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Streets Full of Healthy Fun!



Staffers from McKinley and Wilson Schools gather with their respective mascots at the start of the first ever McKinley and Wilson Health and Wellness Street Fair. Pictured left to right: Sarah Moore, Ramsey the Ram, Wilson School Principal Dr. Joan Schumann, McKinley School Principal Rhiannon Treat, McMally the Mallard, and Shannon McCamy.

**Story and photos
by Seti Long**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The small section of Vermont street between Sycamore and Magnolia Streets in Gridley was packed the evening of April 16, as students and families came out for the inaugural McKinley and Wilson School Children's Health and Wellness Street Fair.

Hosted by Butte County Office of Education, McKinley and Wilson Schools and many other partners, the event provided a plethora of



Volunteers at the Calfresh booth made fresh blueberry smoothies and handed them out to guests. Kiddos were given a sticker and the opportunity to cast their vote on whether the smoothies were "Yum" or "Not Yummy". A host of colorful stickers at the end of the night proved the smoothies were definitely yummy!

activities, performances, and resources for families to enjoy.

Students signed in at the Sycamore Street entrance and received a punch card that encouraged them to visit each booth. If they filled their card, they could be entered into a raffle to win a prize basket, games, or even a bike and helmet.

The street fair was filled with booths offering health screenings and educational resources, learning lessons, kids' activities and more.

Butte County's mobile library was present,
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Safer Communities Coalition Announces the Turn-In of Over 900,000 Voter Signatures

**Butte County
District Attorney
News Release**

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On April 18, the Californians for Safer Communities Coalition announced that it will submit over 900,000 voter signatures to qualify the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act (Initiative 23-0017A1) to qualify for the November General Election ballot.

To qualify the measure for the November 2024 ballot, the law requires 546,651 valid signatures. The bipartisan measure is focused on improving safety in every community and neighborhood in California. It focuses on accountability measures for repeat offenders of theft and drug traffickers of serious drugs like fentanyl while incentivizing and encouraging more individuals to participate in and complete drug treatment programs. The measure creates a deterrent for repeat offenders and redirects addicts toward treatment rather than incarceration.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey has endorsed the initiative measure noting, "This is not a red or a blue issue, it is a California issue to bring back some common-sense solutions to the unintended consequences of Prop 47 passed in 2014 and ensure our communities are safe. It is an act of compassion to help those who cannot help themselves and move people from the streets to treatment and recovery."

Ramsey noted the proposed ballot measure will hold those who are committing repeated retail theft and fentanyl sales crimes accountable, for the safety and health of our communities.

It will also create accountability for repeat smash-and-grab offenders who are driving up costs for all Californians and chasing retailers out of the state.

Lastly, it will bring back accountability and incentives that are needed for individuals to get into necessary drug treatment and job

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Orchard Hospital Receives New Non-Emergency Ambulance



Orchard Hospital representatives stand with the new non-emergency ambulance. Photo courtesy of Orchard Hospital

Orchard Hospital News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Orchard Hospital recently purchased a new non-emergency medical transportation ambulance to enhance patient care and relieve strain on county ambulance services. The acquisition, made possible through generous donations from

the Orchard Hospital Foundation, marks a significant step in bolstering healthcare services in the region.

The new ambulance will primarily serve to transport non-emergent patients to neighboring hospitals when specialized care is required, thereby facilitating smoother inter-facility transfers. This addition

is expected to alleviate pressure on county ambulances, ensuring prompt and efficient transportation for patients in need.

The new ambulance is slated to be fully operational in the upcoming months, further reinforcing Orchard Hospital's commitment to providing high quality healthcare close to home. ★

The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

For those of you planning your Summer excursions, here are some important dates to add to your social calendars. The Silver Dollar Fair is May 23, 24, and 25. The Silver Dollar Bull and Bronc Chute Out is on Saturday the 24th in the Grandstands. Red Suspenders Day is May 18 if you live in Gridley (or anywhere else). Gridley Herald Publisher Paul Scholl will be at the Red Suspenders Day Gridley Herald Booth, which is certainly as interesting a bull riding event. Seti Long, the Editor Chief Head Honcho of the Historic Herald, will take pictures of everything and everyone. This year, the Fourth of July is on a Thursday. Start planning now how to use one sick day at work and have a six-day holiday weekend.

What other special days are coming up, you may ask? Well, here is a list of just a few: April 24 is Administrative Professionals Day

- Recognizes the work of secretaries, administrative assistants, and other office professionals. Thursday, April 25: International Girls in ICT Day encourages and empowers girls and young women to consider careers in information and communication technologies. International Delegate's Day: Marks the anniversary of the first day of the San Francisco Conference, which established the United Nations in 1945. World Malaria Day: Aims to raise awareness of malaria and funds for treatment and prevention of the disease. Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day is an educational program in the USA in which parents take their children to work for one day. Friday, April 26: World Intellectual Property Day: Celebrates the role that intellectual property rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity. International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day: Remembers the victims of the Chernobyl disaster and the ongoing consequences of the nuclear accident(six-legged dogs and alligator-sized chickens). Arbor Day (Nebraska): A state holiday in Nebraska dedicated to planting and caring for trees (who knew different states had different Arbor Days). Sunday,

April 28: World Day for Safety and Health at Work: Promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. Monday, April 29: Arbor Day (Wyoming): A state observance in Wyoming to encourage the planting of trees. Tuesday, April 30: Last Day of Passover: Marks the end of the Passover holiday. International Jazz Day: Celebrates jazz and its role in uniting people in all corners of the globe (as a side ...Jazz does not unite me).

There are three Vice president and four Dean positions listed as open on the Butte College Job Board. This made many wonder aloud if there was a mass exodus from the college or something nefarious driving this turnover. Word from College Trustee John Blacklock is that there is nothing wrong at the University. It is actually doing well, still nationally ranked, and programs are shifting to create graduates who get meaningful jobs in the real world. Good to know that John is keeping up the standards local education legend Margret Hughes set when she was in charge of that place.

Josh F.W. Cook is an educator, administrator, and Chaplain. Views expressed here are solely his own. ★

Butte College Speech and Debate Team Earns Bronze at National Championship



The Butte College speech and debate team performed exceptionally at the Phi Rho Pi Community College National Championship Tournament. Photo courtesy of BGCCD

Butte-Glenn Community College District News Release

WALNUT, CA (MPG) - Butte College's speech and debate team earned the bronze award at the Phi Rho Pi Community College National Championship Tournament hosted by Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA. The tournament, held from April 2 to April 6, saw participation from 50 colleges, totaling 953 entries.

Led by standout performer Julia Irvine, the team brought home seven national championship awards. Irvine, who was initially drawn to the team through an oral interpretation of literature class, showcased her versatility across multiple categories, including dramatic interpretation, program oral interpretation, poetry interpretation and speech to entertain. Her performances captivated audiences and earned her silver in dramatic and program oral interpretation and bronze in poetry and speech to entertain.

In addition to Irvine's

success, teammates Abel Chavez and Kyle Landrum won bronze awards in poetry interpretation and persuasive speaking, respectively. Chavez's piece shed light on the struggles of Latinx men dealing with body dysmorphia, while Landrum advocated for policy reforms regarding prison labor.

Coach Shannan Troxel-Andreas expressed pride in the team's accomplishments, stating, "It's incredible to see these students perform on a national level and help set the bar for what a competitive speech or drama event should be."

Beyond the national stage, the speech and debate team has enjoyed a stellar season, securing 120 awards in competitions across the North State. Their success reflects a dedication to excellence and collaboration across various disciplines, from communication studies to business and the sciences.

"Right now, Northern California's competitive speech and debate circuit is booming, and Butte's students rank at the top among them," remarked Troxel-Andreas. ★

GHS JV Softball Off to Strong Start



The Gridley JV Softball team includes Kaydenze Pruitt #10, Alexis Alcantar #5, Rebecca Solis #7, Avery Mendenhall #22, Tati Rivero #21, Val Poynor #13, Eve Sherer #19, Ava Campos #1, Lorelai Villalobos #6, Vivian King #20, Sarah Hamman #8, Natiyl McClellan #3, Madie Miller #12, Audrina Trahin #2, Alina Jackson #9 and Addison Andes #15. Photo provided by Amber Mendenhall

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Junior Varsity Softball is making their dreams come true this season.

Over the weekend of March 16, the JV girls had the opportunity to play at the Big League Dreams tournament held in Redding, CA.

Head Coach Amber Mendenhall says that they were 7-0 until the championship game beating Lassen, University Prep, Shasta, Corning, Trinity and Yreka schools until their loss to Las Plumas. "It was a nail-biter!" she says.

Coach Mendenhall and Assistant Coach Tera Tuttle say that they were both "very excited for this season" and look forward to

what their team will do.

As JV Softball charged ahead, they would continue to do well, beating the Woodland Wolves and Red Bluff Spartans, but would fall to the Sutter Huskies, Corning Cardinals and Oroville Tigers for an overall record of 10-and-3 at the time of this article.

As the season continued, the team would see some changes. JV's Avery Mendenhall and Kaydenze Pruitt have moved up to Varsity, and currently, top pitcher Tati Rivero is out with an injury. With those changes, Coach Mendenhall says this coming week may be a bit of a challenge for her team.

The ladies will take on the Orland Trojans on Tuesday, April 23 and the Las Plumas Thunderbirds on Thursday, April 25. ★



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North Valley 12U Going Strong



Pictured top left to right is Adrian San Miguel, David Taranto, Ty Egan, and JJ Victorino. Bottom left to right is Marcos Sarabia, Steven Patterson, Lochlan Triebold, Jaden Solis, Antonio Reyes, and Dean Little. Photo courtesy of North Valley Coaching Staff

By North Valley Coaching Staff

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - North Valley 12U boys went on to win the Olivehurst Classic tournament. This is now back-to-back years North Valley has won this tournament.

Last year, the boys lost their first game to OBC Outlaws and battled back to win 6 in a row to win the championship. This year, the boys went on to win 3 in a row, beating the Diamond Dirtbags from

Placerville 12-2, the Oroville Miners 10-6, and the Oroville Miners for the championship game 11-5. North Valley has started off hot this season with a record of 12-1.

They will be playing more games throughout the month gearing up for Redding's Tournament June 1-2, Woodland's tournament June 29-30 before gearing up for the World Series tournament hosted in Reno, NV July 18-21. ★

The Manzanita Elementary School District

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

Applicants must be district residents and be registered to vote.

A new board member will be Interviewed/Appointed at the Board Meeting scheduled for May 8, 2024.

Interested residents may email Brittany Lobo blobo@mesd.net to request application or set up appointment to pick up paper copy. Applications are also available on our school website. Completed applications must be submitted no later than 3:00 PM on May 3, 2024.

Contact person: Brittany Lobo, Manzanita Elementary School District

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Retreats for PTSD relief

Buy a Taco, Support PTSD Awareness

Fishing for a Change Fundraiser

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - What do tacos, tamales, fishing, and PTSD have in common? They are all part of a fundraiser that Veteran Craig Dickerson is putting on.

Dickersons' own struggles with PTSD has been the inspiration behind his non-profit, Fishing for Change – Retreats for PTSD Relief, which aims to provide resources and support to Veterans and first responders battling with mental wellness issues.

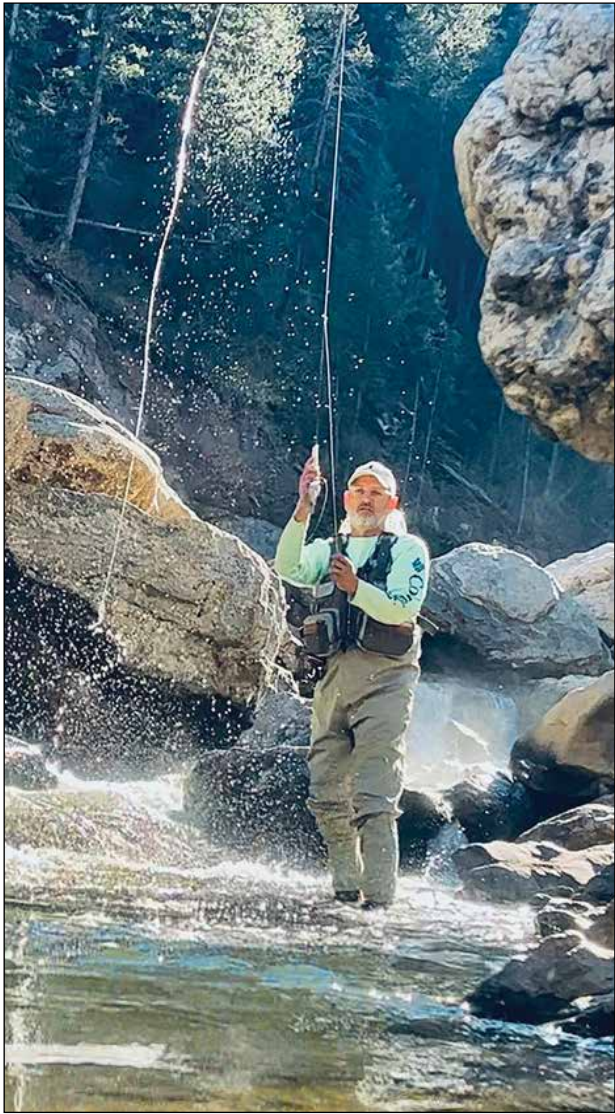
While on his own journey to wellness, Dickerson identified others in the treatment programs, especially veterans and first responders, that were experiencing severe symptoms of PTSD, extreme anxiety and depression and wanted to do something to help.

Through his experience, Dickerson found that self-care and meditation, for him coming in the form of getting out into the water and going fishing, was critical to his progress recovering from PTSD. "It isn't an illness," he contests, "it's a wound" that needs healing.

He compares PTSD and being triggered to a "charging rhinoceros" that immediately puts one into fight or flight mode, making it difficult to recenter. Dickerson expressed his opinion that key elements in fighting and healing PTSD, anxiety and depression include grounding techniques, meditation, and understanding triggers in order to manage them. He believes that for himself and others, a task-oriented, outdoor activity such as fishing can help those with PTSD "get away from all that stimulation that's triggering it".

Dickerson began taking some of his peers struggling with PTSD fishing. While not all their symptoms resolved immediately, they were able to get out into the water and "breathe" says Dickerson.

Therefore, "Fishing for Change: Retreats for PTSD Relief" was born. The fledgling non-profit hopes to raise enough funds to



Retreats for PTSD Relief hopes to help those suffering find peace through fishing. Photo courtesy Craig Dickerson

create a first class, month-long fishing retreat for veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD in the north state area.

Dickerson has a beautiful location secured and hopes to put 12 trailers on the site for guests. All housing and meal needs would be met, and 4 to 5 counselors would provide 24/7 on-site mental wellness support. In addition, guests would spend roughly 4-5 hours a day in cognitive behavioral therapy classes and have online access to a licensed psychiatrist in the event of an emergency. The rest of the time, they would relax and fish.

Because of the need for professionally trained mental health providers, individual trailers for guests and more, Dickerson says it gets expensive quickly, but he hopes that there are those that can see how desperately a program like this is needed for those suffering from the "open wound of PTSD".

Currently, Dickerson

is actively fundraising to support Fishing for Change. His first official fundraiser, the Tacos and Tamales Festival and Car Show, is to be held from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Butte County Fairgrounds, Saturday, May 4 in Gridley.

The event is free to the public, family friendly and a portion of all food sales benefit veterans and first responders. Dickerson shares there will be a kid's zone and games, entertainment, prizes for the car show participants and plenty to keep those busy throughout the day. T-shirts and gear will also be available to purchase to support the cause.

Dickerson continues to search for more sponsors for the event and welcomes any help, including donations, be them monetary, or fishing gear, poles, lures, etc.

For more information, please contact Craig Dickerson at 530-409-1011 or visit their website at www.Fishingforachange.org ★

Safer Communities Coalition Announces the Turn-In of Over 900,000 Voter Signatures

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training programs -- helping them begin new lives. Currently, those arrested

multiple times for hard drug use have no incentive to choose treatment over what has become minimal

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Gear Up for RSD!

Story and photo by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Red Suspenders Day wouldn't be the same without a commemorative t-shirt or a pair of red suspenders! The Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce has theme-specific merchandise designed each year for Red Suspenders Day. This year, the t-shirts for RSD 2024 feature a graphic for the theme "First on the Scene" and recognizes not only our firemen, but our medics and law enforcement in a red, white and blue design. Grab yours before they are gone! Sizes S, M, L, XL are just \$20 and XXLs are \$22. Suspenders featuring "Red Suspenders



CALFIRE Butte County/Gridley Fire Department's Rob Kenyon and Gridley Chamber of Commerce President Lynne Spencer smile as they show off their Red Suspenders Day gear supporting first responders. Day" and "Gridley, CA" are just \$20. Drop by the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce at 890 Hazel St. Mondays and Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to get yours or call 530-846-3142. ★

City Council Pushes for Abatement of Hazardous Properties

Story by Melody McDowell

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley City Council met in regular session on April 15, with all members present excepting Councilmember Catalina Sanchez. One public comment was taken at the beginning of the meeting, from Christian Garcia of Waste Management. He reported on the progress of the special assessment lien process taking place for delinquent accounts. He reported that the first batch of notification letters, regarding an impending lien if payments are not made, was sent out March 29 and another round is expected to go out April 22. Garcia stated that an edit was made to the Spanish version of the letter, and that feedback received indicated a need for clarification with respect to the amounts listed on the letter; the letters show total amount of payment due, minimum due to avoid lien, and lienable amount based on tax rolls as of December 2023. The minimum amount of payment will come due May 31 of this year, and Garcia indicated that those involved will receive another letter clarifying responsibility and action required. The Council voted to approve the consent agenda. This included approving the amended minutes from the March 4 meeting, the minutes from special and regular meetings on March 18. Also approved was the second reading of an ordinance to re-zone a 40-acre parcel on the east side of West Biggs Gridley Road from residential to residential with agricultural overlay. This allows commercial agricultural use of the land until such time as it is developed for single family residences. Two final consent items approved were a resolution authorizing the purchase of 3-phase transformers for the Electric Department, and an amendment to the City's existing contract with RSG, Inc., increasing total cost to \$45,000. This amendment pertains to consultation services rendered to assist in selling industrial park parcels and managing the City's Long Range Property

Management Plan (LRMPM). The Council voted to approve a second amendment to the Cooperation Agreement with the Butte Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, an increase of \$8,000 to the amount the City will contribute. City Finance Director Martin Pineda brought a proposed amendment of contract with Eide Bailly for services rendered to bring audits current. He also requested approval for renewal of contract for current year and next year. Councilmembers approved both the amendment and the proposed renewal. City Administrator Elisa Arteaga expressed concern about the ongoing level of nuisance and hazard that exists in the abandoned properties at 110 and 390 Virginia Street. Mayor Mike Farr appealed to City Attorney Tony Galyean for direction about the City's options for abatement at this point in time. Galyean indicated that an abatement action will likely necessitate a court-established health and safety receivership. For those interested in learning about this process, information is available at <https://www.calreceivers.com/health-and-safety-receiverships>. Captain Chip Fowler was invited to take the podium to detail the Fire Department's capacity and limitations in addressing fire incidents that have occurred and could occur in these buildings (there was a small fire as recently as last week) and stated, "we would support the abatement of both properties." Mayor Mike Farr was vocal in his feeling that, if nothing is done, "somebody's going to get killed." He said, "this is a bomb waiting to go off. This is a high priority. I think this should be priority #1." Councilmember Bruce Johnson moved to formally request Attorney Galyean to identify professional receivers who could be utilized on the project. Councilmember James Roberts seconded the motion and the Council voted to move forward. Galyean indicated that he will return to the Council with this information so that next steps can be initiated. ★

Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings



First Steps to Successfully Opening A Restaurant or Food Business (Paradise)

If you are a first-time start-up restaurateur, a food entrepreneur who is looking for help with putting together a road map for successfully opening your business, or you are a new startup (less than 6 months) this workshop is for you! We will guide you through an overview of organizational strategies and timelines required from concept, to finding a location and working through the permit process up to opening day. Topics include: Organizational Timelines, Strategies and Resources; Business Plan Overview; Investors and Funding Options; Entity/Bookkeeper or Accountant; Location & Lease; Permits and Licenses Overview; Opening checklists; and other keys to success. **Date:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am **Cost:** Free | **Location:** Paradise Ridge Chamber, 6161 Clark Road, Paradise

Step-By-Step Guide on How to Buy or Sell a Business (Red Bluff)

Buying or selling a business can be overwhelming and costly if you do not plan ahead. Do you have an Exit Strategy or plan in place to sell your business in the near future, or 1 or 2 years? Have you considered buying a business instead of starting one? This workshop is for business owners looking to sell their businesses as well as people interested in purchasing businesses instead of starting their own. We will guide you through a checklist of requirements for successfully buying or selling a business. Topics will include: How to value your business, the due diligence process, structuring the deal, good and bad timing, what not to do, loan requirements and options, owner carry, and more. **Date:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am **Cost:** Free | **Location:** Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2810 Main St., Red Bluff

Practical QuickBooks for New Users 4-weeks 2 hours per week (Oroville)

Accurate bookkeeping is critical to the success of any business. This QuickBooks Series is for entrepreneurs and business owners in the beginning stage of bookkeeping (i.e., planning, have not yet purchased their system, or have purchased but not using). The trainer will guide you through the basics of accounting from identifying the best QuickBooks version for your business, to setting up your system, managing accounts, and using financial reports to manage your day-to-day activities. This 4-weeks, 2 hours per week series includes 4 focus areas: Week 1 - May 2: Accounting Basics & Getting Started with QuickBooks Week 2 - May 9: Setting up Items and Creating Forms Week 3 - May 16: Accounts Receivable Week 4 - May 23: Accounts Payable, Banking Reconciliations, and Reports **Date:** Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2024 | **Time:** 10:00am – 12:00am **Cost:** Free | **Location:** The Barrell Room, 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

Branding Your Business (Colusa)

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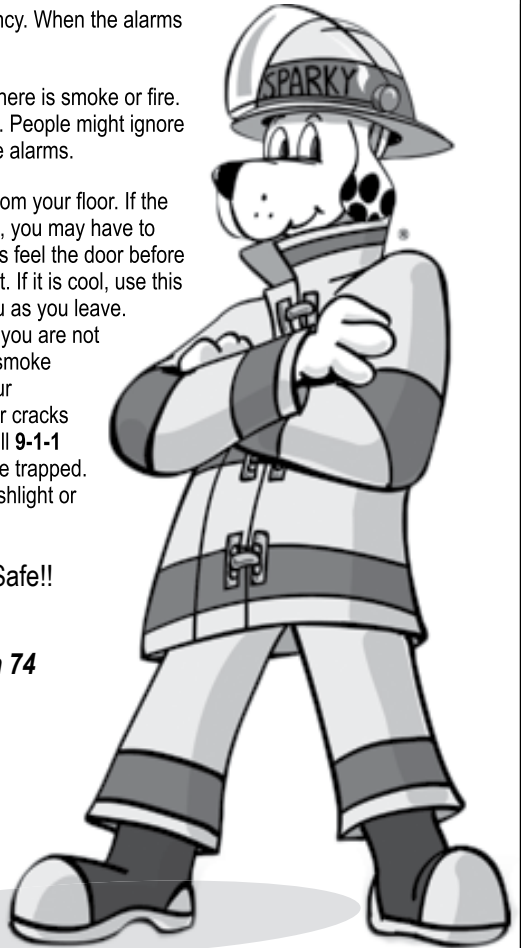
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Grange Co-op Receives USDA Grant

Grange Co-op News Release

WHITE CITY, OR (MPG) - Grange Cooperative Supply Association ("Grange Co-op"), a leading agricultural cooperative based in White City, Oregon, has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) as part of the Organic Market Development Grant program. The grant aims to support the expansion of processing capacity for organic grain feed, addressing critical needs within the nation's growing organic industry.

With this funding, Grange Co-op plans to significantly enhance its processing capabilities to meet the increasing demand for organic grain feed, particularly in the livestock sector. The project will not only benefit organic producers but also contribute to meeting the rising consumer demand for organic products. "Grange Co-op is thrilled to receive this grant from USDA, which will allow us to expand our processing capacity and better serve the organic farming community," said Neil Itzen, CEO. "This investment will enable

us to meet the growing demand for organic grain feed and contribute to the development of a more resilient and sustainable food system."

The project's objectives include expanding processing capacity to create more market opportunities for organic producers. It also includes executing marketing and promotional activities to build commercial markets for U.S. organic grain feed products.

The expansion of processing capacity will not only support organic producers in meeting market demands but also contribute to reducing the United States' dependence on imported organic grain feed. By investing in infrastructure and marketing efforts, Grange Co-op aims to strengthen the domestic organic grain feed market and foster a more sustainable agricultural landscape.

Grange Co-op expresses gratitude to USDA for its support and reaffirms its commitment to promoting organic agriculture and enhancing market opportunities for organic producers. Grange Co-op also thanks Morrison for its assistance with grant writing. ★

Dahle Sheds Light on Dems' Dark Solar Scheme

Office of Senator Brian Dahle News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber) raised concerns recently during Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy when the majority party used the budget hearing to influence the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on a recent policy issue.

The subcommittee discussed a proposal by the CPUC for a program that would require certain utilities to buy excess power generated by community solar facilities at a premium cost. The CPUC's pending decision rejects a proposal from Democrats and solar advocates, which would increase costs by up to \$64 billion for people without access to community solar.

Unconcerned with the potential increased

rates and appearing unhappy with the recommendation to reject the advocates' cost-increasing proposal, several Democrat lawmakers signed a letter demanding the CPUC support their solar scheme.

Dahle applauded the CPUC's discretion and praised their proposal to limit the amount of costs shifted to non-participating customers, as required by AB 2316, with an alternate program that would incentivize community solar projects without increasing electric rates.

"The Legislature needs to look at these projects and make sure they are not harming non-participants," said Senator Dahle. "This is a policy issue and shouldn't even be discussed in a budget subcommittee. Sacramento Dems need to stop supporting policies that are bankrupting constituents. Californians have a right to safe, affordable, and reliable energy." ★

Streets Full of Healthy Fun!



Traditional Mexican dancers treated the crowd to their beautiful choreography. Some of the performers were even students at McKinley and Wilson.

Continued from page 1 allowing students to tour the inside of the bus and take a free book from their shelves. Their literacy services travel to over 40 different schools throughout the county.

Arika Elderkin of McKinley school manned a play area with large lawn games such as checkers. She explained that play helps with organizational and planning skills. Elderkin shared with the Herald that the executive function skills learned through play can benefit students as they move through the educational system, especially those with ADHD.

Butte County Office of Education had multiple booths, featuring sensory bins, coloring booths that focused on mental wellbeing, and more. The Wilson School Garden booth provided students the opportunity to plant or take-home seeds, learning about healthy food, while recipes and samples of smoothies and trail mix were provided



The Ochoa family came out and had a blast at the event. Pictured left to right: Luis Ochoa, Maria Ochoa, Selena Ochoa, Karina Ochoa, Nicole Ochoa, and Araceli Ochoa.

to guests by CalFresh.

Performances by Baila Folklorico, Mexican folklore dancers, was one of the first performances of the event. Guests turned their attention to the main stage area where dancers spun in brightly colored, ruffled traditional dresses. Wilson Schools Principal Dr. Joan Schumann says that this was a special event because many of the performers were students at both McKinley and Wilson but hadn't had the opportunity to perform at their school yet.

The Health and Wellness Street Fair was excited to have the dancers perform and part of the school's effort to improve Latino parent engagement. There were also Ju Jit Su demonstrations and of course, the prize raffle. The coveted new bike and helmet went to Rosie McDowell, a McKinley student.

The event was well attended and both McKinley School Principal Rhiannon Treat and Wilson Schools Principal Dr. Schumann agree that it will return next year. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000259
The following person(s) are doing business as: Casa D Alma Camaron Pelao, Casa 4 99, Gridley, CA 95948
Jesus Manuel Ceballos, 484 CA 99, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: March 25, 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
CASA 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000252
The following person(s) are doing business as: Farmersfeed, 2451 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95966
Tye M Giesbrecht, 2313 HWY 45, Glenn, CA 95943 and Taylor M Giesbrecht, 7948 County Road 36, Glenn, CA 95943 and Brandon K Giesbrecht, 2369 HWY 45, Glenn, CA 95943.
Date filed in Butte County: March 19, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A. This Business is conducted by: 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
FARMERSFEED 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000185
The following person(s) are doing business as: Showtime Cards, 1245 Robinson Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Joshua Daniel Chartier, 1245 Robinson Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: February 26, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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SHOWTIME 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000225
The following person(s) are doing business as: Finka, 5765 Via Pacana, Oroville, CA 95966
Victor J Mendoza Valdovinos, 5765 Via Pacana, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: March 11, 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
FINKA 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000265
The following person(s) are do-

ing business as: J&S Ink Press Apparel, 4046 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95966
J&S Ink Press Apparel LLC, 4046 Myers Street, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: March 26, 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: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024
INK 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000263
The following person(s) are doing business as: Forward Family Farming, 2331 Schohr Ranch Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Susan Schohr and Carl Schohr, 2331 Schohr Ranch Road, Gridley, CA 95948, Holly Whittaker and Ryan Schohr, 1523 Ridgebrook Way, Chico, CA 95928 and Tracy Schohr, 1474 Bonnell Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: March 25, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 1, 2017
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FORWARD 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000289
The following person(s) are doing business as: Creekside Ranch, 2420 Wheeler Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966
Staci Aleen Campos, 131 Feather River Circle, Vacaville, CA 95688
Date filed in Butte County: March 29, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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CREEKSIDE 5-3-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000225
The following person(s) are doing business as: Finka, Finka Lath and Plastering, Finka Construction, Finka Plastering and Painting, 5765 Via Pacana, Oroville, CA 95966
Victor J Mendoza Valdovinos, 5765 Via Pacana, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: March 11, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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FINKA 5-3-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000299
The following person(s) are doing business as: Farmersfeed, 2927 Feather River Boulevard, Oroville, CA 95965
Tye M Giesbrecht, 2313 HWY 45, Glenn, CA 95943 and Taylor M Giesbrecht, 7948 County Road 36, Glenn, CA 95943 and Brandon K Giesbrecht, 2369 HWY 45, Glenn, CA 95943
Date filed in Butte County: April 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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FARMERSFEED 5-3-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000301
The following person(s) are doing business as: Vazquez Yard and Garden Service Inc, 5271 Beverly Glen Avenue, Paradise, CA 95969
Vazquez Yard and Garden Service Inc, 5271 Beverly Glen Avenue, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: April 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 31, 2024
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VAZQUEZ 5-3-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000254
The following person(s) are doing business as: Bosque Native Nursery and Wildscape Design, 85 Quincy Place, Oroville, CA 95966
Joan E Swearingen, 85 Quincy Place, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: March 20, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by: 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: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024
BOSQUE 5-10-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000270
The following person(s) are doing business as: Aspen Intervention Wellness Center, 12416 Caribbean Way, Chico, CA 95973
David B Burke, 12416 Caribbean Way, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: March 26, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 19, 2023
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ASPEN 5-10-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000290
The following person(s) are doing business as: Canyon View Realty, 1201 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969
Southern California Homes Inc, 814 E. Leadora Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741
Date filed in Butte County: March 29, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: March 21, 2024
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CANYON 5-10-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000313
The following person(s) are doing business as: Wildfloor Baking, 960 Hazel Street, Gridley, CA 95948
Jessica L Haro, 1608 W Liberty Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: April 11, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 22, 2020.
This Business is conducted by: 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: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024
WILDFLOUR 5-10-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000309
The following person(s) are doing business as: Fammengs Kimchi, 18 Rosita Way, Oroville, CA 95966
Fammeng Elizabeth Saelee, 18 Rosita Way, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: April

9, 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: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
FAMMENGs 5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000335
The following person(s) are doing business as: Right Now Bail Bonds, 2131 4th Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Billie Evelyn Bennett-Dawson and Brian Thomas Dawson, 2131 4th Street, Oroville, CA 95965
Date filed in Butte County: April 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: February 3, 2021
This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. 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: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
RIGHT 5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000340
The following person(s) are doing business as: Keepin It Saucy, 6705 Echo Glen Court, Magalia, CA 95954
Jaime D Espinosa, 2019 Forest Avenue Suite 160, #1099 Chico, CA 95928
Date filed in Butte County: April 16, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: April 15, 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: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
KEEPIN 5-17-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV00932
Petitioner Kevin James Olausen filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Kevin James Olausen to Kevin James Vance.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing May 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on March 26, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2024
OLANSEN 5-3-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV01111
Petitioner Gary James Smith filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Gary James Smith to Gary James Hughes.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing May 29, 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 April 17, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
SMITH 5-17-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME – STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
FILE NO. 2024-0000269

The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Izzys Bar and Grill, 13915 Southpark Drive, Magalia, CA 95954
Randy Rash and Jini Rash, 15049 Pinehurst Way, Magalia, CA 95954
Original filing date: 2/23/2022; Statement expires: 10/18/2026. The Registrant began transacting business on: N/A. Business conducted by: A Married Couple. Date Filed in Butte County: March 26, 2024.
This statement was filed in the office of Keaton Denlay, County Clerk of Butte County
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

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WANDA JUANITA CHILTON AKA WANDA J. CHILTON AKA WANDA CHILTON AKA WANDA MATHIS AKA WANDA HARLES
CASE NO. 24PR00096
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Wanda Juanita Chilton aka Wanda J. Chilton aka Wanda Chilton aka Wanda Mathis aka Wanda Harles.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Danielle LeClerc Klein, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Danielle LeClerc Klein be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 1. Superior Court of California, County of Butte, 1775 Concord Avenue, Chico, CA 95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661
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TRUSTEE SALE

TS No.: MACF-577-182 APN: 125-311-034-000 Title Order No.: 2377001CAD NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/21/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the

total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Deborah L. Wingate, An Unmarried Woman Duly Appointed Trustee: PROBER AND RAPHAEL, ALC Recorded 12/22/2020 as Instrument No. 2020-0008197 in book N/A, page N/A of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, Date of Sale: 5/15/2024 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, East Entrance Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$296,609.54 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 878 RHEINFELDER ST PORTOLA, California 96122-6008 A.P.N.: 125-311-034-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consider either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 976-3916 or visit this Internet Website https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case MACF-577-182. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 976-3916, or visit this internet website https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case MACF-577-182 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 4/4/2024 PROBER AND RAPHAEL, ALC 20750 Ventura Blvd. #100 Woodland Hills, California 91364 Sale Line: (855) 976-3916 Phone Number: 818-227-0100 Rita Terzyan, Trustee Sale Officer NPP0459023 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS Publish: 04/19/2024, 04/26/2024, 05/03/2024
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Former Gridley Teacher Pleads to Sex with a Minor

Butte County District Attorney News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On April 23, a former female Gridley school teacher pleaded no-contest to having sex with a 14-year-old male student in June 2021.

Michelle Christine Solis, 46, of Gridley, appeared in Butte County Superior Court April 23 for her scheduled preliminary hearing on the sex charge, but instead changed her plea and admitted her guilt.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges stem from conduct during the boy’s eighth-grade year at Sycamore Junior High School. Solis was the boy’s teacher. She “friended” him on Instagram and began messaging him in the weeks leading up to his graduation. Evidence showed that Solis sent the boy four explicit photos of herself before having sexual intercourse with him in a locked

classroom on the day of the student’s 8th grade graduation.

Rumors and copies of the photos began to circulate in the Gridley community in October 2023. A Gridley Police investigation ensued, and investigators contacted the boy and reviewed the contents of his phone. There they found communication between Solis and the boy, including two explicit photographs of Solis that matched the descriptions the boy previously provided.

Gridley Police arrested her November 13, 2023, and she was immediately bailed from the Butte County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.

Ramsey said as part of her plea, Solis stipulated that she would be registered as a sex offender and could face up to four years in state prison. Solis remains out on bail pending her sentencing at 1:30 p.m. on June 6. ★

Child Abuse Arrest Occurs in Live Oak

Sutter County Sheriff’s Office News Release

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - On 4/10/2024 around 3:30 p.m., our Dispatch Unit received a call for a suspected child abuse on the 9000 block of Maple Park in Live Oak. The reporting party stated that a 4-year-old had significant facial injuries. This incident was said to have occurred around 8:30 a.m. the same day and the mother, 38- year-old Christina Brokenbrough of Live Oak, was advised to call law enforcement, but she failed to do so. Once on scene, Deputies confirmed the extremities of the juvenile's injuries and she was transported to the Adventist Health and Ride Out Medical Center, then later transported to UC Davis Medical for further assessment, non-life threatening.

At the time of this press release, the

juvenile is out of medical care and safe. Investigative measures were taken, and the suspect was identified as 27-year-old Jamahl Alqahhaar of Yuba City. Alqahhaar had fled the scene prior to the Deputies’ arrival and was located by our Detective Unit in Biggs. Alqahhaar was taken into custody and booked into the Sutter County Jail for excessive force, corporal injury on a child, attempted murder, and child abuse with great bodily injury/death. His arraignment is scheduled for 4/12/24 at 2:00 p.m., bail set at \$1,000,000. Brokenbrough was arrested and charged with corporal injury on a child and child abuse with great bodily injury/death. Her arraignment is scheduled for 4/12/24 at 2:00 p.m., bail \$50,000.

This is an ongoing investigation, and updates will be provided as necessary. ★

Bus Shooter Convicted in 2022 Murder

Butte County District Attorney News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - A Sacramento gang member was convicted April 19 for shooting multiple victims in February 2022 on a Greyhound bus that stopped in Oroville. Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey announced that Asaahdi Coleman, 23, was convicted by a Butte County Superior Court jury of murder and attempted murder with gun enhancements.

Coleman was acquitted of three other counts of attempted murder.

During the trial, Coleman’s defense

attorney claimed Coleman’s unspecified mental illness interfered with his ability to form an intent to kill and that he was blindly shooting at the people in front of him without an intent to kill.

Ramsey said as a result of the verdict, Coleman faces a sentence of 74 years to life. However, due to the “Youthful Offender Parole” law passed by the state legislature in 2019 to apply to murderers under the age of 26, Coleman will be eligible for parole after serving 25 years.

Judge Corie Carraway set sentencing for May 31, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. ★

Chico Man Charged with Shooting at Sheriff’s Deputies

Butte County District Attorney News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - On April 22, a Chico man was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court on multiple charges arising out of an officer-involved shooting on April 18, 2024.

Travis Patrick McCarty, 39, of Chico was charged by the Butte County District Attorney with Attempted Murder of Peace Officers, Assault with a Semi-Automatic Firearm on Peace Officers, Shooting into an Occupied Motor Vehicle, Possession of an Assault Rifle, three counts of being a Felon in Possession of Firearm, being a Felon in Possession of Live Ammunition, and Manufacturing/Assembling/Possessing a Ghost Gun. It is also alleged that McCarty has two prior “strike” convictions and seven prior felony convictions.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that the charges stem from a domestic dispute between McCarty and his wife. According to Ramsey, McCarty and his wife separated, and the wife took their infant son to stay with friends living in a gated community off of the Skyway between Chico and Paradise. According to the records of the Butte County Superior Court, on April 17, 2024, the wife applied for and obtained a Temporary Restraining Order against McCarty which protected herself and the child.

On the evening of April 17, 2024, the Butte County Sheriff’s Department (BCSO) received information that McCarty may attempt to enter the gated community to contact his wife and son. BCSO also received information that McCarty had access to firearms and might be a threat to his wife and the friends with whom she was staying. BCSO assigned two deputies and



Enzo, a K9, was narrowly missed by a bullet and survived the shooting. Photo courtesy of Butte County District Attorney

a K9 deputy to attempt to intercept McCarty if he tried to enter the gated community. The two deputies parked their marked BCSO K9 patrol vehicle inside the gates.

Ramsey said at approximately 1:15 a.m. on April 18, 2024, the deputies saw McCarty’s vehicle pull into the entrance to the gated community. The deputies then saw McCarty exit his vehicle and walk to the gate. The deputies exited their patrol vehicle, made their presence known, and attempted to make contact with McCarty. McCarty shouted at the deputies that he did not want to speak to them and fled back to his vehicle. The deputies re-entered their patrol vehicle and activated the emergency lights of the patrol vehicle in preparation for an expected vehicle pursuit.

However, after the emergency lights were activated, McCarty fired multiple shots from a 9mm pistol into the front of the patrol vehicle. At least three of the shots hit the patrol vehicle. One shot went through the windshield into the passenger compartment of the patrol vehicle, narrowly missing both deputies in the front seat and their K9 (Enzo) in the rear of the vehicle. Both deputies exited the vehicle and one returned fire. McCarty was struck in

the lower leg and fell to the ground. McCarty was subsequently taken into custody and transported to Enloe Hospital where he was treated and released to the Butte County Jail.

After McCarty was arrested, deputies located a 9mm self-manufactured semi-automatic “ghost gun” near where he fell. Additionally, in his vehicle, investigators found a loaded shotgun, a loaded AR15-style assault rifle, and multiple fully loaded extra magazines.

During a subsequent search of McCarty’s residence, investigators located additional ammunition and equipment used to manufacture firearms.

At the request of prosecutors, Butte County Superior Court Judge Kristen Lucena ordered McCarty held at the Butte County Jail without bail. McCarty was appointed a public defender and will be back in court for entry of plea on Thursday, April 25.

Ramsey said given the multiple charges, McCarty could be sentenced to life in state prison. Because of his prior “strike” convictions, McCarty could also be sentenced to 25 years to life if convicted of the Assault with a Semi-Automatic Firearm on Peace Officers and Shooting into an Occupied Motor Vehicle charges. ★

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City of Biggs Notice of Public Hearing

Consideration of (1) An Ordinance Amending Section 10.05.240 of The Biggs Municipal Code (City Sewer System) To Increase Sewer Service Fees, Rates And Charges, and (2) An Ordinance Amending Section 10.10.045 of The Biggs Municipal Code (City Water System) To Increase Water Service Fees, Rates And Charges

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 5:00 pm** at the City Council Chambers of the City of Biggs, 465 C Street, Biggs, the City Council of the City of Biggs will hold a Public Hearing to consider (1) an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Amending Section 10.05.240 Of The Biggs Municipal Code (City Sewer System) To Increase Sewer Service Fees, Rates And Charges,” and (2) an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Amending Section 10.10.045 of The Biggs Municipal Code (City Water System) To Increase Water Service Fees, Rates And Charges”. These ordinances would revise the rate of the City’s water and sewer charges in response to rising direct costs of water production, ongoing water and sewer system repairs, replacement, and upgrade to City capital facilities that are needed to help comply with water and sewer regulations and public health standards. The City has determined that water and sewer rates must increase in order to cover costs, repairs, and depreciation.

Ordinances: The ordinances are available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk located at the City Hall Building 465 C Street, Biggs, or online at www.biggs-ca.gov. The City Council will hear testimony regarding the ordinances at the hearing. If you would like to provide written comments, please mail them to the following address:

City of Biggs
City Clerk
PO Box 307
Biggs, California 95917

In order to be included with the written materials presented to the Council and the public at the public hearing, such written materials must be received by 3:00 pm on June 11, 2024. Any person interested, including all water and sewer customers of the City, may appear and be heard on any matter relating to the proposed ordinances or the charges proposed therein. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (530) 868-5493.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE Gridley Unified School District, of the County of Butte, State of California, will receive up to and no later than May 23, 2024 at 1:30 P.M. sealed bids for the award and contract for the furnishing of all labor, materials, transportation and services required for the construction of the **SYCAMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL HVAC ADDITION** and such bids shall be received at the office of the Gridley Unified School District, 429 Magnolia Street, Gridley, CA, and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.** Meet at Sycamore Middle School 1125 Sycamore St, Gridley, CA 95948

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this invitation and the Contract Documents. PDF's of the project documents are available through the office of the Architect and can be requested by emailing Hana Nimerfroh at nimerfroh@nmrdesign.com.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond made in favor of the Board of Trustees, Gridley Unified School District, executed by the bidder as principal and an admitted surety company as surety. All bonds for this project must be issued by an Admitted Surety, an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of Insurance in the State of California during this business year, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract if it be awarded to him in conformity with the Contract Documents and shall provide the surety bond as specified therein within five (5) days after notification of the award of the contract to bidder.

It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom a contract is awarded, and upon all subcontractors under him, to pay not less than the general prevailing rates of per diem wages to all workmen in the execution of the contract. Pursuant to the provisions of the California State Labor Code, and Local Laws thereto applicable, the said Board of Trustees has ascertained the prevailing rate of wages in the locality where this work is to be performed, for each craft and/or type of workman or mechanic needed to perform the work of this contract. General Prevailing Wage Rates shall be those rates pertaining to Butte County as published by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) pursuant to California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1.

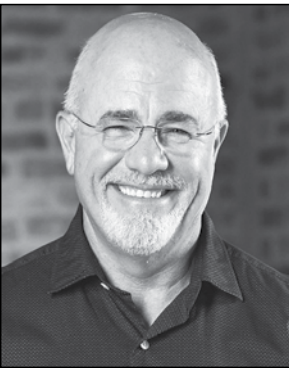
Copies of the Prevailing Wage Schedules may be obtained from the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, P.O. Box 420603, San Francisco, CA 94101, or www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Prevailing-Wage.html.

Each contractor and subcontractor must be registered with DIR prior to submitting a bid.

The bidder awarded this contract may elect to receive 100% of payments due under the contract from time to time without retention of any portion of the payment by the public agency, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the public agency in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The Gridley Unified School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any defect or irregularity in bidding.

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A Safety Net,
Not a Hammock

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are in a bad situation, and we’re thinking about taking my parents up on their offer to move in with them. We both work two jobs. I’m a medical transcriptionist with a small business on the side, and he’s a warehouse clerk who is also trying to get a business off the ground. Combined, we bring home about \$70,000 a year, plus we have \$80,000 in debt between credit cards and a car loan. On top of all this, our rent went up 18% at the first of the year, and we can’t afford the increase. Should we move in with my folks?

– Melissa

Dear Melissa,

I’m not opposed to families jumping into a situation together to solve a problem. That includes

Dave Ramsey Says

grown children moving back home for a short period of time. Sometimes, when the right people are involved (and proper boundary expectations are established and agreed upon), it can work out well for everyone. I just want you to be very careful that you’re not using a move like this to mask the real problem.

I’m going to shoot straight with you. The real problem isn’t an 18% jump in rent. The real problem is what that rent increase revealed about you both—the fact that you have weak careers. You guys are like two hamsters in a wheel right now. Neither one of you is afraid of work. That much is obvious. And you’re working four jobs between the two of you, so there’s no lack of effort. But you’re not gaining any traction. You’re not making a lot of money, and the debt hanging over your heads isn’t helping either.

Your parents are obviously good-hearted people, Melissa. If you do this, I want you, your husband and your folks to go into it with this mindset—your stay with them is a brief stopover on your way to prosperity. Don’t go into this—any of you—with an attitude of the world is mean, rent went up, and we can’t make it out there. This is a safety net, not a hammock. Use this time to begin addressing your financial issues, and take a long, hard look at your career and income situation. If you use this opportunity wisely, you can emerge in a better place with your money and with getting ahead in your careers.

God bless you all!!

– 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 ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church

What does God ask of you as a Christian? The Bible tells: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8) That’s it in a nutshell. Simple? Not quite. It is hard to be good in a sinful atmosphere. But with God’s help, strength, power, and plans, we can strive to be as good as God wants us to be.

How can we do justice in our area? Don’t lie or tell stories against others. Don’t cheat or steal from anyone. Make good on promises and pledges. Repay debts and give out of generosity. That’s where you start. Be honest.

How do we love kindness? Help those in need by offering goods, resources, and time. Smile and give happiness to all. Offer good comments to those who could use a friendly voice. Some people never hear a friendly comment. Think, you could make someone’s day. Share food, share clothes, share a ride, or things needed by those around you. Even help with a task such as cutting a yard, moving tree limbs, even repairs on homes or cars. Be Kind. It is contagious!

Now, how do we walk humbly with our Lord? Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Repay evil with good and hate with love.



God has given us examples of how to walk with Him. Obey and live, disobey and pay the consequences. God gave us ten laws to follow. The first five were how to live with God. The other five were how to live with man. God constantly told His people (the Hebrews) to follow His laws and they would be blessed. If laws aren’t followed, just like in our country, we pay for bad choices and suffer real difficult outcomes.

God did not give rules and regulations to the world to stomp it down or strip it of opportunities. He gave rules to protect lives and souls so they could have a relationship with Him. Just like we do with our children, God laid out the paths for His children, us.

By doing these three things our lives would be free of difficulties we bring upon ourselves. We could then enjoy all around us.

Practice justice! Kindle kindness! Follow God! Yep, that is the formula to a good way of life. Try practicing them!

At the Gridley United Methodist Church this is what we try to help each other do. Please join us in these three principles. We meet every Sunday at 10 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

I’m hearing that so many people have peach leaf curl this year. I’ve been picking the leaves off and the new leaves appear fungus free. The plus to having short fruit trees that are pruned throughout the year is that I will be pruning soon and most of the new leaf growth will be cut off. With all that said, my peaches are having a great fruit

year. Hopefully most will stay and not drop.

Everything is in bloom right now. All the color combinations I’ve worked on are being beautiful together. I’ll be digging up my fantastic yellow reblooming iris and selling them as rhizomes at the Green Thumb sales booth at Red Suspenders’ Day May 18. This Iris blooms every season of the year. Be sure to get by the booth quickly to get yours at a cheap price.

I’m picking a lot of snails right now, in the back yard. Soon I’ll be using Sluggo, with hopes that my dog will not eat it. She is pickier than my previous dog. Little Gidget would eat Sluggo like candy. So

far Libby is not that way. I’ll be watching. Even though it is declared to be pet safe, I’m sure eating it by the many is not good for a dog. It’s full out war with chemicals for the snails in the front yard. Soon there will be piles of snail shells here that there. Last year I didn’t have that many until the end of summer. I think they were on vacation and came back this winter. It does give me more changes to observe the little slimmers. My daughter was picking oranges to take home and commented that she had never seen snails that high in a tree before. I told her that the snails here were tree climbing experts. She nodded her head, yes. ★

Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Billy’s been a busy guy ever since he became the official town dog here. Sally had been the town dog until she passed away on Doc’s porch, and then Billy’s owner died just two weeks after that, so it was something of a natural progression. Sometimes offices are filled without an election.

The high school wood shop boys built Billy a dog house next to the school crossing, but Billy preferred Aunt Ada’s couch in the cold months and a nice dog depression under an oak tree when it’s warm.

Billy was making the

“I’m glad you came over today ... Billy”

rounds this morning. He had snacks at the Gates of Heaven Chinese café (back door, of course) and the Mule Barn truck stop, and conned a granola bar out of some kids just leaving the convenience store. Then he headed down the main street, turned right at the drug store, and ended up on the porch of The Rest of Your Life Retirement Home. A brief scratching and whining gave him access, and he cruised around, being petted and loved, until he found Pop Walker.

Pop can remember what happened in World War II right down to the mess hall menu, but he has a tough time with names and whether he’s had breakfast today or not.

“Uh ...?” Pop looked at the lady in the

nurse’s uniform.

“I’m Jean, Pop.”

“Oh sure ... Jean, okay if I go outside with the dog?”

“Only in the back yard, Pop. Okay?”

He grinned. “Okay.”

Pop and Billy walked around back there for a while, and Pop found a stick and threw it for Billy a few times. Then they went to a bench in the shade and Billy laid his head on Pop’s knee and got some free ear rumples.

Pop looked down at the dog.

“I’m glad you came over today ... Billy,” Pop said.

Pop remembers World War II, also.

Help change a life, or even save one. <https://support.woundedwarrior-project.org> ★



Land-use legislation Could Convert More Farmland for solar, Renewable Energy Projects

Proposed state legislation to modify California’s longstanding farmland conservation law could pave the way for large swaths of farm acreage to be repurposed as sites for renewable energy projects, including solar power. Assembly Bill 2528, introduced by Assembly Member Joaquin Arambula, D-Fresno, would allow owners of Williamson Act land that lacks sufficient water for farming to cancel their contracts—without paying mandated cancellation fees of 12.5% of land values. Farm advocates warn the proposed law could accelerate the loss of farmland and reduce food supply.

Klamath Irrigators Express Frustration Over Water Allocation for Farms

Despite favorable conditions in the Klamath Basin, irrigators say the initial federal water allocation falls short of what farmers in the Klamath Water Project should receive this year. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which manages the project, announced this week that Klamath Basin irrigators will receive an initial allocation of 230,000 acre-feet from the lake. That is 35% less than estimated needs, said Paul Simmons, executive director and counsel for the Klamath Water Users Association. He said the allocation is the fifth worst in the 120-year history of the Klamath Project.

State Budget Crisis Could Impact Services in Rural Agricultural Counties

California counties, key to delivering services for public safety, emergency response and protecting human health, are bracing for state revenue cuts as California faces a historic budget deficit. The fiscal crisis creates concerns in rural agricultural counties, as local governments look for ways to fund core needs such as fire services. Merced County is already struggling to fund public safety services, including fire, sheriff’s department and ambulance services. Merced County Assistant Fire Chief Mark Pimentel said the county is operating below state minimum staffing requirements.

As Funds Run Out, State Details Compensation to Ranchers for Wolf Impacts

With \$3 million in grant funding exhausted, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is no longer accepting applications for the wolf-livestock compensation program, the agency announced last week. A total of 109 grants were awarded to 36 ranchers with livestock operations in four of the nine counties with known wolf activity: Siskiyou, Lassen, Plumas and Tulare. Established in 2021, the pilot program compensated livestock producers for verified loss of livestock. Direct livestock losses accounted for \$135,044. More than \$1.9 million went for wolf deterrent tools. ★





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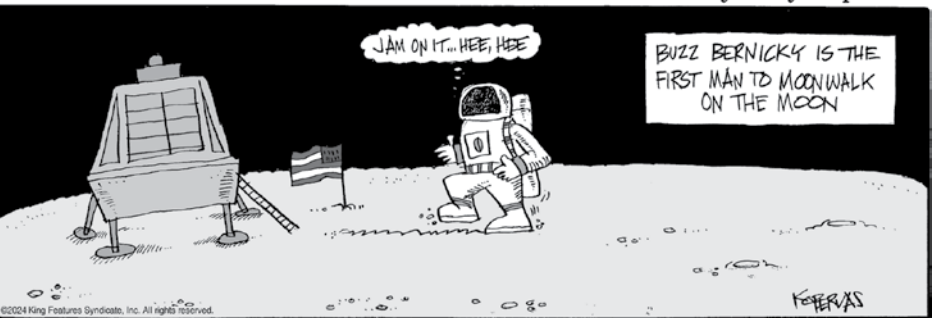
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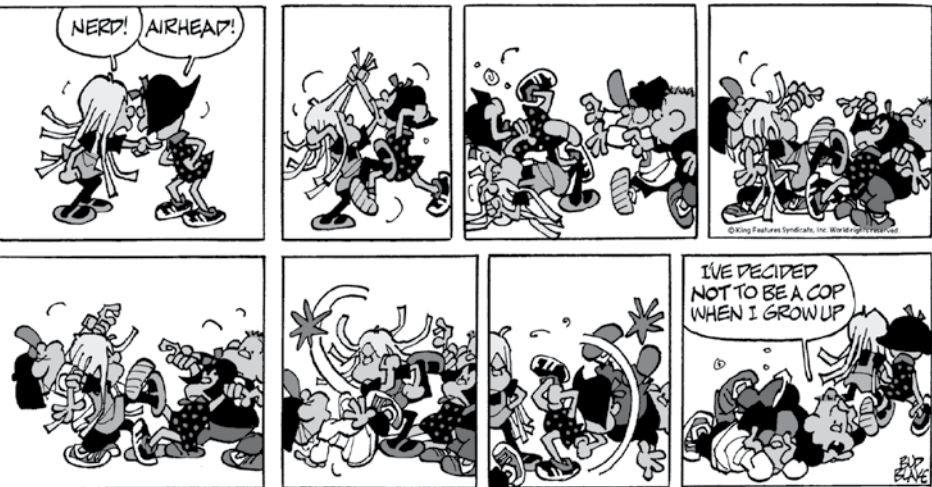
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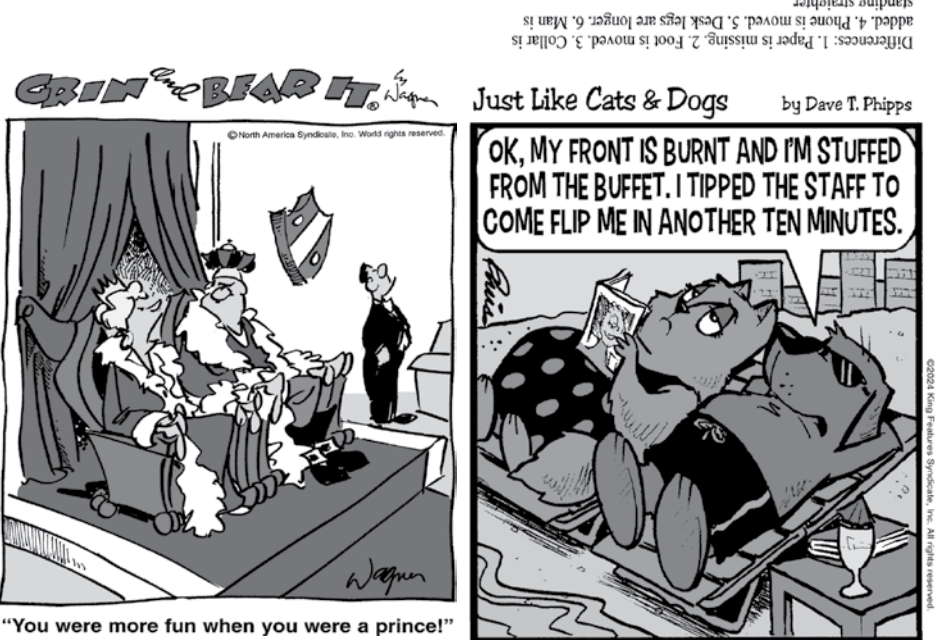
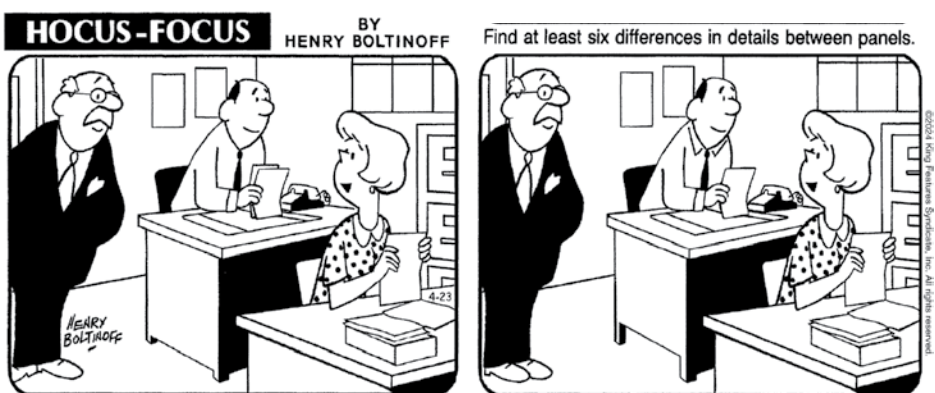


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Live Oak Drops Cross-Section Matchup

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The Marysville Indians baseball team defeated the Live Oak Lions 8-6 in a cross-section matchup on Monday, April 15.

Live Oak jumped out to an early lead in the first half inning of the games as four hits, including two doubles, pushed across two runs.

Marysville responded in the bottom of the second inning and tied the game at two after freshman outfielder Austin Jacobs hit a runs-batted-in (RBI) single with two outs.

The Indians pushed a run across the plate for the next four consecutive innings to ultimately have the upper hand over Live Oak for the win, but the back-and-forth affair showed both teams had patience, as there were 21 total walks throughout the game.

Marysville senior second baseman Andrey Palomo told Messenger Publisher Group that going into an at-bat with a lot of confidence for a hitter is one of the biggest things they can do for themselves.

“If you don’t show any confidence going into the box, you’re not going to hit,” Palomo said.



Live Oak junior pitcher Tanner Tillotson (7) throws a pitch in the Lions’ 8-6 defeat to Marysville on Monday, April 15.

Palomo had an RBI double in the third, and two walks on the day to contribute to the victory.

Despite coming away with the loss, the Lions had more hits (7) and walks (12) in the game.

Live Oak senior catcher Eben Jones and junior pitcher/infielder T.J. Ehrke expressed to MPG they were able to stay within reach of the lead throughout the game and that was a big positive for the team.

Ehrke was the only player in the game with a multi-hit day and said to MPG that they had a good day overall and had their chances to win the game.

Jones added that the competitiveness level they had against Marysville mimicked the intensity

a 4-3 lead in the third inning when senior infielder/pitcher Wyatt Lococo scored on an error by junior infielder Luis Carrasco; Live Oak had three errors total in the game.

Palomo’s double added the fifth run for Marysville, and both teams traded runs for the next few innings. The Lions had an opportunity in the seventh inning as the bases were loaded with two outs, but Lococo was able to shut the door and get a fly ball for the final out.

Lococo pitched three innings in relief and gave up two hits and one run, and hit a double and hit an RBI in the third inning.

The tight victory could be noted as a big win for the Indians as they

they had similarly in the Lions’ loss on March 25 to Las Plumas, who was ranked in the top 10 of the Northern Section by MaxPreps as late as Sunday, April 21.

The Indians took a bright spotlight for this season in hopes of making a final push for a playoff spot.

Barriga said he was happy with the patient approaches he saw at the



Live Oak sophomore infielder Bradley Perigo (8) gets a base hit in the Lions’ 8-6 defeat to Marysville on Monday, April 15.

plate from his team.

Marysville had a break from Pioneer Valley League play last week as they beat Valley Christian (Roseville) 10-5 on Friday, April 19. The Indians were scheduled to play against Colfax this week and they finish up PVL play with Twelve Bridges next week.

Jones expressed to MPG that as the lone senior on the Live Oak team this season, he wanted to get a league victory in the Sacramento

Valley League of the NS as the Lions went into the week losing 24 consecutive league games.

That changed the following day after the Marysville defeat, as Live Oak swept Pierce

with two wins last week to snap nearly a two-year drought. The Lions were scheduled to play a two-game SVL series with Paradise this week.

Live Oak Sweeps Pierce to Stay Afloat in SVL

Story and photos
by Steven Bryla

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Live Oak girls softball team took care of much needed business as they swept a two-game series against Pierce last week, and it kept them on the upper half in the Sacramento Valley League standings.

Live Oak Head Coach Kevin Medeiros told the Herald the easiest way to win games is to play clean ball.

“It’s been our downfall for the losses we have had this season,” Medeiros said.

He added that playing clean ball

consists of hitting the ball well and playing error free, and that is a must to be successful in the SVL.

The Lady Lions had no problem hitting the ball last week as they put up 25 runs off 28 hits. On top of the great offensive production, Medeiros added he was happy with the defensive play his team showed throughout the week against Pierce as they didn’t commit an error defensively.

Everyone on the Live Oak roster was able to get it into the series and play as both games were shortened to five innings due to the run-rule.

In the series finale on Friday, April 19, Lady Lions pitcher Brooklyn



Live Oak freshman pitcher Brooklyn Murphey (33) tosses a pitch in the Lady Lions’ 13-1 win over Pierce on Friday, April 19.

Murphey pitched the five-inning complete game and allowed one hit and struck out seven in the 13-1 victory.

Live Oak was in the fourth spot of the SVL coming into competition this week as three league games were scheduled to be played.

The Lady Lions losses came as they were swept by East Nicolaus and Colusa, who had one league loss combined going into league play this week.

Medeiros expressed to the Herald the scheduled games against Paradise and Durham this week are important for standings in the SVL, and Live Oak has lost four

consecutive matchups to the Lady Bobcats with the last victory coming in 2022.

“We have to get the W’s,” Medeiros said. He added that preparation for Paradise included cage work to adjust to the faster pitches they’ll see at the plate compared to what they saw a week prior.

Medeiros and the Lady Lions consistently have had to make adjustments to seeing different amounts of speeds coming from the circle.

Live Oak was ranked fifth in the latest Northern Section Division IV poll as of Sunday, April 21, by MaxPreps.

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