Cash Dunlap, Lynn Pippitt (Ross), Greg Penning (Lisa), and Joe Penning; siblings Mary Bureson, Sara Harrison (Jerry), Jim Keegan and Bob Keegan, and her sweet little dog Twoie. Lucy loved and was so proud of her 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Lucy's life will be held Thursday March 7 at 1:00pm at the Gridley Moose Lodge.

The family requests donations in lieu of flowers to Society of St. Vincent DePaul Gridley, Hospice, or your choice of cancer support.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

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Agency on Aging Area 4 to Fund Five Agencies to Improve Lives for Older Adults



An elderly man reads newspaper on park bench. Image by Silviu on the street from Pixabay

Agency on Aging Area 4 News Release

YUBA AND SUTTER COUNTIES (MPG) - Agency on Aging Area 4 is one of six grantees awarded a total of \$1.1 million in California Department of Aging funding during round two of the Local Aging & Disability Action Planning Grant Program. The planning and capacity-building grant will support agency efforts in planning for and addressing the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and professional and family caregivers in Yuba and Sutter counties.

Agency on Aging Area 4 will fund a consultant to work in partnership with five local organizations that will organize and conduct listening sessions/focus groups to inform the development of a plan(s) for Yuba and Sutter counties. The local age- and disability-friendly plans to be developed are to improve a community's livability for residents of all ages centered on equity, cultural competency, community engagement, and disability inclusion principles and practices, according to the Agency on Aging Area 4.

"Real, meaningful change happens when community members are empowered to participate in the process," said Pam Miller, Agency on Aging Area 4 executive director. "We're honored to join the nearly 100

communities across California who have already embarked upon age- and disability-friendly action planning and implementation, especially in rural and underserved communities."

Organizations serving Yuba and Sutter counties that are interested in applying are encouraged to visit www.agencyonaging4.org/rfp. Questions about this opportunity should be directed to rfp@agencyonaging4.org. Proposals are due Feb. 26 by noon for service beginning April 1 through March 31, 2025.

The Local Aging & Disability Action Planning (LADAP) Grant Program focuses on supporting communities and populations that have been historically under-resourced and under-served. That includes rural and frontier communities, Tribal communities, people with disabilities, people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, LGBTQ+ persons, veterans, professional and family caregivers, populations of lower incomes, and communities of immigrant and/or refugee status.

Agency on Aging Area 4 (AAA4) is one of 33 agencies on aging in California designated by the State to develop, coordinate and fund programs designed to help older adults and people with disabilities maintain their health and independence. For more information, visit agencyonaging4.org ★

Live Oak Brothers to Serve Missions in Texas and Michigan

By Cindy Scott

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - Clint and David Romero will serve as full-time missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Clint will serve in the Michigan Lansing Mission, and David will serve in the Texas Houston Mission, both as Spanish-speaking missionaries. After one week of at-home missionary training,

they will continue their training at the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah before transferring to their assignments. They will participate in community service and share the teachings of Jesus Christ.

They will address the Liberty 1st Ward congregation this Sunday, February 25 at 10:00am at 1259 French Avenue in Gridley. Their parents are Aida and Arniel Romero. ★



David Romero (L) will serve the people of Texas, and his brother Clint will serve in Michigan. Photo by Dan Stentzel

Leadership Farm Bureau Class Announced for 2024

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Nine agricultural professionals have been chosen for the California Farm Bureau's 2024 Leadership Farm Bureau program.

Leadership Farm Bureau class members will participate in a 10-month educational and development initiative that prepares them for leadership roles in Farm Bureau and agriculture. The program includes 250 hours of instruction, with seminars on key issues affecting California farmers, ranchers, and agricultural businesses.

Program participants will learn about government and legislation, media and communications, public speaking, and team building. They will also attend lobbying sessions in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., and meet with lawmakers and administrative and regulatory officials.

Members of the Leadership Farm Bureau class include:

-Ben Abatti III of Imperial County, a third-generation farmer who grows alfalfa, sugar beets, wheat, and other forage crops in Holtville.

-Alex Arroyo of Monterey County, general manager of King City Transplanting in the Salinas Valley.

-Tanya Brouse of Butte County, a program coordinator for the Butte County Farm Bureau who also works with the Butte Agriculture Foundation.

-Sy Honig of Sutter County, a third-generation farmer, owner of Honig Farms and a pest control advisor.

-Jackie Kennedy of Glenn County, founder of Knaughty Farms Olive Oil and office manager for a family farm growing olives, rice, and walnuts.

-James Moller of Shasta County, a seventh-generation cattle rancher and a manager for Driscoll's Inc. focusing on strawberry nursery production.

-Rachel Nettleton of Kern County, executive director of the Kern County Farm Bureau and a marketing and communications professional.

-Harsimerdip "Harry" Sidhu of Sutter County, a vice president of First Northern Bank in Yuba City who grew up on his family's fruit and nut farm.

-Danielle Vietti of Tulare County, a vice president at AgWest Farm Credit in Tulare who specializes in dairy financing. ★



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Week 1 – March 7: Accounting Basics & Getting Started with QuickBooks
Week 2 – March 14: Setting up Items and Creating Forms
Week 3 – March 21: Accounts Receivable
Week 4 – March 28: Accounts Payable, Banking Reconciliations, and Reports
Dates: Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost: \$50 per person for entire 4 weeks series | **Location:** 724 Main Street, Red Bluff
Micro-Loans Opportunities for Small Businesses (Chico)
Are you a small business owner looking for micro-loan funding to grow, expand, or sustain your business? Do you need \$50,000 or less to purchase equipment, inventory, access working capital, or start your business? Join the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and Butte College SBDC, in our upcoming "in-person" micro-loans event and meet micro-lenders and resource partners to hear about available micro-loans up to \$50,000, types of micro-loans, and how to prepare for and access these loans. This event is designed to connect and match small business owners & entrepreneurs to micro-lenders. Lenders will provide you with the insight you need to make your funding opportunity a reality, and resource partners will guide you through the resources you need to do so. Agenda includes micro-lenders' panel, resource partners, and networking and connecting with micro-lenders to discuss your specific funding needs.
Date: Friday, March 22, 2024 | **Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm
Cost: Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico
Branding Your Business (Orland)
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: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost: Free | **Location:** 1366 Cortina Dr., Orland
The Basics of Bookkeeping Accounting (Colusa)
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: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am
Cost: Free | **Location:** 425 Webster St, Colusa
ServSafe Food Safety Training and Certification (Chico)
California Uniform Retail Food Facility Law requires re-certification of competence in Food Safety and Sanitation every 5 years. Passing the ServSafe® exam is necessary to renew your certification. Training includes National Restaurant Association ServSafe® Exam, Essentials book, Answer Sheet and Certificate. Training is recognized by the California Health Department and fulfills the State of California certification obligations. Learn the importance of food safety practices and how to implement them. Trainer is State certified. Participants must register & purchase books 3 weeks before training.
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 | **Time:** 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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As California Closes Prisons, the Cost of Locking Someone Up Hits New Record at \$132,860

By Kristen Hwang and Nigel Duara
CALMatters.org

SACRAMENTO REGION CA (MPG) - The cost of imprisoning one person in California has increased by more than 90% in the past decade, reaching a record-breaking \$132,860 annually, according to state finance documents.

That's nearly twice as expensive as the annual undergraduate tuition — \$66,640 — at the University of Southern California, the most costly private university in the state.

California's spending per inmate jumped steeply during the COVID-19 pandemic and it continued to increase despite recent cost-cutting moves, including Gov. Gavin Newsom's recent move to close three state prisons.

It's propelled by lucrative employee compensation deals and costly mandates to improve health care behind bars, according to fiscal analyses by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office. Newsom's most recent budget proposal includes \$18.1 billion for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, up from \$15.7 billion when he took office in 2019.

Some lawmakers and advocates have argued California should focus on rehabilitation and shut down additional prisons to save money in the face of what the governor's office projects to be a \$38 billion deficit.

Last year, the Legislative Analyst's Office suggested the state could close as many as five more state prisons because of California's declining inmate population.

That would stand to save upwards of \$1 billion in operating costs, and even more money on unfunded capital improvement projects, the report said.

Newsom's three closures and the cancellation of a contract for a fourth privately run prison save the state an estimated \$667 million over the next year, according to the Department of Finance, but the savings are not enough to offset increased operational and employee costs.

The California Correctional Peace Officers Association, which represents 26,000 prison guards, last summer negotiated a contract with successive 3% raises and other perks that will cost the state roughly \$1 billion over the next three years. The prison doctors' union, which represents 1,700 employees, also negotiated a two-year contract with a combined 5.5% general salary increase and a range of other incentives. The Newsom administration estimates it will cost \$234 million over three years.

But Newsom, at least for now, is not recommending any additional prison closures. Instead, his state budget proposal recommends keeping prisons open with fewer inmates in them to provide more space for rehabilitative programs.



An inmate at San Quentin State Prison on March 17, 2023. Photo by Martin do Nascimento, CalMatters

"The administration is not currently proposing any additional prison closures," H.D. Palmer, spokesperson for the Department of Finance, said in a statement. "We remain committed to meeting the needs of staff and the incarcerated population while right-sizing California's prison system as the

need for cost-efficiency while maximizing public safety, the well-being of incarcerated people and successful rehabilitation."

The actual cost to house a prisoner is much closer to \$15,000, said Caitlin O'Neil, a criminal justice analyst for the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office. Direct

Capitol. It has contributed \$2.2 million to the campaigns of current state legislators and it gave \$1.75 million to help Newsom defeat a 2021 recall campaign. It also recently contributed \$1 million to support Proposition 1, the measure Newsom placed on the March ballot to build housing and treatment

"If you don't cut (budgets) carefully, that makes prisons worse places to be. It makes them more dangerous, more traumatic," Pfaff said. "I say that as someone who is not a fan at all of prisons as a general institution."

Medical care is one area of increased spending where the state, under court order, is trying to improve prison conditions.

The average cost per person for medical care has more than doubled in the past 10 years, and total health care spending by the corrections department has increased by about 67%. Although the recent prison closures have cut about 2,700 correctional positions, medical spending has eaten up those savings.

Former Assembly Budget Chair Phil Ting, a Democrat from San Francisco, said corrections is the only state program where having fewer people translates into more spending. In 2022 Ting proposed closing three more prisons to bring down fixed costs and account for the shrinking number of prisoners.

"If we were educating 50% less kids, you'd see the funding go down. If we had 50% less people in health care or 50% fewer families using CalFresh, the programs would go down," Ting said. "So how is it at a time when the prison population has not just gone down a little bit, has gone down significantly, that spending increased?"

There were roughly 15,000 empty beds last year in prisons across the state, according to the Legislative Analyst's Office. That number, driven largely by decades of sentencing changes and court-ordered mandates to decrease prison crowding, is expected to reach 20,000 over the next three years.

"We're not talking about some very small number where they want to keep a little bit of a buffer," Ting said. "They want to keep three to five empty prisons up and running."

Ting, who is no longer the budget chair, said he may still push this year to shut down more prisons. ★



Per inmate spending in California prisons surged during the COVID-19 pandemic and has remained high despite Gov. Gavin Newsom's cost-cutting efforts. Here, guard towers stand outside of Kern Valley State Prison on Nov. 15, 2022. Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

prison population declines over time, and to addressing space needs as the state transforms the carceral system to one more focused on rehabilitation."

Opponents of mass incarceration say the administration's argument for keeping empty prison beds open doesn't align with how the money is spent.

"This is a cash grab by (the corrections department)," said Brian Kaneda, deputy director of the prison abolitionist group Californians United for a Responsible Budget. Newsom has touted transforming San Quentin State Prison into a rehabilitation center, but advocates like Kaneda and state advisory groups say the plan is vague.

Rehabilitation costs, which currently include prisoner education and activities, only make up a fraction of total correctional spending — roughly 3% — over the past decade, according to state budget documents.

In a written statement, the corrections department said its spending plan "judiciously uses taxpayer dollars in a manner that balances

costs include things such as food and clothing while the remaining 91% of spending per prisoner comes from fixed costs like salaries and facility upkeep.

She found that compensation for employees at the corrections department increased by 43% between 2010 and 2019 — from \$110,000 to \$158,000 — nearly triple the rate of inflation.

Last summer, the state prison guard contract included \$10,000 bonuses for officers at certain prisons and a new guaranteed 401k contribution in addition to regular pension benefits.

The state's current savings from prison closures, about \$200 million per facility, is not nearly enough to offset those pay and benefits boosts.

"We would have to close one or more prisons per year just to offset employee compensation increases that happen regularly," O'Neil said.

The peace officers' union did not respond to requests for comment. Prison labor advocates often argue that jobs are dangerous and difficult to staff, warranting high compensation benefits.

The union can be a force in the

facilities for people with serious mental health conditions.

Despite a precipitous decline in prison populations, corrections spending has remained relatively stable. In 2018, the average daily prison population topped 120,000 compared to a projected 90,240 people in 2024. That's a 25% decrease. In contrast, correctional spending as a share of the total state budget has barely dropped in the same time period from 7% to 6%.

What should be good news to opponents of mass incarceration — decreasing populations — has not resulted in a leaner criminal justice system.

"If you have \$700 million in annual savings from prison closure, but you're spending hundreds of millions of dollars on new prison infrastructure and giving prison guards a billion dollar raise (over three years), that starts to show why the math isn't mathing," Kaneda said.

But wholesale cuts to correctional spending don't necessarily always equate to better prison conditions, said John Pfaff, a law professor at Fordham University. ★

A Fun Presentation, Free Books and Food, Help for Your Child's Development

Story and photos by Teri Saya

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - February 13th, the day before Valentine's Day, at the T.E.A.M. center in Marysville, a group of children and a dog named Nana had the opportunity to watch a story-book presentation of "Super Puppies" by the author Tonya Flores. The series of twelve short books focuses on some of the global issues and challenges of life on our planet, and how children can be inspired to be happy, confident, and secure about their place in the world.

The books introduce eight virtues of the ancient Greek philosopher and scientist, Aristotle, by using cute puppy characters Zuko and Ally Puff in each book's adventures. Learning virtues such



Author of "Super Puppies," Tonya Flores.

as bravery, truthfulness, confidence, wit, ambition, friendship, patience, and generosity can act as a guide for



The presentation begins.

building a life that's full of happiness, fulfillment, and social responsibility.

Tonya signed and gifted her



Author signing and gifting books after the presentation.

books to the children present at the event. For more information about these books, games, and presentations go to

www.thesuperpuppies.com.

Just outside, during, and after the book presentation, Yuba County's First 5 information booth was passing out literature, merch, and food boxes to the public. First 5 is sponsored by the Children and Families Commission to help our local families with young children learn positive parenting development skills such as healthy eating, exercising, reading, teaching, and exploring.

First 5 is sponsoring a 6-week series called "Fathers Matter," a support group for Yuba County fathers and father-figures. Beginning on February 20th, every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm until March 12th. These groups will be held at the T.E.A.M. Center at 120 5th Street in Marysville. For more information, call (530) 749-4948 or go to www.first5yuba.org. ★

MEMORIAL

MARIA DE JESUS MALDONADO • 12/25/1934 - 2/15/2024

Maria de Jesus Maldonado has sadly passed away on February 15, 2024 at the age of 89. Maria was so much to all of those around her. She was a beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, cousin, aunt, comadre, and friend. She was born on December 25, 1934 to Braulia and Bartolo Olvera in Tamaulipas, Mexico.

She will be remembered for her green thumb, the love her family could taste in her cooking, and her sense of humor. Maria's love was unconditional. She married at a young age and shared a happy marriage of over 50 years with her husband, Emilio, before he passed away. They worked as a loving unit to raise their four children together in the town of Gridley, California where they resided for 35 years.

After the passing of her husband, Maria moved into the town of Manteca to live with her daughter, Rosa. Eventually, she relocated to her own apartment nearby. She enjoyed a lively



independent life for 15 years before her dementia required she have around the clock care. Rosa and Isabel, her daughters, opened their homes to their mom as co-caregivers until Jesus called her home.

Maria was preceded in death by her parents, Braulia and Bartolo Olvera, her brothers, Bartolo, Leonardo, and Manual, her sister, Juana Gonzalez, her beloved husband, Emilio Maldonado, her daughter, Alicia Maldonado, and granddaughter, Rosa Maria Maldonado. She is survived by her children Juan Manuel Maldonado, Rosa

Aguilar, Maria Isabel Maldonado-Lopez, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandson. She will live on forever in their hearts and memories.

Maria will be laid to rest in her beloved town of Gridley, California with her husband, Emilio. Visitation and Rosary will take place at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel on 2/27/2024 3-7pm. Church services will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish in Gridley on 2/28/2024 11am.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

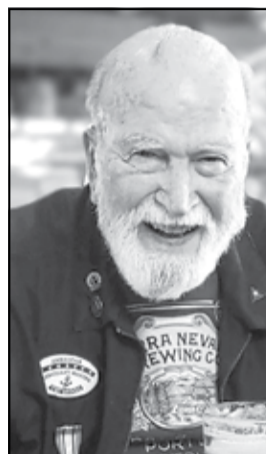
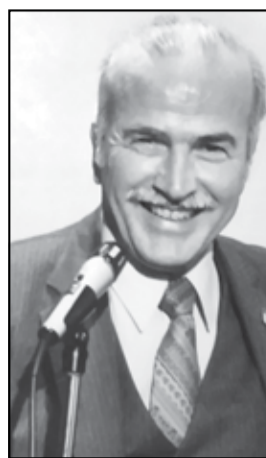
MEMORIAL

GEORGE CLYDE SHAW • 4/16/1927 — 1/22/2024

George Clyde Shaw was born in a tent on April 16, 1927 in the lamp-oil boomtown of Borger, Texas. He was delivered by an inebriated doctor who weighed him on a meat scale and forgot to record his birth certificate. That would come back to haunt him sixteen years later when he didn't want to miss out on World War II, and begged his parents to let him drop out of his freshman year at Live Oak High School to join the US Merchant Marine. (His grandmother had to sign a sworn affidavit that said, yes, he had indeed been born.)

Always a farm kid, whether in Texas, New Mexico, or Nevada, he had never seen the ocean or been on a boat, and now he was sailing almost every ocean: the Atlantic, Pacific, Baltic, Indian, and the Mediterranean on both American and Norwegian Merchant vessels. After two years of adventure at sea, he came home to finish high school, get married, and start a family.

Always finding ways to serve his community, he became a Mason and also served as a volunteer deputy sheriff. After a serious back injury at a lumber mill, he started driving cab, then became an airline agent/Manager, scheduling his work hours so that he could take classes at Yuba College in Marysville. With a family to support, he took on a number of extra jobs while he finished his Masters Degree at Chico State University.



Even when he was hired as a teacher in Red Bluff, he maintained a daily 4 a.m. paper route and was the weekend DJ at the local radio station. (His students loved it.) In the early 60's, he became a History, Foreign Affairs, and Political Science Professor at Yuba College, where he taught for 25 years, became the Dean of Language Arts, and retired in 1990 as the Director of Human Resources.

In the meantime, he had become an official in the California Teachers Association, and had run for the California State Assembly. While waiting

ten 10 years for his wife to retire, he was hired as a "Rent a Dean" to step in temporarily at colleges while a retired Dean, Personnel Director, or Contract Negotiator was being replaced.

After moving to Clearlake in 1990, he joined the Clearlake Elks Lodge, became the Secretary, Exalted Ruler, California State Vice President, and District Deputy Exalted Ruler for his region of the state. After his wife retired in 2002, they moved to Vancouver Island in British Columbia, where he joined the Parksville Qualicum Elks Lodge as well as the Royal Canadian Legion.

In 2022, he received a Gold Medal in Washington, DC for his service in WWII, and Norway's Ambassador to Canada came to the Qualicum Legion (and Elks Lodge) to give George the Norwegian Medal of Freedom in person.

He passed away at Nanaimo General Hospital on January 22, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Helen Shaw; his three children, George Shaw Jr, Ellen Johnson, and Clarke Shaw; his two sisters, Edith Armstrong and Betty Jean Bowen, in addition to numerous grandchildren, nieces, and nephews who loved him dearly and will always remember him for his love of humanity, his gentlemanly manner, wit, and intelligence.

We will miss those awful puns and that mischievous twinkle in his eyes.

MEMORIAL

MARTHA JEAN HUGHES, • 4/15/1945 - 2/12/2024

Martha Jean Hughes, born April 15, 1945, in the Gridley, California, Stork Retreat to Mary Bozzo Hughes and Jack Hughes, was the surprise "Baby B" twin to her sister Mary Jane Hughes. Martha passed away unexpectedly and quickly Monday, February 12, 2024, at Adventist Rideout Hospital in Marysville, California, from complications related to cancer.

Martha's early years were spent growing up with her parents, older brother Joe, twin Mary, and younger sister Kathleen surrounded by a large array of Hughes and Bozzo relatives in the Manzanita area of Gridley and later at the Hedger Road ranch and farm in Live Oak. Many heart-felt stories have been exchanged revolving around family gatherings in Manzanita, the Five Dot Ranch in Susanville, California, and family visits to Medford, Oregon. From Hedger School, Martha matriculated to Notre Dame High School and graduated from Yuba College before taking off to San Francisco where she and sister Mary worked for ATT/ Pacific Bell, first as operators, then rising through the ranks to management. Martha specialized in engineering management. A second career after ATT/ Pac Bell was time spent as administrative assistant to the principal at Luther Elementary School in Live Oak, California.

The heart of this wonderful human being was family. Although she never had biological children, she mothered all her nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, showering them with profound and unconditional love and support. Each of them has been blessed and impacted by her unforgettable focus and the time she gave them by her presence, kind words, and listening skills. Whether



attending volleyball games at Yuba City High, wrestling matches at Live Oak High, soccer games, baseball and football games at Gridley High, traveling regionally and nationally to goat and sheep shows, as well as cheerleading and parking spot painting events, Martha was always there for them. She also was not afraid to tell them to change course if this needed to be said. They are all better people due to her presence and influence.

A welcoming and gracious hostess, Martha made people feel "at home" in her home. Guests looked forward to her remarkable old fashioned cocktails and delicious salads...and this from a person

who rarely drank and didn't think she could cook. A lover of animals, Martha nursed baby bunnies to adulthood and showed the greatest of patience to them and her pet dogs as they rampaged through and damaged her garden. Much like her mother, Mary Bozzo Hughes, Martha loved the never ending peace and solace of the yard and the evolving beauty created when flowers were well tended.

She was the type of in-law one would love to imagine having; supportive, loving, and always positive. To friends she was kind, loyal, and always ready to go on with them to the next adventure.

Martha's loving dedication and

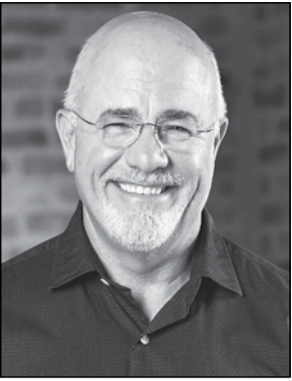
commitment to her sister Mary were evident on a daily basis as they shared laughs, work duties, commitments, and prepared for family gatherings. As Martha mentioned just before passing, they were "a team".

Her silly sense of humor was tolerated just because it was a story from Martha as she giggled and laughed at recalled ridiculous situations. An adventurous, fun-loving and full-of-life person, Martha was also incredibly strong, as evidenced in the fortitude and courage she displayed in her final days.

A huge hole is left in the hearts of her family and friends with Martha's passing. She is survived by her twin, Mary Hughes, brother Joseph Hughes (Margaret) sister Kathleen Key (Malcolm); nieces Elise and Amy Hughes, nephews Bernie and Philip Hughes, great-nieces Grace and Ella Hughes; and great-nephew Bryce Hughes. Loving nephew Nathan Key (Carie); great-nieces Avery and Claire Key and great-nephew Jack Key; niece Sarah Bissell (Drew), great-nephew Brooks Bissell and great-niece Nico Bissell; niece Mary Carolyn Barker (Ron) and great-nephew Ames Barker and great-niece Margot Barker; and especially great-nephew Tyler Key, son of the late Brooks Key and Natalie Upton, will profoundly miss her presence.

Martha is predeceased by her parents Jack and Mary Hughes, nephew Brooks Key, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. A private family mass will be held for her at Sacred Heart Church in Gridley followed by burial at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery.

May this very good woman rest in peace.



A Big Mess

Dave Ramsey Says

to be so blunt, but you've got a really big mess on your hands.

Long story short, the money you make at another full-time job is likely to decide whether you can stay in your home. If you've got a mortgage, home equity loan and business debts hanging over your head, the chances of this are slim. You probably need to consider the idea moving into a small, affordable apartment for a while, too. If you do this, get your debts paid off and your finances back in order—which includes living on a budget and saving—you might be able to buy a house again in a few years.

I know the idea of giving up your home and business is hurtful, but sometimes when you have a serious illness, extensive surgery is needed to fix the problem. And right now, you've got a very serious financial illness.

I want you to understand how I'm looking at this,

Tammy. The house alone is not the problem. You borrowed money to open a business, and that was your first mistake. You also have no savings, which is another mistake, and now your business isn't making a profit. See how all of it combined adds up into one big mess?

I love your spirit, and the fact that you want to be an entrepreneur. But you've got to get control of your money first. If you don't, this thing will eat you alive.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author; personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions ★

Dear Dave,

I'm a single mom, and I opened my own small business last year. The business isn't growing at all, and my mom and dad are helping me with the bills. On top of all this, I don't receive any child support payments from my ex-husband. But my biggest concern is our home. I bought it four years ago, and when I opened my business, I did it with a home equity loan. Do you have any advice?

— Tammy

Dear Tammy,

You need to close up your business, at least temporarily, and go find some money-making work. I'm sorry

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church



This year is a leap year. February 2024 has 29 days this year. What will you do with an extra day? Even better what would you do with an extra minute? Just ask the football team on the last drive of a game. Ask a great basketball player needing three points to win. An extra second, minute, or a day could make a difference in one's life.

If someone is born on February 29th, a birthday would be celebrated every four years not yearly as every other person does. Known as a leap year, some people have what is called a "Sadie Hawkins" party where the girls invite the guys. Things are flipped around on this special day.

Having a day, an hour, or even a minute to change things could be life altering. In a minute a "no" could become a "yes". A change of mind alters a career, or a decision could transform a future.

As we walk toward the day of Easter we can experience a lot within a minute. A change of heart that erases hard feelings. A chance to regain a trust and make way for better relationships. Even a moment of forgiveness can change lives..

When we are young time seems to go slowly. But the older you get time seems to fly. Why it was only yesterday we were in college, or just married. Our children seem to grow up overnight. Time does matter. How we use it really matters.

None of us are guaranteed tomorrow much less the next hour. How we live our time here on earth influences those around us. Do we want to be remembered by our kindness, compassion, and thoughtfulness or be known for our harshness.

God wants us to use our gifts of the spirit He has given us to glorify His name and spread the love Jesus showed to His fellow men.

Let's do that as we walk toward Passover and Easter. Do good and show love so all those around us can see God's blessings, mercy, and grace. Be the guide to God's Kingdom.

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Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Bob and Carol Burchell pulled into their driveway during the snowstorm, and were surprised to see their daughter, Katie, along with her boyfriend, Randy Jones, sitting on the porch swing, wrapped in a blanket. Both were shivering and smiling.

They followed her parents inside, and in minutes had some hot soup inside for them. Randy and Katie watched a couple of television programs together, and then Randy said good-night and walked home.

"Randy seems to be a really nice boy, Honey," Carol said.

"Thanks, Mom. I like

"I think I kinda like that boy"

him a lot."

Bob sat quietly, sucking on a cup of evening coffee as though it were dessert. He had a puzzled look on his face.

"Everything OK, Dad?" Katie said.

"Oh ... sure." He took another sip. "It's just ... well, I think maybe one of you doesn't show a lot of good sense."

Katie looked surprised.

Bob explained. "You see, it's one of those what's-wrong-with-this-picture things. Here you have a perfectly warm house, you have a key to the house, and here are two seemingly intelligent young people wrapped in a blanket to keep from freezing to death, sitting out on a frozen steel porch swing. Is that a smart thing to do?"

"No it isn't," Katie said. "That's what I told him. I said we could go in and get something to eat where we'd be comfortable. All he'd let me do is get that blanket."

"That was his idea, freezing on the porch?"

"Yes," Katie said, smiling. "Randy said if we went in the house before you two got home, it might hurt my reputation, and he wasn't willing to risk that."

Katie went into the other room. Bob looked at Carol and smiled.

"You know," he said. "I think I kinda like that boy."

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Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott


Get the pruning of your perennial plants done, especially lavender and salvia.. It is warming up ever so little and I think we are looking at an early Spring in our area. It will be done deal once I see weed seedlings sprouting up. This is also the time to divide some plants. A bit late for Iris but it can be done. If you grow

Hostas, they can be divided once their little pointy buds start coming up. Dig them, chop them and replant what you want to keep. I tend to reduce them by chopping off the outside growth. This is not the best way it is simply what I usually do instead of digging them up. Do you have Cannas that were taking over. Dig them up now and they'll do fine.

I usually feed my bulbs now. When they pop-up I know where they are. You might be someone who maps their plants, if so, you can feed in the fall when it is optimal. I believe in feeding the bulbs. This keeps them returning and the flowers stay large. Everything

is going to really get going soon. Plant seeds indoors getting ready for warmer soil. Peas, sweet peas can be planted now as can lettuces. Watch for bugs. If you plant them at just the right time you can get the plants past their juiciest point where the bugs will not be as destructive.

This is the time I do any pruning of trees that have not been done so far. My crepe myrtle is getting too tall for its spot. I'll be giving it a haircut soon. I don't like a lollipop Crepe Myrtle so it will still have a natural spread but be much reduced. You cannot harm a Crepe Myrtle by cutting on it. Spring is coming. ★



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Man Convicted for Stabbing Homeless Men

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Butte County jury took less than 90 minutes of deliberation to find a homeless Oroville man guilty for two counts of assault with a deadly weapon for attacks on two different homeless men about 54 hours apart. One of the attacks occurred in Oroville and one in Chico two days later. The jury also convicted him of two special allegations that both victims suffered great bodily injury.

Chance Andre Vincent, 28, a homeless man from Oroville, was first accused of stabbing another Oroville homeless man on September 2, 2022.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the 34-year-old Oroville victim testified during the trial that Vincent was an acquaintance he knew from around town. He only knew Vincent by his first name. On the night of the attack, Vincent and the victim left the victim's camp on an island in Oroville's Riverbend Park at about midnight and walked to two nearby convenience stores.

The victim testified they made it back to his island camp around 1:00 a.m. when Vincent, for no apparent reason, suddenly stabbed him twice in the back. The victim described the knife as a large "Bowie" style knife. Vincent fled after the attack.

The victim was saved by firefighters who were nearby taking care of a small grass fire and responded to his screams for help. The victim was taken to Enloe Hospital where he received emergency trauma care for a collapsed lung.

Oroville Police began investigating but had difficulty immediately identifying and locating the then-unknown suspect.

Two days later, in Chico on September 4, at 5:45 a.m., Chico Police responded to a 911 call of a stabbing at the Chico Amtrak Depot. There officers found another homeless man lying on his back in a large pool of blood. Medical personnel responded and located several deep slashes and stab wounds to the Chico victim's chest and back. The Chico victim was taken to Enloe Hospital where he was treated for a collapsed lung and loss of blood.

Interviews with other homeless witnesses in the area lead to Vincent who was in nearby Depot Park hiding a bloody pocketknife under a shirt behind him. Vincent was arrested but denied stabbing anyone.

Chico Police put out a press release that included Vincent's mugshot. The Oroville victim's fiancée saw the photo and texted it to the Oroville victim, who was still at Enloe receiving care. The Oroville victim then contacted Oroville Police and identified his attacker as the man in the Chico press release.

Ramsey said the Chico victim and other Chico homeless witnesses could not be located to testify at Vincent's trial. However a criminalist from the California Department of Justice crime laboratory in Redding testified at trial that Vincent's DNA was found on the handle of the knife recovered in Depot Park, and that the Chico victim's DNA was found on the blade.

Additionally, Ramsey said his trial prosecutor Jefferey Greeson convinced Butte County Superior Court Judge Kristen Lucena to allow in a statement of identification from the Chico stabbing victim as he was being loaded into an ambulance under a legal exception to the hearsay rule.

Ramsey said, "I am thankful the Oroville victim remained cooperative with law enforcement and my office from the day of his horrific attack through his testimony at trial. These very strange, senseless crimes highlight the dangers afflicting the people in our community who are struggling with the ongoing homelessness crisis. This case embodies the mission statement the hard-working people of our office live by: 'To do Justice, as no one is above the Law, nor beneath its protection.'"

Vincent is currently facing another felony case for assaulting a correctional officer in the Butte County Jail while he was awaiting trial on the stabbing case. He is currently facing up to 11 years in state prison for the stabbing case and could be facing more should he also be convicted in the jail case. His next appearance in court to determine his next trial date and sentencing was time. ★

Chico Man Admits to Killing His Wife

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Chico man pleaded guilty in Butte County Superior Court to the brutal killing of his wife in a domestic violence shooting last year.

John Waveng Her, 53, of Chico, stood before Judge Michael Deems and after entering his guilty plea to first-degree willful, deliberate, and premeditated murder, told the judge he was sorry for the pain his actions caused his family.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the September 27, 2023, shooting occurred at approximately 6:10 p.m. at a family member's home in the 2700 block of White Avenue in Chico. It was there that Her, his wife of thirty years Xe Lor, 50, and family members had gathered to discuss the couple's separation and possible divorce.

Lor was leaving the family meeting when Her pulled a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol from under his jacket and shot Lor twice at close range in the driveway. Her then attempted to shoot himself in the head with the same pistol but the round only grazed

the side and top of his head. He fell to the ground but held onto the gun and shot at his now prone wife at least twice more. Family members ran to Lor's aid, took the handgun from Her, and held him until officers arrived. A short time later at the hospital, Lor succumbed to her wounds.

Chico Police investigators collected surveillance video from outside the home that showed a large portion of the incident. During a search of the scene, police found the semi-automatic handgun and five expended .45-caliber casings on the ground.

Ramsey said Her had previously been convicted for threatening his family in 2021 which resulted in the loss of his right to possess any firearms for ten years. Lor had recently moved out of the family home and was petitioning the Butte County Superior Court for a temporary domestic violence restraining order just eight days before the shooting. Lor leaves behind seven children, the youngest being only nine years old. Three of those children, including the nine-year-old, witnessed the shooting.

Ramsey said Her faces twenty-five years to life in prison. He remains in jail until his sentencing on April 3, 2024. ★

Oroville Man Sentenced for Deadly Shooting in Thermalito

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - An Oroville man was sentenced to a life term in prison today for the shooting death of a Thermalito man in 2021.

Zachary Hutcheson, 42, had previously pleaded no contest to a count of murder with the use of a firearm in Butte County Superior Court in December of 2023.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the murder charge stemmed from an incident on December 19, 2021, when Butte County Sheriff's deputies responded to a shooting at a residence in the area of Feather Avenue in the Thermalito area. There they located Leopoldo Rodriguez, 65, lying outside

of his home with a visible gunshot wound to his head and showing no signs of life.

Further investigation revealed multiple bullet holes in the Rodriguez' residence including in the front window. Surveillance video of the area showed a man wearing a puffy jacket and cowboy boots fleeing from the direction of Rodriguez's residence. Sheriff's detectives later identified Hutcheson as that man.

Sheriff's detectives and SWAT team served a search warrant in Oroville on the afternoon of December 21, 2021, where they located and arrested Hutcheson who was armed with a semi-automatic handgun.

A forensic analysis of the firearm recovered from Hutcheson and the cartridge cases found at the murder scene showed those murder cartridges had been fired by Hutcheson's firearm.

Hutcheson was sentenced by Judge Jesus Rodriguez to 25 years to life in state prison for this case. ★



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MC 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000012
The following person(s) are doing business as: Emerald Dreamcare Home, 2289 Bar Triangle Street, Chico, CA 95928
Emerald Dreamcare Home LLC, 2289 Bar Triangle Street, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: January 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: October 19, 2023

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: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024)
EMERALD 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000048
The following person(s) are doing business as: Western Region Electric, 54 Tucker Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Kyle Butler, 54 Tucker Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: January 16, 2024. 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: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024)
WESTERN 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-0001025
The following person(s) are doing business as: Project Christian, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928
DR. Michael Alan Gulbransen, 4 Stonehaven Court, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: December 7, 2023. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 20, 2004

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: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024)
PROJECT 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000075
The following person(s) are doing business as: Swingsaver, 2391 Campbell Street Unit A, Durham, CA 95938
Amanda R Jean, 20 Cosmo Drive, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: January 22, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 18, 2024

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: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024)
SWINGSAVER 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000031
The following person(s) are doing business as: Be You Aerial Arts and Yoga, 243 W 9th Street, Chico, CA 95928
Alisa M Tousey, 702 Mangrove Avenue #314, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: January 10, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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BE 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000087
The following person(s) are doing business as: Daves Home Remodeling, 896 Thomasson Lane, Paradise, CA 95969
David E Eldred, 896 Thomasson Lane, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: January 24, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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DAVES 3-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000113
The following person(s) are doing business as: Butte Cabinet and Supply Company, 1830 Grace Street, Oroville, CA 95966
Christopher Anthony Michael West, Rachel Elizabeth Perry and Darrin Lee Mcinturf, 1830 Grace Street, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: January 31, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

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: Feb 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2024)
BUTTE 3-1-24

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BE 2-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000111
The following person(s) are doing business as: Johns Trucking, 2770 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965
K-Gas Trucking, 2770 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: January 31, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2024

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: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024)
JOHNS 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000128
The following person(s) are doing business as: Jemsch Property Investments, 76 Montrose Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
EVJ Strategic Enterprise LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811
Date filed in Butte County: February 6, 2024. 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: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024)
JEMSCH 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000013
The following person(s) are doing business as: Glen Creek Gardens, 357 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Gina C Adams, 357 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: January 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 4, 2024

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GLEN 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000126
The following person(s) are doing business as: Paradise Heating and Air Conditioning, 1748 Drayer Drive, Paradise, CA 95969
Kenneth C Lotrean, 1748 Drayer Drive, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: February 6, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 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: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024)
PARADISE 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000143
The following person(s) are doing business as: Simplicity House, 109 Summit Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Tammy M Jones, 109 Summit Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: February 8, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 1, 2024

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: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024)
SIMPLICITY 3-8-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000140
The following person(s) are doing business as: Wild Heart Hair Studio, 315 Wall Street Suite 8, Chico, CA 95928.
Kristy L Nall, 1549 Hemlock Street Suite 8, Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: February 8, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 20, 2024.

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: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024)
WILD 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000019
The following person(s) are doing business as: Airads Worldwide Inc, 1900 Oro Dam Boulevard E Suite 12-162, Oroville, CA 95966.
Airads Worldwide Inc, 1900 Oro Dam Boulevard E Suite 12-162, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: January 5, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2024.

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: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024)
AIRADS 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000151
The following person(s) are doing business as: A Taste of Paradise, 5505 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969.
John Terran Heinke, 5365 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969.
Date filed in Butte County: February 13, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 2, 2024.

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

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TASTE 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000114
The following person(s) are doing business as: Solimar, 2777 Eaton Road Apt 80, Chico, CA 95973.
Adriana Jimenez Palomar, 2777 Eaton Road Apt 80, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: January 31, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: January 1, 2024.

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SOLIMAR 3-15-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #23CV00069

Petitioner Ryan Gilbert Hurst-Alcantar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ryan Gilbert Hurst-Alcantar to Ryan Gilbert Alcantar.

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 March 6, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on January 17, 2024
Tamaral L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024
ALCANTAR 2-23-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV00132

Petitioner Lindsey Elizabeth Munn filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lindsey Elizabeth Munn to Lindsey Elizabeth Flynn and Annie Ethlynn Munn to Annie Ethlynn Munn Flynn.

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 March 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on January 22, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2024
MUNN 3-8-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV00301

Petitioner Kimberly Ann Dornan filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kimberly Ann Dornan to Kimberly Ann Griffith.

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 March 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on February 5, 2024
Tamaral L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Feb 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2024
DORNAN 3-15-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME - STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
FILE NO. 2023-0001065

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Sangha House, 243 W 9th Street, Chico, CA 95928.

Chelsea M Smith, 48 Abbott Circle, Chico, CA 95973
Original filing date: 12/28/2023;

Statement expires: 12/28/2023. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: Individual. Date Filed in Butte County: December 28, 2023.

This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County
Publish: Feb 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2024
SANGHA 3-13-24

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 23CV01354
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: James R. Archer and does 1 to 10.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Mike Grosberg.
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Butte County Superior Court, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Troy Wilkerson, Law Office of Troy Wilkerson, PO Box 993966, Redding, CA 96099, 530-342-6142
Date: (Fecha) May 22, 2023
Clerk (Secretario) Sharif Elmallah, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024
GROSBERG 2-23-24

SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 433

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIGGS AMENDING TITLE 14 ZONING OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2022-2030 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

At its Regular City Council Meeting held on January 9, 2024, the City Council of the City of Biggs held a public hearing and introduced Ordinance No. 433. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend certain text of Title 14 – Zoning of the City of Biggs Municipal Code, to increase housing opportunities, and provide consistency with the Biggs General Plan, and with current State Housing Law. The City of Biggs Zoning Code is hereby amended and adopted pursuant to Section 65850 of the Government Code.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing ORDINANCE was duly and regularly introduced and read at a public hearing held on the 9th day of January 2024 and adopted by the City Council of the City of Biggs at a regular meeting thereof duly held on the 13th day of February 2024 by the following vote, to wit:

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



Food & Farm NEWS

Farmers Assess Damages After Recent California Storm Surge

With a respite from stormy weather, farmers say they are surveying for damage and waiting for the ground to dry so they can access fields and orchards to make repairs or do other practices. Historic and deadly storms that brought two weeks of rain and powerful winds to California led to mudslides, flooding and widespread power outages and related evacuations. A state of emergency was declared for eight Southern California counties. Even with farming challenges caused by the storms, farmers say they are grateful for the winter weather, which adds water to the state.

Valentine's Day Inspires, Tests Flower Retailers and Wholesalers

With Valentine's Day falling on a Wednesday and clear skies forecast for most regions in the U.S., flower retailers were preparing for a busy Feb. 14. Two separate consumer data analyses projected record Valentine's Day flower sales this year. The holiday typically trails only Mother's Day in flower sales. For California cut flower farmers, the winter holiday brought a welcome boost in demand alongside renewed frustration. For two years running, dark skies and stormy weather have impacted flower crops grown in the state for Valentine's Day.

Researchers Strive to Ramp Up Studies to Meet Needs of Organic Farmers

California leads the nation in organic agricultural production, accounting for more than \$14 billion in organic sales and 36% of the U.S. organic market in 2021. Yet research has lagged behind the exponential growth of organic farming in the state. Now that trend may be changing, thanks to an increasing focus on supporting organic studies and information sharing. With organic studies drawing increasing funding interest, researchers and growers are looking to identify potential study areas that are best connected to day-to-day challenges of organic farming.

USDA Offers Grants Up to \$250,000 to Inspire 'Value-Added' Farm Products

Federal funding is available under the Value-Added Producer Grants program to help farmers and ranchers generate new products and create marketing opportunities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture may award up to \$75,000 for planning activities or up to \$250,000 for capital expenses related to producing and marketing value-added agricultural products. USDA said it is interested in proposals for initiatives aimed at reducing pollution and increasing resilience to impacts of climate change. Some \$31 million in funding is available through the program. ★

Another Farm Show in the Books

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came for the camaraderie of seeing old friends, neighbors, and others in the agriculture industry.

Many came for the handouts, fundraisers, and "Fair-Food," such as popcorn and corndogs, which has become a staple at the Colusa Farm Show.

For a \$5 donation to Friends of the Colusa County Animal Shelter, Napa Auto Parts handed out 5-gallon buckets and hats.

It was the second year Napa has held the fundraiser for FOCCAS and it was going well just hours into the first day, said Napa Representative Pedro Palacios.

And because the Farm Show is about showcasing products, Palacios worked alongside Josh Mendoza, a representative for Milwaukee products, a company that, a century ago, invented the "hole punch," the predecessor of the modern-day drill, and became the first tool manufacturer to use modern lithium-ion technology.

"We started with our corded power tools, but we are now known for battery-power," Mendoza said. "We actually hold the patent on lithium and batteries for power tools. We can get the same amount of power from 18 volts



Future farmer Brandt Perry, 2, of Colusa, gets the feel of a new John Deere Tractor at the 2024 Colusa Farm Show, on Feb. 8.

where most are going to 40 or 60, simply because we have been doing it for so long."

The Farm Show was also an educational stomping ground for children and youth.

"We came to get more experience in agriculture," said Cheyenne Smith, 16, a member of Lower Lake High School FFA, one of many schools that attended the show during its three-day run. "We're seeing a lot of farm equipment for newer generations. It's a community coming together with a lot of businesses, who are here to talk about what they are

here for and what they do."

Emily Allard, 16, also of Lower Lake FFA, said the Colusa Farm Show is a reflection on the endurance of the agriculture industry.

"We've seen a lot of future potential for agriculture and what future generations will have to face and learn about," Allard said.

The Farm Show wrapped up Thursday, Feb. 8, again to clear skies.

Vendors, who came from as far away as Saskatchewan, Canada, said the show was once again a success and they would be looking forward to returning next year. ★

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Bulldogs Qualify for State Playoffs, Gridley Girls Basketball Ends in Colusa

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley boys basketball program qualified for the CIF State Playoffs on Friday, February 16 as they beat the Winters Warriors in the second round of the Northern Section CIF playoffs in a 74-55 victory.

Gridley won the game despite not having two starters play in the game and it showed the depth the Bulldogs have throughout their roster.

Gridley sophomore guard Bikram Kullar started the game on a hot streak as he helped push the Bulldogs out to a 17-0 as he scored eight points in the first quarter. Kullar ended the game with 13 points and Gridley led 25-9 at the end of the first.

The Bulldogs had everyone chip in throughout the night whether it was senior forward Shmaas Khan and junior forward Gus Stogsdill pulling down multiple rebounds and giving plenty of second chance opportunities, or junior guard Luis Murillo driving into the lane and breaking up the Winters defense.

Gridley had a controlling 46-19 lead at the half and as hard as Winters tried to make it a game, the Bulldogs were able to hold them off and secure the win.

Kullar expressed to the Herald that knowing they were without two of their starters, everyone fulfilled their roles and stepped up in the victory.

Gridley's continuous three-point



Gridley senior forward Shmaas Khan (13) scores a bucket in the Bulldogs 74-55 victory over Winters on Friday, February 16 in the second round of the NSCIF D-IV playoffs.

shooting excelled throughout the night as they once again had a great shooting night from behind the arc.

Murillo expressed to the Herald that they average at least an hour towards three-point shots in every practice with a majority of drills centered around the shot on a daily basis. Murillo had 14 points in the victory.

The Bulldogs hosted their Butte View League rival in Orland on Wednesday, February 21 for

Gridley's first chance at a section title for the first time since the 2017-18 season.

For the second consecutive season, the Bulldogs qualified for the CIF State Playoffs with the win over Winters.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - The Gridley girls' basketball team had their season end as they were knocked out in the second round of the NSCIF

playoffs on Thursday, February 15 in a 40-29 loss to Colusa.

It took Gridley a little while to get going as they trailed 11-4 at the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Bulldogs were led by junior forward Brook Marr in the second as she scored six of her team leading 14 points in the game and Gridley and Colusa were tied at 17 at halftime.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed by two entering the fourth quarter,

but Colusa went on an 8-0 run throughout the quarter and built a comfortable lead that they weren't going to relinquish.

Gridley had its second consecutive winning season and that is a successful season for head coach Becca McCray.

With the 2024 seniors departing the program, the Lady Bulldogs will bring back one of the best all-around talents in the Butte View League in junior forward Brook Marr. ★

Rivals Meet in Semis for Trip to Championship, Lady Lions Cruise over Gridley

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

GIRLS SOCCER

Live Oak 8, Gridley 0

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak girls soccer team secured its sixth consecutive trip to the Northern Section CIF soccer semifinals as they beat 8-0 in the second round of the playoffs on Thursday, February 15.

Live Oak was given the No. 1 seed overall in the Division II bracket and that is after they displayed many strengths as a unit throughout the season.

In the game against Gridley, the Lady Lions were up 3-0 at the half after junior striker/midfielder Johanna Perrone had a hat-trick.

Petrone ended the game with five total and is atop the points leader nationally, according to the most updated statistics from MaxPreps on Sunday, February 18.

Petrone told the Herald it was a great team win and they are a cohesive unit that stays composed and is always looking for their teammates throughout the entire field.

Senior striker/midfielder Mckayla Holmen scored two goals and had five assists. Holmen, like Petrone, is also a nationally ranked leader as her 39 assists as of Feb. 18 was the most in the nation on MaxPreps.

Although it can seem like Petrone and Holmen are the only



Live Oak senior forward Juan Acevedo (3) sends a ball upfield in the Lions 1-0 victory over Corning on Thursday, February 15 in the second round of the NSCIF Division II playoffs.

two players on the field to outside eyes, Live Oak has a plethora of younger midfielders and forwards that have gained a ton of experience throughout the season.

Petrone told the Herald the team chemistry throughout the entire roster is there.

On top of the aggressive offense the Lady Lions have, the defensive pressure they present causes multiple problems for other teams as senior defenders Maya Goodson and Maria Medina are the enforcers.

If an opposing forward/striker is able to break through the mid-field of Live Oak, Goodson and

Medina lock down their side of the goal.

The Lady Lions were able to deny the strong push of Gridley senior forwards Alyssa Thompson and Rafaela Anguinano.

The Lady Lions gave up 22 goals heading into their semifinal matchup this past Tuesday, February 20 against Orland.

Goodson expressed to Herald the communication they have on the back line is good and they play together well.

If the Lady Lions were successful in getting a victory over Orland, they would be playing in their third consecutive Section

Title game tomorrow as they would host the winner of Corning/University Prep tomorrow at Live Oak High School.

BOYS SOCCER

Live Oak at Gridley, Tuesday, February 20

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The crosstown rivals of Gridley and Live Oak met this past Tuesday, February 20 for a trip to the NSCIF Division II final.

This was the only meeting between the soccer programs this season as they met last year in the D-II final as well as both teams had good wins in the

second round of the playoffs last week.

Gridley beat West Valley 7-1 and were led by sophomore Nery Martinez's hat trick.

Bulldogs head coach Jesse Barajas expressed to the Herald that Gridley had a slow first half but with some second half onlookers, the Bulldogs put the game away with a big lead quickly in the second half.

Barajas told the Herald the key to getting to the Division II championship would be sticking to their game as the Bulldogs and Live Oak play a similar fast-paced style of play.

The Lions beat a good Corning team 1-0 as senior striker Esteban Alvarado scored the only goal off a penalty kick in the 55th minute of the match.

Live Oak was able to control the ball for a good chunk of the game and Corning was able to give good pressure that made it a tight game and had everyone's hair standing up on their arms for the entire game.

The game Tuesday between the rivals was moved to Harrison Stadium in Oroville due to the potential rain the area was supposed to have. Playing on the turf gave neither team an advantage as both teams normally play on grass for home games.

The winner of the game Tuesday will play the winner of University Prep/Yreka tomorrow, Saturday, February 24 at 12 p.m. ★

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Failing Our Newborns

She opened a business to deliver babies, then California policies drove her out of the country

By **Kristen Hwang**
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Madeleine Wisner dreamed of making community midwife services available to all expecting parents regardless of their income when she opened Welcome Home Community Birth Center in south Sacramento.

But 451 births and five years later, Wisner is packing up her family and moving from California to New Zealand, where government policies are far more favorable to midwifery. She closed her birth center in October.

Wisner was the only licensed community midwife who took Medi-Cal patients in the greater Sacramento region, but she's leaving, she said, because it was impossible to sustain the birth center. Insurance refused to pay two out of every three claims she submitted for services including prenatal visits, labor and delivery, at-home postpartum check ups, and lactation consultations, Wisner said.

"The entire system is not made for us," Wisner said. "I look at Medi-Cal as the standard of care, and midwives should be part of the standard of care."

Her experience and decision to leave reflects larger problems for California midwives highlighted in a new study released today from UC San Francisco's Osher Center for Integrative Health. It focuses on community midwives who work outside of hospitals but have licenses and training to perform much of the same reproductive care doctors provide to women with low-risk pregnancies.

The report warns that access to maternity care will worsen in California if the state does not increase the number of community midwives who are Medi-Cal providers at a time when hospitals are shutting down labor and delivery wards and maternal mortality is trending upwards.

Seventy-five community midwives are registered with Medi-Cal, according to data provided by the state. More than 1,000 nurse midwives are registered with Medi-Cal, but the majority of those providers work in hospitals and not in community settings, researchers said.

Outdated licensing requirements, tortuous state regulations and cumbersome insurance policies make it nearly impossible for community midwives to accept Medi-Cal patients, the UCSF report found.

Medi-Cal is the state's health insurance program for extremely low-income residents. It pays for 40% of all births statewide, and midwife care is a guaranteed benefit for expecting mothers.

On paper, the benefit includes community midwifery, which focuses on providing care close to where people live either at a birth center or in the home. But the reality is different, researchers and providers say.

"So many people who have taken Medi-Cal in the past have had to stop or close their practices, and so many people who want to have not been able to make it happen," said Ariana Thompson-Lastad, lead author of the study.

California's Momnibus' Act

The UCSF findings come at a time when the state is trying to make inroads against persistent maternal and infant health disparities, particularly among Black families. Statewide surveys show Black mothers are the most interested in alternative birth support through doulas and midwives, which have been shown to improve a variety of birth outcomes.

Doulas are birth workers who provide non-medical social and emotional support during and after pregnancy while licensed midwives are clinically trained professionals who can provide a range of independent reproductive care for low-risk moms and babies.

In an effort to chip away at



Midwife Madeleine Wisner evaluates Chloé Mick's belly during a maternal care consultation at Mick's home in Sacramento on Feb. 6, 2024. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters



Midwife Madeleine Wisner uses a fetal doppler on Chloé Mick's belly during a maternal care consultation at Mick's home in Sacramento on Feb. 6, 2024. Wisner is listening to the fetal heartbeat. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters



Midwife Madeleine Wisner speaks with Chloé Mick during a maternal care consultation at Mick's home in Sacramento on Feb. 6, 2024. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

inequities, state lawmakers passed the "California Omnibus Act" three years ago. It required Medi-Cal to cover postpartum care for a full year after birth — the period when most maternal deaths happen — and added doula benefits. In January, rate increases for California doulas made them the highest-paid in the nation.

But state regulations simply aren't designed to accommodate the services community midwives provide, UCSF researchers found.

For example, the Medi-Cal application until recently asked midwives to list a supervising physician even though licensed midwives are authorized to practice independently. Providers also said most community midwives conduct home visits during pregnancy and especially after birth, but Medi-Cal billing policies make it difficult to get reimbursed for services that happen outside of a clinical facility.

"The overarching policy issue for licensed midwives in California is that we continue to be regulated under a very dysfunctional arrangement," said Rosanna Davis, president of the California Association of Licensed Midwives.

Wisner, who served mostly Medi-Cal patients, said on average

insurance reimbursed just 17% of her costs — roughly \$1,451 out of \$8,500 for a full course of prenatal, birth and postpartum care — and frequently took months to pay her.

"We've had people have two or three babies with us before we get paid for the first one," Wisner said.

The state is trying to make improvements, said Holly Smith, co-lead of the California Midwifery Learning Collaborative, but the system is still "failing a lot of people." The midwifery learning collaborative is a five-state initiative aimed at improving access to midwife care. The state agency that oversees Medi-Cal recently joined, Smith said.

In an emailed statement, the Department of Health Care Services said it is working closely with the midwifery learning collaborative to help midwives "successfully navigate and work within Medi-Cal." The department is using a document drafted by the collaborative to "continue making program and policy improvements" on issues related to billing and applications, the statement said.

Midwives Could Help Fill Maternity Gaps

Large studies of birth center and

at-home birth outcomes show that when trained midwives care for low-risk patients, cesarean section and preterm birth rates decrease while breastfeeding rates and reports of satisfactory birth experiences increase. Severe outcomes and deaths of mother and baby are exceedingly rare and similar to the rates found in planned hospital births. UCSF researchers also found that community midwives see patients more frequently before and after birth and are able to catch complications early.

The majority of Medi-Cal births — more than 80% — are babies of color. They and their mothers suffer some of the worst infant

a maternity desert situation. Literally hospitals are closing, and birth centers will be a necessary strategy for that."

One Of Her Last California Patients

In a cozy house in Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood, Wisner has Chloé Mick lie back on her couch while her kids and husband play outside. Wisner measures the length of Mick's uterus, feels for the baby's position and they both listen to the baby's heartbeat. Mick is 25 weeks pregnant and tired.

"I feel the most depleted probably just from having two other children that I hope I have the inner strength to not get a bad attitude during the process and make it through," Mick tells Wisner.

Wisner responded, "Has it occurred to you that having a bad attitude is OK?"

Mick is planning a home birth, and Wisner assures her that going to the hospital would not be "giving up." It would be listening to her body's needs and responding appropriately. They make plans for what to do if the baby is breech or if Wisner's New Zealand visa comes before Mick gives birth. When Mick's second child was born, she was on Medi-Cal and Wisner was the only midwife who would take her.

"(The hospital) really feels like a business. You're in and out, and you don't have a rapport or relationship with them... It feels like your bodily autonomy is taken away," Mick said. "And then you look back, and you wish you had done things different."

Wisner wishes her birth center's story had ended differently. Her practice finally had enough patient volume to maybe be sustainable, she said, but the other community midwives who worked with her didn't want to argue with Medi-Cal insurers day in and day out. Over the past five years, Wisner estimates she poured \$250,000 into the birth center to keep it open. It's a big reason why she's leaving California for another country where she'll make \$60,000 a year working four days a week with a team of other midwives.

"There was always this promise that the system would be reformed, you know, Medi-Cal is gonna get reformed," Wisner said. "I was really let down."

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