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YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Some ratepayers owe the city more than \$31,000 in water and sewage, not to mention more than \$35,000 in code enforcement citation costs. But it's not just the city that is out of money; the rest of the ratepayers in

Yuba City are also affected. When resident utility bills default and code violations

go unpaid, the balances end up on the county property tax roll, inevitably

Finance director Spencer Morrison and Development Service deputy director of Doug Libby informed officials exactly how much

residents are in the red for specific utility bills and

At the last regular coun-

cil meeting on July 16,

costing everyone.

violations.

Story and photos by Angela Underwood

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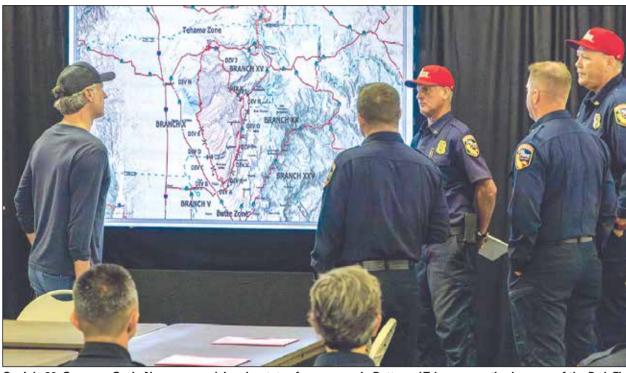
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State of Emergency **Declared for Park Fire**



On July 26, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in Butte and Tehama counties because of the Park Fire near Chico. Newsom analyzes a briefing map with CAL FIRE. Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On July 26, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in Butte and Tehama counties due to the Park Fire, the state's largest fire to date in 2024.

As the Park Fire continued to grow and threaten communities, Newsom visited CAL FIRE's Incident Command Post on July 27 and surveyed ongoing firefighting efforts

to protect communities, according to Newsom's office. The Park Fire started near Chico.

Following the July 27 visit, Newsom announced that the state secured federal assistance for Tehama County to suppress the Park Fire. This is in addition to the federal assistance secured for Butte County.

The proclamation makes additional resources available for response and recovery efforts and supports impacted residents by easing access to unemployment benefits and waiving fees to replace driver's licenses and records such as marriage and birth certificates.

It also allows the waiver of certain statutes and regulations. Hospitals, adult and senior care facilities, home care organizations and other care facilities impacted by the fires can now continue providing services and, if necessary, providing care to patients or residents displaced from

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B Street Property Development Moving Forward



The B Street development also includes bringing a Grocery Outlet and Starbucks to town, with some groundwork beginning in **September.** Photo courtesy of the City of Marysville

By Angela Underwood

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - A proposed partnership that directly affects the development of B Street property became a pause for concern.

At the July 2 council meeting, Community Development Director Dan Flores detailed the importance of partnering with the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) and the Statewide Community Infrastructure Program (SCIP) for the development of a Hyatt Hotel, Grocery Outlet and a Starbucks.

According to Flores, the

California Statewide Communities Development Authority is a joint powers authority sponsored by the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties. Established in 2002, "the SCIP allows property owners in participating cities and counties to finance development, impact fees and public capital improvements through pooled special funding," Flores said.

That special funding is by way of tax-exempt bonds issued through the program, Flores said.

"The city is never at risk for payment," Flores said of the well-researched question he and the city

manager investigated. "So there are benefits for the property owners."

The bonds offer "access to lowcost, long-term tax-exempt financing, which is much lower cost than traditional bank financing for infrastructure construction," Flores said.

"And they get the ability to pay off assessments at any time," he said, adding, "They can also get smaller mortgage payments compared to the bank financing currently at 8%."

The Statewide Community Infrastructure Program's funding is in the two to three % range, Flores said, and the California Statewide Continued on page 3

Morrison pointed out Customer Service manager Samantha Benzel's attempts to assist those in financial need.

"Samantha and her team work very hard to help the ratepayers stay off this list, which I do want you to know," Morrison said. "Customer service comes in the form of helping or urging payers to manage delinquencies using tools to notify, educate and relieve the burden of

paying." The finance director said each ratepayer is responsible for connection and use, and "every payment not collected becomes the burden of the other 19,111 ratepayers, give or take."

As shown in the tenantand owner-held account balances, Morrison said that the municipal code states that property owners are ultimately responsible for the balance, regardless of the tenant-owner lease agreement. Additionally, all owners were notified of their balances before the hearing.

There are 28 active, delinquent, and unpaid accounts totaling \$31,106.41. Morrison explained utility bill relief programs, including the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), through which the city receives payments throughout the year to assist with delinquency.

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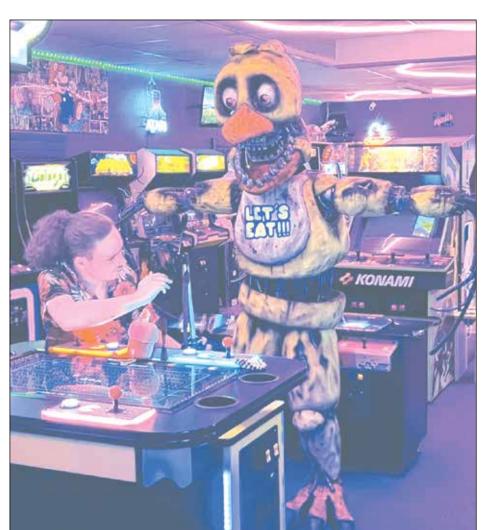
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Animatronics Spotted Inside Sweeties Opens **Back in Time Arcade**



Bryston Spohr of Plumas Lake, left, helps film "Withered Chica," a costume puppet inspired by the popular video game series Five Nights at Freddy's, at the Back in Time Arcade in Marysville on July 17. Courtesy photo

By Shamaya Sutton

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) -Horrifying animatronic creatures were spotted inside Back in Time Arcade last month on the evening of July 17 in Marysville. Those familiar with "Five Nights at Freddy's," a popular video game series created by Scott Cawthon, might have

as Chica and Mangle. "They were huge, we had to move a bunch of stuff and turn off the fans because we worried that the ceiling was too low," said Damien Granados, the arcade's owner.

recognized the characters

According to Granados, the culprits were four young creators who had just struck an advertisement deal with a prominent up and coming toy company, Youtooz.

"What I gathered from the whole story was they needed to make a promo video for a new toy, and they were running out of time," explained Granados.

This account checks out with Bryston Spohr of Plumas Lake, one of the aforementioned creatives dabbling in puppetry and

"It's a bit of a long story but it starts with my friend Riley Nelson," said Spohr.

Sphor and Nelson have been friends since middle school. Together the two have enjoyed making small advertisements for yearbook sales, silver graduations, or other private events, but Youtooz has been their biggest commission. Nelson, who now resides in Lincoln, only recently took up puppet making and specializes in "The Mangle," work that quickly earned him a couple thousand followers on

"It hasn't even been a year yet since I started posting," said Nelson. "So, it's been a really fast couple months and I'm excited to see where it goes."

Nelson's online presence put him in touch with a much bigger influencer known as WitheredCreationZ who preferred not to have his legal name published. WitheredCreationZ was the first to be approached by Youtooz and later decided to team up with Sphor and Nelson while on a trip to

visit family in Sacramento.

"We started reaching out to every arcade you could think of," said Nelson. "Back in Time Arcade was the perfect everything. We are very thankful that we chose them."

This Marysville arcade has hosted a handful of modeling shoots in the past, but last month's adventure was their very first filming endeavor.

"It was a great time, I was so into it," said Granados. "They were running around and rushing, and I said you 'guys relax, take as long as you need.' Really cool to be a part of."

The resulting promotional material will be used by Youtooz in the coming weeks to help sell a variety of its products, specifically Five Nights at Freddy's merchandise.



Riley Nelson poses outside Back in Time Arcade in Marysville on July 17 with "The Mangle," a puppet he created modeled Mangle, a Five Nights at Freddy's character. Courtesy photo





These children love that Sweeties has officially opened in Gridley, arriving first thing on opening day to get some ice cream from the new sweet spot in town. Pictured from left, Crash, Boss and Sienna Davis. Photo by Seti Long

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Have a sweet tooth? You are in luck because the longawaited Sweeties has

Located in downtown Gridley, the adorable, sweet shop and bakery greets customers with a be-sprinkled sugar-pink wall and candy-colored interior that elicits excitement and smiles from its customers

There is something for every taste at Sweeties. The locally-owned shop features artisan baked goods such as cakes, brownies, cookies and sourdough bread, and cool treats for hot summer days such as iced coffee, shaved ice, milkshakes and ice cream. Don't forget the candy!

Sweeties is brought to the Gridley community by locals Brandi Macfarlane and Cindy Stowe.

Macfarlane, known in

the community for her specialty baked goods, treats and catering prowess, lends her creative talents to the shop, creating candy bouquets and custom packages for gifts and birthdays. Stowe is a familiar face behind the counter, owning Cindy's boutique in

Gridley for years. The Sweeties owners planned for a soft opening Monday, July 22 but were happily surprised when there was a line outside their doors at noon when the shop officially opened.

When the Herald arrived at the shop, it was standing room only, filled with people who had turned out to get a piece of the sugary action.

Sienna Davis, there with her family, said that it was great to "have a shop like this locally" and loved that it was within easy walking distance. Many people have shared the sentiment online in Facebook posts that the town of Gridley needed something like this.

Monday's "sugar rush" didn't seem to end. MacFarlane and Stowe reported non-stop customers opening day. At closing, MacFarlane and Stowe were shocked — the baking case at the heart of the shop was left bare and most of their ice cream supply

had been decimated. Not to worry, Sweeties was restocked Tuesday at opening with freshly-made treats and ice cream at the ready.

Sweeties plans to continue soft-opening hours of operation for the next two weeks as they monitor business. A grand opening will be announced in the future, along with social media information for the community to follow.

Sweeties is currently open from 12 to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Sweeties is located at 620 Kentucky St., Gridley.



Owners Brandi Macfarlane, left, and Cindy Stowe smile as they open Sweeties up for the community to enjoy. Photo by Sue Orme

Performances of Newsies and Frozen Jr. Coming to Yuba City

Center Stage **Productions** News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) -

Center Stage Productions will be performing Disney's Newsies, The Broadway Musical, this August at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts in Yuba City. Inspired by real events, Newsies tells the story of the newsboy strike in 1899 where they fought against the powers of industry giants such as Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst. Disney first created a film version of this story in 1992, which was later re-written to become a stage musical, making its Broadway debut in 2012.

"This is such a fun show with great music and choreography," says Corey

Kersting, co-director of Newsies. "We have a cast of 28 youth that are really bringing a lot of energy and fun to this production.' Center Stage Productions, part of Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture,

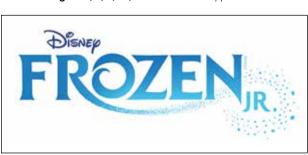
was founded in 2022

with the goal of bring-

ing more opportunities for



Center Stage Productions will be performing Disney's Newsies August 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17. Courtesy photo



Center Stage Productions will be performing Disney's Frozen Jr. August 4, 11 and 18. Courtesy photo

area youth to participate in high-quality musical theatre productions. Last year, the group performed "Seussical" for six sold-out performances. This year, Center Stage has scheduled nine performances of Newsies in addition to six performances of Frozen Jr. "We have had a large increase in the number of students wanting to be part of our productions," Kersting says. "Because of that increase, we expanded to provide two shows for

our area youth to audition for this year."

Newsies will be performing on Aug. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17. Performances for Frozen Jr. will be held Aug. 4, 11, and 18. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit centerstageys.org or yubasutterarts.org.

Kersting says, "This is a great opportunity to see and be inspired by some of the many talented youth that live right here in our community."

B Street Property Development Next Up Music Festival Rocks Marysville **Moving Forward**



The B Street development includes building a Hyatt Hotel here. Photo courtesy of the City of Marysville

Continued from page 1 Communities Development Authority handles all the bond issuance and management.

"Once you pass this resolution, the agreement goes between the property owner and the city," Flores said, using B Street as an example. "When they go for infrastructure, they will do all the arrangements with CSDCA."

This gives immediate access to funds for infrastructure, which Flores said is exciting because they intend to close on B Street by September and begin groundwork.

But it's not just about B Street, according to Flores.

"At the end of the day, it is a financing mechanism for property owners," Flores said.

Vice-Mayor Bruce Buttacavoli had membership concerns, noting how Marysville might be tied to the League of California Cities beyond a regular membership.

Councilmember Dominique Belza asked for

more clarity by way of a question.

"If a developer has a \$100,000 for infrastructure impact fees, they would

apply directly to CSCDA, who would then apply an assessment to their property taxes, enabling them to pay off over time," Belza said. "So this would streamline the \$100 grand to them in which they pay the city those impact fees directly."

Precisely, according to

Mayor Chris Branscum was "glad to hear" that after the B Street property improvement, the city's participation in the Statewide Community Infrastructure Program could lead to other opportunities, especially given the current high interest rates.

Belza asked to table the matter for two more weeks before the vote but the mayor said, upon counsel's advice, it should pass immediately.

"If we are not closing until September, then I suppose that two weeks of further investigation would probably not kill this transaction with the developer,"

Flores confirmed "the sense of urgency" to pass the resolution for the partnership. That was not good enough for Belza, who reminded the council that

there was no first reading on the matter and that it was being expedited.

City Manager Jim Schaad said officials can contact the California Statewide Communities Development Authority but he "is positive" that the developer wants to proceed with this financing.

Flores concurred, again highly recommending the program based on other cities, and made it clear one more time that it is to the city's advantage to become part of the Statewide Community Infrastructure Program.

"It is essential at this point for the cost of funding," Flores said. "If there is a chance there is no SCIP available to them like in other communities where these developers build, they won't build in the city of Marysville if you were to vote it down."

Councilmember Brad Hudson moved the motion forward, with Buttacavoli noting no matter what, Marysville benefits from the new infrastructure before he seconded the motion, with Belza voting

"I love happy endings," Branscum said.



Mikey Pennington, center, takes the stage with his band Common Grounds during the inaugural Next Up Music Festival in Marysville last Saturday. Photo by Tyler Zepp

Review by Courtney Payne

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) Marysville was buzzing with excitement this past Saturday as the inaugural Next Up Music Festival took over the town, filling the streets with electrifying energy and sensational music. The festivities kicked off at 1:30 p.m. and continued until 10 p.m., leaving attendees exhilarated and craving more.

The headliners, ONOFF, a dynamic rock 'n' roll trio from Ireland, now beloved local business owners, set the tone with their opening line, "How are you doing, Marysville?" The crowd's joyous response echoed through the streets, setting the stage for a night to remember.

"It was a great day for everyone, the bands rocked, and the weather was perfect," said Paulie Daly, ONOFF's lead guitarist and singer. "David, Mikey and the Next Up Crew should be extremely happy with what they all accomplished. I'm super proud of my friends and honored to be involved."

Mikey Pennington, the mastermind behind this festival, previously stated that his goal was to bring a sense of Warped Tour to the local community and the general consensus among attendees was that he succeeded. The festival boasted an impressive lineup with various genres of music including rap, hip-hop, country, RnB, punk, rock, and other mixed or alternative styles. The lineup included Cold Flame, Boston Crooks, Nothing Special, The Filthy Kids,



Mikey Pennington, left, talks with a young fan during the Next Up Music Festival in Marysville last weekend. Photo by Tyler Zepp

Heavy on the Heart, Kadeem, Vinny the Jet. DJ Gasmask, Z.V.D, Not the Same, Seven Asterisk, and Judo Rooster. Each band delivered powerful performances, blending original music with the occasional

crowd-pleasing cover. The electric atmosphere permeated the closed-off section of D Street in Marysville with Pennington tirelessly ensuring the event's seamless flow. From setting up stages to serenading the crowd, Pennington's dedication was palpable. He periodically took the stage to direct festivalgoers to the second smaller stage inside Skip's Marysville Music Café where the energy remained high despite the nice cool indoor setting. The

band Seven Asterisk was notable for having everyone on their feet singing and dancing as was The Filthy Kids who captivated audiences with their punk, rock, and indie tunes.

As the sun began to set, Pennington's own band, Common Grounds, took to the stage for the first time in three years. A sea of people quickly swelled, reflecting this monumental reunion and the effort Pennington and his team had put into orchestrating the event. The culmination of their hard work was evident as the band played to the largest audience of the night, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.

Solis Hearing Detailed

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley community has paid special attention to the criminal case involving Michelle Solis, a 46-yearold former Gridley school teacher.

Solis was arrested Nov. 13, 2023 on suspicions of sex with a minor student and inappropriate contact with the minor and found guilty June 2, 2024 of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor (261.5 (d) PC) with charges of distribution of harmful matter (288.2 (a)(2) PC) dismissed on a Harvey Waiver. A Harvey Waiver is an agreement by a defendant that any counts dismissed as part of a plea agreement can still be considered for the purposes of sentencing on the remaining counts, according to www.shouselaw.com.

Solis appeared at 1:30 p.m. July 18 to Butte County Superior Court in Oroville before a packed courtroom as she took her place beside her defense attorney, Matthew Clinton Smith

Smith argued that this was a "one victim, one act" case and made comments that the "post-pubescent" juvenile victim referred to Solis as "hot" and "attractive." Smith also referred to mentions in Solis' probation report of "rumors" and "small town gossip" and asked the judge to look at the case "academically."

It appeared that the defense was trying to downplay the severity of the charges, as supporters of the victim seated in the front row quietly sobbed. Smith also mentioned letters sent to the

court from the public expressing their feelings on the case and he singled out one Gridley person by name in court for their submission. Smith told Judge Michael Deems that there was no room for public comment in the case and that the letters should have no bearing on the sentencing.

Smith asked Deems to give Solis probation instead of a prison sentence. Smith said that other cases with similar patterns of behavior but with multiple acts instead of his client's alleged "one act" resulted in probation.

Prosecutor Jennifer Bennett of the Butte County District Attorney's Office, representing the People of California, countered



Michelle Christine Solis was sentenced to 4 years in prison. Photo courtesy Butte County District Attorney

that the upper term of four years in state prison was the appropriate sentencing for Solis, as the case displayed a level of "criminal sophistication" and "grooming" of the victim. In addition, Bennett argued that Solis abused a position of "authority" and "trust" as a public educator and made reference to the teacher being previously reprimanded by the school for inappropriate behavior involving cellphone usage and her students.

Regardless of "rumor," Bennett added, evidence established that Solis had a sexual encounter with the youth on the day of his eighth-grade graduation and that images of her genitalia and buttocks had been shared with the youth.

Bennett also argued that in the three-page report by Dr. Donald Siggins, who submitted an evaluation of Solis to the court, there was "no indication of remorse" by Solis.

Judge Deems honored the District Attorney's request for the upper term sentencing of four years in state prison and ordered Solis to pay restitution to the vic-

tim in the amount of \$300. As Solis was ushered away by the bailiffs, attorney Smith quickly exited the courtroom. As he left, Smith was heard by multiple witnesses, including the Herald, call those seated in the court's gallery

"Vultures. Vultures, everywhere."

State of Emergency Declared for Park Fire



On July 27, Governor Gavin Newsom visited the Incident Command Post for the Park Fire, the state's largest fire of the year. Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

Continued from page 1 other facilities by the fires.

On July 24, the state secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress the fire burning in Butte County.

The Fire Management Assistance Grant, which is provided through the President's Disaster Relief Fund on cost-share basis, assists local, state and tribal agencies responding to the fire to apply for 75-per-

cent reimbursement of their eligible fire

suppression costs. The program, which

is administered through the California

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

(Cal OES), provides rapid financial

by fires. Already this wildfire season, California secured Fire Management Assistance Grants for the Thompson, French and Hawarden fires that burned a total of nearly 5,000 acres.

assistance to communities impacted

On July 25, the Park Fire had burned more than 45,000 acres, forcing evacuations of more than 3,500 people. As of July 29, after press time, the fast-moving fire had burned more than 348,000 acres.

Real-time information, including road closures, evacuation maps and centers, is available at fire.ca.gov.

A video of Newsom's July 27 visit can be downloaded at https://govca.app.box. com/s/nibao84lx4laepg30c8s4a7azlb-

This Month In Your Garden

by Jeff Rice **BALD MOUNTAIN NURSERY** 6195 BALD MOUNTAIN ROAD • BROWNS VALLEY, CA • 530-743-4856

but summer has been quite warm. July has had record heat and now we head into August. It's still warm in August, but the days will be getting steadily shorter so the hot time of the day is usually shorter too, hopefully. It is the month that hopefully, will bring some indications that fall is not far off and maybe some breaks in the steady heat that our summers bring. Early signs of fall become noticeable towards the end of August, depending on the weather, as deciduous trees prepare to lose their leaves and subtle fall colors begin to be noticed. Though hot, August is a month showing a change in the weather.

For many people August becomes a time for upkeep. Deep watering still is needed, especially for trees and larger shrubs that have been planted this season. They still have lots of new foliage that needs the moisture and are depending on a newly developing root systems to supply that moisture. This should be done one or two times a week during the dry season until the tree is about three vears old, and gradually taper off the frequency of watering. A vegetable garden requires a bit of attention considering that the ripening fruit needs to be harvested routinely to keep new veggies coming on. Watching carefully for unwanted insects is needed. Pumpkins growing in the garden can be fun for the kids, but be sure to prop them up so that they don't sit in a small puddle of water causing that spot to rot. It can make it un-worthy of becoming a Jack-o-lantern!

During the month of August, get your citrus prepared for the winter. They should have dark green leaves, If the leaves are pale or yellow with darker veins in them, they need to be fertilized with citrus food and maybe some extra iron. I would suggest fertilizing them this month and again in September if you haven't been doing regular fertilizing on them. Pick a time to fertilize when it is a bit cooler. Not triple digits. This will get them growing strong and vigorous and will help them go safely through the winter months as long as they have protection around them when it is freezing temperatures. Since the fruit on them ripens in late fall to early winter, keeping them from exposure to the very cold nights protects the fruit, too.

This is the proper time for the last feeding of rhododendrons, camellias and azaleas. They will set buds from this feeding to bloom beautifully in the spring, after which they should be fertilized every 30 days for thee

Well, spring was nice this year times. Be sure you use an acid fertilizer specifically for rhododendrons, azaleas, and camellias, otherwise referred to as RAC fertilizer.

Crape myrtle bushes and trees are very vibrant blooming bushes, or grown as trees. They thrive on the hot weather. They are available in several different colors. The flowers, in their fluffy bunches, can sometimes be encouraged to bloom again by cutting off the spent flowers rather than letting it form a bunch of small round seeds. The first set of flowers will be the most lovely, as is the case in many plants. Rose of Sharon are much like the crape myrtles in that they they don't seem to mind the heat and bloom during the hottest part of the year.

Perennials can be planted now, not necessarily for the flowers that they might produce now, but for those you will be able to enjoy next spring. Perennials are very rewarding you plant them and enjoy summer bloom, they die back during the winter months and emerge again in the spring, frequently multiplying their numbers. Just don't mistake them for weeds in the spring and spray them or dig them up until you know what they are. A marker of some kind can be used to prevent that happening. It is nice to have some colorful things that will come back by themselves, not requiring lots of care and then will provide some color. Some suggestions could include Lavender, Gaillardia, Coreopsis, Achillea, Rudbeckia and more. You will find many others with a visit to the

As the warm days of August reminds us that it is still summer, it's also a good time to start considering fall planting. Where would it have been nice to have a shade tree this summer? Fall is the best time for planting trees and shrubs.

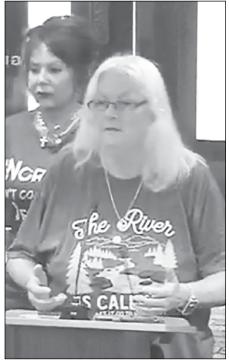
It seems a bit distant with some of the heat we have had this summer. But it won't be long before the nights are cool making the morning the perfect time to get out in the garden. That's actually the case throughout

And like I said, fall is the best time for planting, so maybe start some planning and can even get an early start. Just be sure to water well anything you plant this month.

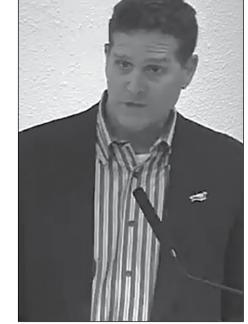
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City Enforces Liens on Properties



Resident Stephanie Ruscigno wants to know why only low-income families receive assistance for their utility bills, and the middle class does not. Photo by Angela Underwood



Financial Director Spencer Morrision said delinquent rate payers for water and sewage costs amount to more than \$31,000 that must now be put on the tax roll. Photo by Angela Underwood

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Resident Stephanie Ruscigno wanted to know about the middle class, which doesn't qualify for assistance.

"You always hear about people who are low income," Ruscigno said, "but what about the people who lost their jobs or those who are on fixed incomes and can't afford it?"

Ruscigno said her utility bills rose, costing her \$412 the prior month. According to Morrison, the 2013 Bighorn versus Vergil decision does not allow discounts for specific populations, including Yuba City.

"So you have nothing," Ruscigno countered.

Again, Morrison made it clear that the city's direct assistance to taxpayers is illegal, prompting Mayor Shon Harris to stop the questioning and point out that the public hearing is for comment only.

"If you start asking questions, we want to give you a well-thought-out researched answer," Harris said, encouraging the public to focus.

Resident Liz Cervantes said she owns a rental property with a well, noting she includes water and sewage in tenant agreements since she gets the lien if the renter

"The bills are going up, up, up,"

Cerventes said before attempting to ask a auestion.

Harris again made it clear that questions were not allowed then.

"The staff's recommendation is to adopt a resolution to include delinquent accounts on the secured tax roll," Morrison said, which the council did, placing necessary liens on specific properties.

Just like water and sewer, Libby said, to recover unpaid code enforcement citation fines, the city must also place them on the secured tax roll as with general taxes and place liens on subject properties.

Libby showed a picture of 1133 Queens Ave. when original citations were issued in 2022. The case remains active.

"Ten notices and eight citations for inoperable vehicles, junk, tarp and just general blight," Libby said, noting the staff effort to inspect and prepare notices. "There is a lot of effort in just one particular case."

When a citation is issued, Libby said, it offers citizen appeal and "none of the cases before you tonight took advantage

Mayor Harris said Libby's presentation was "thorough and more than fair" before passing a motion to place the fines on the tax roll.

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vious reporting experience is required.

Copy Editor - We are seeking a part-time copy editor for our newspaper group. This position works in the Carmichael office and works directly with the Managing Editor. Work hours are flexible between 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Previous editing experi-

ence is required. **Delivery Driver - Weekly Hauling** to Marysville- We are seeking a parttime Delivery Driver for our newspaper group. This position would transport newspapers from our Carmichael office to our offices in Marysville and Gridley. Work hours are from 8:30 to 4:00 every Thursday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. Must have your own reliable cargo van. This is an independent contractor position and pays a flat rate for your service.

Newsstand Delivery Driver/Local

- We are seeking a part-time Newsstand Deliver Driver for our newspaper group. This position works from the Carmichael office and delivers to our locations in the West Sacramento/Sacramento Region. Routes also available in Elk Grove, Pocket, East Sacramento, Arden Arcade. Work hours are from 8:30 to 5:00 Thursday and/or Friday. Must be able to lift and move bundles of newspapers without assistance. You must have a reliable vehicle. This is an independent contractor position. Previous experience preferred.

Worth the Effort



By Kathy Craigo Harteis

It has been an amazing few days.

Last Saturday I was honored to officiate the wedding of my granddaughter Jade Von Schriltz to her perfect match Cory Fennel. The wedding was beautiful in a beautiful setting at Still Water Hallow in Nampa, Idaho. It was 100 plus degrees but well worth the effort to be there.

On Sunday I visited high school classmates Rocky and June Dugan who now live in Idaho. It was well worth the effort.

Now we have traveled to California. We had a great lunch with forever friend Sue and Steve on our way through Auburn. Despite the mega heat here, the time and the drive has been worth the effort.

Today my day was filled with an abundance of love as I visited my Sister/ Aunt Betty and nieces Sonya and Melanie. Again I was blessed later in the day visiting my cousin Barbara Carothers. Both Betty and Barbara have loved me without question my whole life.

Tomorrow I will see sister Ann and Samuel and my other claimed sister Carol Hutsel.

It's been a rushed trip but one that we needed to make.

We leave on Friday but will see pal Carolan, niece Dena and adopted kids Tommy and Ashley on our way out of California.

Bless my sweet husband Tom. He has suffered with an out of whack hip the whole trip.

and wanted me to keep

my commitments. A friend once told me not to leave any would have, could have or should haves in this life. I knew in my heart this was a necessary trip spent with people I needed to see.

The heat has been miserable but the time and the effort to do this has exceeded any effort on

God has blessed me with people who have forever loved and supported

As we travel this life we have choices to make. I choose to make the effort. It's worth it.

Life is good today.

A native of Grimes, CA, Kathy Craigo Harteis is a former local journalist and former owner and chief executive of Kathy Craigo Media Consulting, in Colusa. She currently lives in Beach, North Dakota, where she lived for many years while raising her family.

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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave.

I'm beginning to feel some bitterness and resentment towards my parents for their recent decisions and financial irresponsibility. Fifteen years ago, while I was still in school, they left good-paying jobs to enter the ministry. They both took pay cuts when they made this decision, and they've been regularly asking for money for living expenses from my husband and I ever since. Sometimes, they even try to make us feel guilty if we can't give them the amount they ask for. My mom, especially, constantly brings up their call to the ministry, adding that we should want to help them. We believe in their calling, but we also feel they knew they would have to live on less money, and they're being irresponsible with the money they make. What should we do?

– Abigail

Dear Abigail

What I'm hearing is giv-

Dave Ramsey Says

Right Heart, Wrong Actions

ing money to your parents isn't necessarily a financial hardship for you and your husband, but that by consistently giving or loaning your parents money you're losing respect for them. This is not a healthy situation. Your relationship has become strained, and that's a tough thing for anyone to deal with—especially in a parent-child scenario.

Make no mistake, going into the ministry with the right heart is an admirable thing. However, in the Bible, Paul made tents while he conducted his ministry. I'm paraphrasing, of course, but his line was to the effect of, "If you don't work, you don't eat." He had a job. So, I don't think suggesting your folks think about working outside the ministry while trying to do God's work is unfair in a situation like this.

I'm sure your mom is a good person, but no one should do this to their child. On top of it all, she sounds like a travel agent for guilt trips—like she's working you over while implying it's all really for God. That's not only toxic, it's just plain wrong.

It's going to be hard to

unravel it all and turn this into a respectable situation where they're not constantly asking for money, and you're not feeling pressure and falling victim to the guilty feelings that enable this behavior. I hope all of you will consider sitting down with a reasonable, objective third party and talking things through. I also hope you'll take some time to read a book called Boundaries by Dr. Henry Cloud. It will open your eyes to a few things.

God bless you and your family, Abigail.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eighttime national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992. Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.



I heard on the news last week that a day or two that week had been the hottest ever on earth. We certainly can agree to that. I have lived in northern California most of my life and the last 54 year here.

We usually watch the thermometer drop as we come up the hill from the valley. It still drops some, but the valley temperature is so much higher that usual. Most of us do not have air conditioning, but now we wonder if it might be worth it. However, the cost of electricity is so high can we afford it. Many people escape the heat by bring their "toys" up the hill to our lakes. However, even La Porte is showing high temperatures. Global warming is here, I think.

Brownsville

residents will have the opportunity to have a "Clean Up" day on Saturday, Aug. 10, sponsored by John Messick. Actually, it would be better to plan a Clean Up week before that Saturday so you can be ready to haul stuff to the Foothill fire Department from 8:00 am until noon on that Saturday. They

will take yard debris, trash, furniture and even tires. They can't accept any hazard-ous waste. Please check their fliers if you have questions or call Recology (530 743-6933). Wouldn't it be great to organize a road clean-up team during that week before The Clean Up Day and work together cleaning up our roadsides.

The Brownsville Mountain Fair is beginning to look busy. Mike and Keriand their teams have been working hard to get it together. Save the dates August 17 & 18 so you can see what is happening on the mountain. Chris Mills has many vendors signed up to sell their wares, food and drinks are planned, but a big attraction is the logging show. Watch for more information.

Look Back in Time -In 1925 some boys swimming in Dry Creek near Oregon House found a bucket of gold nuggets on the creek bottom (that made a special day).

Hope to see you soon in Brownsville. ~ Yvonne



Study: Farmers' use of higher-risk pesticides declining in California

California farmers' use of higher-risk pesticides is on the decline, a new study shows. The state's agricultural pesticide use dropped in both pounds applied and acres treated between 2021 and 2022, with the 5% overall decline reflecting a decadelong trend, according to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation's annual pesticide use report this month. As pesticide use has dropped over a decade, the report noted, California has seen a 77% decrease in groundwater contaminants and a 21% drop in toxic air contaminants.

Judge Temporarily Halts State oundwater Enforcement in Kings Co

A judge has temporarily blocked state enforcement actions affecting Kings County growers who faced potential state groundwater extraction fees and an order to install water meters to report annual pumping. The California State Water Resources Control Board on April 16 placed the Tulare Lake Subbasin on probation for failing to correct deficiencies in a regional plan to protect groundwater supplies. Kings County Superior Court Judge Kathy Ciuffini issued a temporary restraining order halting state

water board orders. A hearing is set for

Aug. 20.

Farmers Turn to Soil Sensors to Guide Irrigation Decisions

Water conservation agencies and University of California Cooperative Extension farm advisors are advocating adding soil-moisture sensors to create precision irrigation management in drought-prone California agricultural areas. They say the technology has come a long way in the past 50 years and continues to evolve with Wi-Fi connectivity and digital readings. Currently, the Ventura County Resource Conservation District is making the technology available for regional avocado, strawberry and vegetable growers under a state grant program.

California Growers Applaud Decision to Continue Tariffs on Spanish Olives

U.S. antidumping and countervailing duties on Spanish ripe olives will remain in place, the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined. In a five-year review, the commission voted unanimously last week to keep the tariffs, first imposed in 2018. It said revoking them would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. California table olive growers praised the vote. For years, they have argued that Spain's highly subsidized olives are sold into the U.S. at artificially low prices, flooding the U.S. market and

undercutting domestic producer.



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More Inflation Spin

"The Consumer Price Index (CPI) declined 0.1% over the previous month and increased just 3% over the prior year in June — a deceleration from May's flat month-over-month increase and 3.3% annual gain in prices. Both measures beat economist expectations of a 0.1% monthly increase and a 3.1% annual gain."

Now don't get too excited, although Wall Street certainly is. Note the head-line's first verb in the paragraph is the word "declined."

The second sentence "increased just

3% over the prior year" is the real meat of the article, although you can sense the tongue in cheek moment if you read between the lines.

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It's like saying "Your house is still on fire Mamm, it's just not burning as fast as it was."

The Yahoo article goes on to talk up possible rate cuts by the Federal Reserve because of the so-called decline in inflation. That rate cut thing has been tossed around like an old football at a frat party for over a year and a half, making giddy all the business news anchors every time they mention it.

Rate cuts mean good news for the markets, or so they tell us. And every time they see some hopeful inflation data, investors buy stocks. Or so they would like you to believe.

True, the markets seemingly continues to run, but digging deeper into the statistics, only a few handfuls of stocks have been the energy behind it.

Stocks like Nvidia, Microsoft, Apple, Amazon and a few more you may not have heard of are the flavor of the day, or should I say the month.

That "artificial intelligence" (AI) hype has all the makings of a mania and I have seen many manias.

Manias are times when all investors talk about are the latest and greatest places to put your retirement savings in. Those that have retirement savings, which is only half of you so says the Anyway,

The truth is that so-called declining

inflation data is deceiving. But you already know that don't you.

I went shopping for a large BBQ party I was having, and even though I go to the grocery store often, once again the small talk in the checkout lines was not as giddy as the news anchors on business television.

In fact, I can't recall being in the grocery line in the last year or so when the chit chat between myself and the others in the checking area wasn't about how damn high prices were and how they just keep going up.

Washington tells us prices are coming down. The CNBC business anchors tell us that prices are coming down. The statisticians tell us that prices are coming down and the economists at the Federal Reserve tell us that prices are coming down. So I am wondering with all the people telling us prices are coming down, how come prices aren't coming down.

Are you seeing the same thing dear reader?

I would imagine so.

Concluding now, realize that the decline everyone else seems to insist is happening isn't really a decline. A better way to say that would be to say that the RATE of the price increases are decelerating.

That means prices are still rising, they are just not rising as fast.

"But your house is still going to burn down, Mamm."

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

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

environment.

On behalf of the Marysville Joint Unified School District (MJUSD) Board of Trustees, I express our gratitude to the Yuba County Grand Jury for its thorough review of our student performance, financial management, and educational system. We value the Grand Jury's role in ensuring accountability, its positive recognition and constructive feedback, and applaud the Grand Jury for confirming the findings of improvements in student learning, as evidenced by enhanced reading and math scores and reduced chronic absenteeism.

Addressing Chronic Absenteeism

Our "Commit to 180 Days!" initiative, supported by staff, students, and parents, has led to a 16% reduction in chronic absenteeism over the past two years and will continue to be an area of focused action

Improving Test Scores and Academic Programs

Increases in English Language Arts and Math scores reflect our targeted professional development programs. We use data to drive intervention and acceleration practices, focusing on improving literacy and mathematics. We are refining instructional strategies and expanding academic pathways like GATE, AVID, Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment.

Financial Transparency and Accountability

MJUSD is committed to being responsible stewards of taxpayer money and maximizing learning opportunities for our students. We prioritize financial transparency and accountability, aligning the budget with the LCAP, and ensuring efficient management. We share budget updates quarterly at Board meetings and hold special study sessions with State consultants and labor partners. This promotes transparent discussions about state budget impacts and maintains our commitment to fiscal responsibility.

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Ongoing and Future Initiatives

We appreciate the Grand Jury's account of our ongoing projects, including over two million dollars in safety enhancements and over fifty million in facilities upgrades. These projects, delayed for

decades, are now realized, providing

On behalf of the Marysville Joint our students with the best educational

Our efforts to raise community confidence include bringing the County Special Ed program under MJUSD supervision and managing the rising cost per student responsibly. We also opened the Middle College program without using unrestricted general funds. This school allows students to earn both a high school diploma and an AA degree concurrently, a huge financial benefit to families. We have also reinstated music education at every site, reopened the Adult Education program, and formed new partnerships with higher education institutions and community industries to expand college and career readiness with the introduction of the four-year Medical and Engineering pathways in partnership with UC Davis. Coding and Robotics classes have spread across Tk-12 classrooms, with our youngest students building robots. All this work and more have been supported by staff who have written and successfully garnered over \$22 million in grants to support wellness, safety, CTE, Coding/Robotics, family-school partnerships, and college

and career readiness. MJUSD is energized with a commitment to make our schools even better. Both the hard work of staff, our families, and partnerships with higher education, business and community leaders, have earned us multiple awards over the past few years, including two Golden Bell awards, two Honor Roll school awards, the State Inclusion award, and a Distinguished School award. Achieving excellence in education requires collective effort. With ongoing support and feedback from our community, staff, and education partners, we will continue striving towards the path of providing a world-class education for all our students. Every single child

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Marysville Joint Unified School District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chong Yang Board of Trustees Member

Marysville Joint Unified School District

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Public Comments Accepted Through September 19

Yuba-Sutter Transit News Release

YUBA-SUTTER, CA (MPG) - The Yuba-Sutter Transit Board of Directors is accepting public comments through Sept. 19 on proposed local route and fare changes that, if approved, would become effective on or after Jan. 1, 2025.

A complete description of the proposed changes is available online at https://www.yubasuttertransit.com/nextgen-transit-plan from the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office at 2100 B Street, Marysville, CA during normal business hours, or call (530)-634-6880 to request by mail.

Interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed local route and fare changes at two public hearings held during regular scheduled Board meetings on July 18, and Sept. 19 at 4:05 p.m. at Yuba County Government Center, 915 Eighth Street, Marysville, CA 95901.

To electronically submit a comment, simply select the box below or submit written comments by e-mail at info@ yubasuttertransit.com, by mail to Yuba-Sutter Transit at 2100 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901, or FAX at (530) 634-6888. Verbal testimony can be provided in person at the hearings or call us at (530)-634-6880 and we would be happy to discuss the changes and document your comments.

Proposed Local Route Changes

Elimination of local fixed Routes 2 and 5.

Elimination of evening general public Dial-A-Ride so it ends shortly after fixed routes end at 8 p.m. as opposed to the current 10 p.m. end time.

Extend service hours of local fixed Routes 1, 3, 4, and 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Streamline Route 1 to provide quicker cross-service area travel. Stops on Grav, Forbes and Plumas St will be eliminated as Route 1 will stay on Colusa Hwy from Gray Avenue to Alturas and Shasta St. before crossing the Feather River to the City of Marysville.

Launch On-Demand Zone in Yuba City and surrounding areas of Sutter County to replace routes 2 and 5 with more direct and convenient service.

Proposed Fare Changes Increase of the daily cap from

\$3 to \$4.50 for local route general fare, and from \$1.50 to \$2.25 for discounted fare.

Increase in monthly pass prices from \$30 to \$40 for general fare, and from \$15 to \$20 for discounted fare. However, these prices will be subsidized in the short term to \$20 for general fare and \$10 for discounted fare, as grant funds are available.

of \$1.50 for the general public and \$0.75 for the discounted fare for the new on-demand service.

Introduction of a single ride fare

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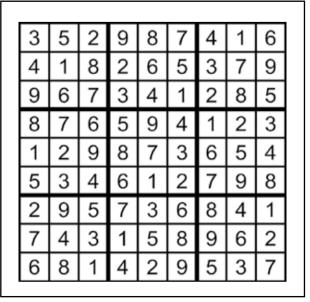
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FREEMAN - Ken Freeman, 76, of Loma Rica, passed away July 13, 2024. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home and Crematory 530-751-7000. There will be a Celebration of Life on AUgust 24 at 1 pm at Adventure Church, 876 W. Onstott Frontage Rd in Yuba City.

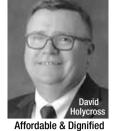
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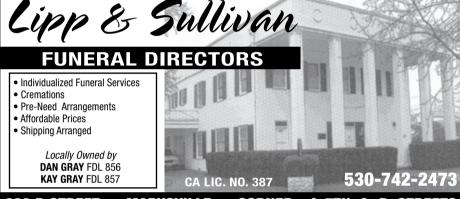
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FILE: PFI-242022 TITLE OR-NUMBER: P-627375 TORTOSA A.P.N.: LOAN: 005-570-039-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/16/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROP-ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NA-TURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE is hereby given that PLACER TITLE COMPANY, A CALI-FORNIA CORPORATION, as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed bv: LYNN VENTURA. A SIN-GLE WOMAN AND ARACELE PEREDA, A SINGLE WOMAN AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded 10/16/2020 as Instrument No. 2020-016959 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YUBA County. California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 4/17/2024 in Book, Page, as Instrument No. 2024-003902 of said Official Records WILL SELL on 08/22/2024 At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 215 5th St., Marvsville, CA 95901 at 01:30 PM AT PUB-LIC AUCTION TO THE HIGH-EST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: See Exhibit "A" Attached hereto and made a part hereof EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION The land described herein is situated in the State of California. County of Yuba, unincorporated area, described as follows: Parcel One: Parcel 2, as shown on that certain map entitled "Parcel Map 2007-0007", filed in the office of the county recorder. County of Yuba, State of California on February 23, 2010 in Book 92 of Maps, Page 6. Par-

cel Two: An easement, 40' in width, for driveway, ingress and egress and public services over Lot 2, as shown and delineated on that certain map entitled "Tract Map No. 2002-607" filed in the office of the county recorder, County of Yuba, State of California on November 5, 2003 in Book 75 of Maps, Page 44. Parcel Three: Together with a 60' non-exclusive easement for road and utility purposes over Sandstone Lane and Monument Trail, as shown and delineated on said map. Parcel Four: A 10.00 foot non-exclusive equestrian and pedestrian easement for the benefit of property owners located in the Vista Del Oro Subdivision, Parcel Map No. 97-11 recorded in Book 70 of maps, at page 37, Yuba County Records, Yuba County, California, said 10.00 foot easement lying Southerly, Easterly and adjacent to the following described line: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot 7 of said Vista Del Oro Subdivision: thence South 83°25'25" West along the Northerly line of said Lot 7, a distance of 548.90 feet to a point on the right of way of a 50.00 foot radius cul-de-sac, said point being the point of beginning of said described line; thence from said point of beginning South 83°25'25" West along the Northerly line of said Lot 7 a distance of 1139.98 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 7; thence South 00°11'58" West along the Westerly line of said Lot 7 a distance of 133.50 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 7, the Easterly line of said easement projected to the Southerly line of said Lot 7. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: VA-CANT LAND, YUBA COUNTY, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses

and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$75,608.67 In addition to cash, the trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. 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

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 916-939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case PFI-242022. 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 Dated: 07/18/2024 RICHARD D. TORTOSA AND ELIZA-BETH L TORTOSA, as said Trustee By: STELLA SHAO, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER, as Agent Placer Foreclosure, Inc. 12190 Herdal Drive, Suite 9 Auburn, California 95603 (530) 888-8411 DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED PUR-SUANT TO A WRITTEN RE-QUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY C/O PLACER FORECLOSURE, INC., 12190 HERDAL DR., SUITE 9, AU-BURN, CA 95603, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST PUB-LICATION OF THIS NOTICE. **PLACER** FORECLOSURE, INC. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMA-TION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE NPP0463241 To: TERRITO-RIAL DISPATCH 08/02/2024, 08/09/2024, 08/16/2024

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED **NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR** CEQA-24-0010 (OLIVEHURST ROADWAY CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROJECT) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **BEFORE THE YUBA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Yuba County Development Review Committee (DRC) on Thursday September 5, 2024, at 9 a.m. or soon thereafter, in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Yuba County Government Center, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA. The Yuba County DRC will consider the following:

CEQA-24-0010 (Olivehurst Roadway Climate Resiliency Project): Yuba County Public Work's Department is requesting an Environmental Assessment to construct drainage infrastructure and establish a multi-modal transportation network along 13 road segments in the community of Olivehurst. The proposed project will eliminate the existing roadside ditches and install a new underground storm drain system sized to accommodate projected runoff from heavy rain events. Approximately 26,000 linear feet of storm drain will be constructed, as well as 52,000 linear feet of sidewalks, 52,000 linear feet of Class III bike routes, crosswalks, ADA complaint ramps, striping and curbs and gutters. This Project will connect to existing sidewalk and bicycle facilities throughout many of the remaining roads within the community of Olivehurst, improving the connectivity and safety of the communities' multimodal transportation network. The Project is expected to begin construction in the February 2026 and be fully constructed by

Road segments within the Project Area include:

2nd Avenue 3rd Avenue 6th Avenue 8th Avenue 11th Avenue Western Avenue Tulsa Avenue

4th Avenue 9th Avenue Beaver Lane

5th Avenue 10th Avenue Canal Street

The DRC will be considering adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The public comment period for the Mitigated Negative Declarations is August 2 to September 2, 2024.

Any person wishing to testify on the above projects may attend the DRC meeting at the prescribed time, or may submit written comments or objections to the Community Development and Services Agency at 915 8th Street, Suite 123, Marysville, CA 95901, prior to the hearing. Copies of the staff recommendations are available for inspection at the same address. If you have any questions, you may contact Ciara Fisher with the Planning Department at (530) 749-5470.

The DRC's action on the project may be appealed by any interested person to the Board of Supervisors by filing a written appeal with the Planning Department within 10 days following the DRC's final action on the project. If the Board of Supervisors is the final Approving Authority, or if the project is appealed to the Board, the Board's action is final.

If you challenge the action of the DRC on this matter in court, pursuant to Government Code section 65009 you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Department at, or prior to the hearing.

(TD) 8-2-2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA **COUNTY OF YUBA** IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: MICHAEL ANTHONY MIDKIFF, PETITIONER(S)

CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00862 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE: 08/12/2024 DEPT: 4 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Michael Anthony Midkiff, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Michael Anthony Midkiff to: Michael Anthony White

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a 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 to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 07/03/2024

Stephen W. Berrier JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

JULY 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA **COUNTY OF YUBA** IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: KRISTINA VANZANDT AND KYLE VANZANDT, PETITIONER(S) CASE NUMBER: CVPT 24-00863

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

HEARING DATE: 08/19/2024 DEPT: 4 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

Petitioner(s) Kristina VanZandt and Kyle VanZandt, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

from: Hannah Louise Buzard to: Hannah Louise VanZandt from: Hayley Rae Buzard

to: Havley Rae VanZandt

this information. If you consult

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter 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 a 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 to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Territorial Dispatch.

DATE: 07/8/2024

Stephen W. Berrier JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

JULY 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-141 The following person(s) is

(are) doing business as: Emmylou's

> 16920 Willow Glen Rd Brownsville, CA 95919 MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 176 Challenge, CA 95925 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Yuba Outpost LLC

Challenge, CA 95925 This business is conducted by

PO Box 176

a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct).

Signed: Elyse Bernstein California President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on May 21, 2024.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGÁSS. County Clerk By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2024F-178 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1776 Construction 5651 Wolf Trail

Loma Rica, CA 95901

MAILING ADDRESS 5651 Wolf Trail Marysville, CA 95901 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Daniel Jacob Ferchaud

5651 Wolf Trail Marysville, CA 95901 This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/21/2024

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct)

Signed:

Daniel Ferchaud

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 11, 2024.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office).

DONNA HILLEGASS, County Clerk By NELIDA WILLIAMS,

Deputy Clerk July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2024F-179 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Feather River Designs 1748 Stinson Way Plumas Lake, CA 95961 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Heidi Lynn Pittner 1748 Stinson Way Plumas Lake, CA 95961 This business is conducted by

an Individual. The registrant commenced transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/11/2024

(I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct). Signed:

2024.

Heidi L. Pittner This statement was filed

with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 11, 2024. (I Hereby Certify That This

Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS,

County Clerk By NELIDA WILLIAMS. Deputy Clerk July 19, 26, August 2, 9,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-176

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Auto Doctor Auto Repair Marysville

114 3rd Street

Marysville, CA 95901 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Archsun Enterprises, Inc. 114 3rd Street Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. (I declare that all information in this statement is true and

correct). Signed:

Patrick Rippee

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 10, 2024.

(I Hereby Certify That This Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS.

County Clerk By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk

July 19, 26, August 2, 9,

2024.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2024F-171

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Sven and Saffron 1030 F Street #2

> Marysville, CA 95901 County of YUBA Registered Owners: Carol Ann Mercker 1030 F Street #2 Marysville, CA 95901

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under

the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/01/2024 (I declare that all informa-

tion in this statement is true and correct). Signed:

Carol Ann Mercker This statement was filed

with the County Clerk of Yuba County on July 1, 2024. (I Hereby Certify That This

Copy is a Correct Copy of the Original on File in my Office). DONNA HILLEGASS,

County Clerk By BRIDGETTE EVANS, Deputy Clerk

July 12, 19, 26, August 2,

2024.

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Thompson Fire Escapee Captured and Charged

Butte County District Attorney's Office Press Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - An Oroville man, who was arrested after being found illegally wandering within the closed area of the Thompson Fire and then escaped while handcuffed, was arraigned on June 16 in court on a number of felony and misdemeanor counts.

Zackary Mason Elliott, 22, of Oroville, was charged in Butte County Superior Court with escaping from custody, evading a peace officer while driving recklessly, providing a false name, resisting an officer, theft (of handcuffs), vandalism and drug possession charges.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on July 3, at approximately 2:15 a.m., in the east Oroville area where California State Fish and Wildlife wardens were patrolling areas that were under mandatory evacuation orders at the time due to the Thompson Fire which had begun the day before. The warders were part of a large contingent of local and out-of-area officers helping keep the area residences safe from potential looters.

Ramsey said while manning a road closure on Oro Dam Boulevard East near Glen Drive, the wardens noticed a vehicle approaching from within a closed area, however the vehicle rapidly turned around and sped away when it got close to the roadblock. A Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant pursued the vehicle and stopped it for traffic violations near Pine Oaks Road. Elliott, the driver and only occupant, attempted to explain his presence in the closed evacuation zone at 2:15 a.m. as wanting to visit his grandmother, but he could not provide her name, address, or contact information.

Initially, Elliott provided a false name, which he ultimately admitted was because he had warrants for his arrest from Southern California for theft. The lieutenant arrested Elliott on the warrants and placed him in handcuffs. Elliott was in the process of being placed in a patrol car when another unrelated vehicle pulled up and the occupants began to aggressively argue with a nearby Butte County Sheriff's

Deputy. That confrontation became physical due to the actions of the other driver, and the lieutenant and other wardens moved to assist the deputy.

In the confusion, Elliott was able to slip the cuffs to the front of his body and run to his car. He jumped in and sped away, pursued by the lieutenant's vehicle. Elliott fled at speeds exceeding 100 mph on Oro Dam Boulevard East heading into downtown Oroville and ran through two additional roadblocks, causing Butte County Public Works employees, who were manning them, to quickly move out of the way. Due to Elliott's extremely dangerous driving, the decision was made to cease the pursuit for public safety.

Ramsey said for the next week, state wardens, along with the District Attorney's Office, worked to locate Elliott – who was now an escaped prisoner – and get him back into custody safely.

Investigators eventually discovered Elliott had gone out of the county for work and would likely be returning to Butte County on Friday, July 12. When Elliott returned, his car was met at the county line by three California Highway Patrol vehicles along with three Fish and Wildlife vehicles. Elliott's car was boxed in, and Elliott was taken into custody.

In the car officers located methamphetamine and a pipe. Elliott admitted to his escape and described how he had cut off the handcuffs and stashed them at a friend's property. Wardens responded to that location and discovered the handcuffs, cut open and in two pieces, hidden in a speaker box in the yard.

Elliott's girlfriend, Elizabeth Fay Egger, 24, also of Oroville, was also later located and arrested on Friday for allegedly aiding a fugitive after it was discovered she knew Elliott had escaped, drove him out of the county, and allowed him to use her car.

At his arraignment, the judge granted the District Attorney's request that Elliott be held without bail. He is due back in court tomorrow for further arraignment and entry of plea. Egger was also arraigned this afternoon but released on her own recognizance to appear in court tomorrow for further arraignment.

Marysville Officials Want Permanent Tax Increase



Commentary by Lou Binninger

Marysville officials want a permanent 1% sales tax increase (7.5% to 8.5%) on the November 5, 2024 ballot. This extension of the Measure C sales tax hike was predicted by tax opponents in 2016.

Politicians sucker citizens saying sales tax increases are just temporary but once passed are rarely rescinded. The current tax rate is set to return from 8.5% to 7.5% in October 2026.

Measure C passed by 208 votes after the city's first try (Measure W) failed by 75 votes on November 4, 2014. The Measure C political campaign was funded by David Lanza, real estate developer, and Larry Booth, the CEO of Frank M. Booth, Inc.

Mayor Chris Branscum said recently about Measure C, "As I recall, the city was on the verge of failing financially when this was originally passed. Since it does constitute approximately a third of General Fund revenues, I'm trying to imagine how the city would go as an independent entity."

It's noteworthy that the city council in October 2006 issued \$4,975,000 in bonds (certificate of participation) to acquire and develop private property on B Street at Ellis Lake. The David Lanza family received \$2,839,932 for their 3.7 acres. Another \$776,000 would pay the interest on the loan through October 2009, and \$304,000 would cover the bonding company's services. Another \$395,000 was placed in a reserve account to satisfy bonding requirements. The remainder was to buy the adjacent properties and remove/relocate existing structures and people.

As of Oct 1, 2011, the city could not sell the property nor afford the bond payment, so they refinanced, extending payments to 25 years. The property was then worth \$2.5 million, and the citizens would be stuck with \$15-17 million in payments.

What the two city councils did to the citizens should be considered criminal. This caused the city's financial debacle, but there were still options.

In 2010-11, officials of Half Moon Bay, CA voted to contract out their policing and recreation needs. Voters had rejected a measure to increase sales taxes as a solution to their budget woes.

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Department took-over law enforcement and the City of San Carlos assumed recreation programs. The town had already outsourced half their city staffing including much of their engineering needs and public works tasks to resolve budget troubles.

Remaining employees were required to take 28 furlough days a year. The police cost-cutting move saved the city \$700,000 a year since the department accounted for a third of the city's \$9.7 million budget. The city covers 6.5 square miles with the population around 12,000.

Marysville has a similar population on 3.4 square miles and a police budget of more than \$4 million or over a million dollars a mile. The police department, located across the street from the Yuba County Sheriff's Department (YCSO) jail, is a very expensive luxury with all staff positions and technology already in place at YCSO. YCSO already performs the coroner and public administrator duties for all city deaths and serves Yuba County's 644

square miles.

Many better-off and wiser cities contract policing with their county sheriff's department. Nine incorporated cities within San Diego County (Del Mar, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, and Vista) use the sheriff's department for all municipal law enforcement and public safety services.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department has 13 contract cities (Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Stanton, Villa Park, and Yorba Linda.)

At least 521 U.S. towns and cities with populations of 1,000 to 200,000 disbanded police departments between 1972 and 2017, according to a peer-reviewed 2022 paper by Rice University Professor of Economics Richard T. Boylan. In the past two years, 12 small towns have closed their departments.

Marysville citizens pay 3-4 times what Linda residents pay for water and twice what Olivehurst and Plumas Lake people pay. Sewer is 30% higher in Marysville than Linda. Plumas Lake and Olivehurst also have lower sewer rates.

Marysville pays the highest power rates and fuel prices in the country. And now the top sales taxes in the area. Watch for school bonds from every district on the November ballot, as well. Drive through town to look. People cannot afford the

cost of living here.
Finally, it's interesting that Lanza, Booth and most all city employees don't live in Marysville to pay the costs noted above.

Lou Binninger can be heard on No Hostages Radio podcast, live on KMYC 1410AM 10-1 Saturdays, read at Live with Lou on Facebook and at Nohostagesradio.com. ★

Regional Child Support Agency Marks Child Support Awareness Month

County of Colusa News Release

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - This August, the Colusa Sutter Yolo Regional Child Support Agency joins the State of California, and counties statewide in commemorating Child Support Awareness Month. During this month, the agency acknowledges the collective dedication of coparents to provide secure shelter and safety for their children, underscoring the agency and its team's crucial role in offering essential solutions and assistance.

Established in 2021 to streamline services across Colusa, Sutter, and Yolo counties, the Colusa Sutter Yolo Regional Child Support Agency has become an essential resource for families. The agency's services are available to fathers, mothers, and legal guardians. With a professional and supportive team managing almost 10,000 cases and serving close to 9,000 children throughout the region, the agency is continually working toward its mission of promoting self-sufficiency and the well-being of children by establishing parentage and ensuring financial support.

The agency's comprehensive services include working to ensure payments are fair for both parents, assistance in securing children's health insurance, impartial record-keeping, avenues to navigate legal processes and options to avoid court. Recognizing the critical importance of accessible support for all co-parents, regardless of income or circumstance, the agency aims to empower families across communities.

For further details on services or enrollment, visit www. ColusaSutterYoloChildSupport.org.

Connect with the agency via social media: Facebook: www.Facebook.com/ ColusaSutterYoloChildSupport

Instagram: www.Instagram.com/ ColusaSutterYoloChildSupport

During Child Support Awareness Month, the agency reaffirms its commitment to equipping families with the necessary resources to safeguard the well-being of their children. For inquiries, please contact (866) 901-3212.

Together, the agency endeavors to foster positive impacts in the lives of children and families across the region. ★

Yuba Sutter Food Bank Granted \$200,000 in Pilot Grant

Yuba Sutter Food Bank News Release

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - The Yuba Sutter Food Bank (YSFB) is participating in the Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) Program. This groundbreaking initiative, entitled Farms Together, supports the purchase of fresh, nutritious produce from small, very local, regenerative farmers and the subsequent distribution of that produce to food-insecure members of our community.

The design of the Farms Together program was developed by the California Association of Food Banks, Fresh Approach and the Community Alliance with Family Farmers, with support from the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and California Department of Social Services via the United States Department of Agriculture Local

Food Purchase Assistance

Program and is funded

through September 2025.

The Yuba Sutter Food Bank was one of a handful of food banks from California to be awarded a pilot grant for this program, in February for \$200,000. It used this money to access local produce through the local aggregator, Yubakami, and to distribute it through its established channels. Additionally, it launched a special distribution project with Harmony Health and the Yuba-Sutter Blue Zones Project, which has to date provided fresh fruits and vegetables to 403 families and 1,630 individuals.

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The success of these efforts has led to the renewal, at an increased rate, of the Farms Together grant. Andy Ollove, Food Access program director at Fresh Approach, said of the work by the Yuba Sutter Food Bank and Yubakami, that "We are thrilled to see the impact of the Farms Together

program in the Yuba-

Sutter area. By partnering

with local food banks and

aggregators, and investing in small and BIPOC farms, we are creating sustainable food systems and reimagining long-term hunger relief models".

Yubakami owner Steven Dambeck credits the program for helping a half-dozen local, mostly Hmong and Hispanic farmers, to make their operations more sustainable. Maria Ball, Yuba Sutter

Food Bank director, said, "We are proud to be part of this innovative program that supports both our local farmers and the families in our community who need fresh, healthy food."

As a member of this collaborative effort, Yuba Sutter Food Bank is committed to ensuring that the local community benefits from this innovative program. More details will be announced as the program progresses.

For more information, contact Ball at the Yuba Sutter Food Bank at 530-673-3834.

Plumas Lake Man Sentenced to 16 Years for Sexual Abuse of Child

Yuba County District Attorney's Office News Release

PLUMAS LAKE, CA (MPG) - Yuba County Judge Julia Scrogin this morning sentenced Rolando Perez-Tate, 37, of Plumas Lake, to 16 years in prison for Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child. Perez-Tale's attorney asked the judge for leniency and sought a sentence of no more than six years. After hearing arguments from the defense and Deputy District Attorney Brad Morrow, Judge Scrogin imposed the maximum sentence, stating "the upper term is well deserved in this case."

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The crime came to light in January 2023, when Jane Doe disclosed to her mother that Perez-Tale had repeatedly sexually assaulted her, starting when she was seven years old, and continuing until she was 12. Jane's mother and aunt immediately reported the disclosure to the Yuba County Sheriff's Department, who investigated the case and arrested Perez-Tale that same

A jury of Yuba County citizens found Perez-Tale guilty back on May 17, 2024. Multiple witnesses testified during the trial, including Jane, her mother, Yuba County Detective Sergeant Fernando Machuca, Deputy Rosa Gonzalez, and Dr. Tiffany Anderson of the UC Davis Children's Hospital CAARE Center. Perez-Tale took the stand in his own defense. The jury did not believe Perez-Tale's denials, and believed Jane's account, finding the sole count had been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Yuba County Deputy District Attorney Pred Morrowy tried the case Yuba County

Brad Morrow tried the case. Yuba County Sheriff's Department Detective Rosa Gonzalez served as the investigating officer.

Thonk you to the law enforcement officer.

Thank you to the law enforcement officers in Yuba County who aided in the investigation, to Jane, for bravely coming forward with her account of victimization, and to Jane's family and the Yuba County Victim/Witness department for their unwavering support of this young lady and her

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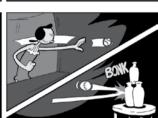




















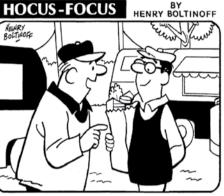
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Mayor, Council Approve Million-Dollar Water Main Plan

By Angela Underwood

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) -Elected officials approved more than \$1.3 million to start the Richland Waterline Extension Project.

At the last regularly scheduled meeting on July 16, Yuba City City Council members unanimously voted to approve the deal without question. Before the presentation, Councilmember Wade Kirchner returned to the dais after removing himself due to what he called "a property challenge."

Works Public Department associate civil engineer Nick Menezes pointed out the general location of project limits extending from Richland Road to Camion Cortez and the portion of Littlejohn Road and Cortez Court.

Maintenance and Engineering divisions maintain a priority list of water mains requiring major improvements or total replacement. Preferences include age, maintenance call-out frequency, pipeline material and access.

"Some of these water mains are in back lots or fronting the properties on the road," Menezes said, showing a picture of a residence where a tree and shed block the water main, making it "very difficult for maintenance crews" to

Additionally, systems are rated from lowest to highest risk, 1 to 5, based on the Water Master Plan Risk Rating.



Yuba City Public Works assistant civil engineer Nick Menezes explains to City Council members the need to replace water mains along Richland Road at the July 16 meeting. Photo by

"All the water mains on Richland are high priority based on the high ratings and metrics I just listed above," Menezes said.

The civil engineer detailed the exact locations and lengths of Richland and Littlejohn Roads, Camino Cortez and Cortez Court, which include 10 and six-inch water mains extending more than 900

Three new fire hydrants will also be in the project, which went to bid in May.

"We received nine bids, which is a perfect number," Menezes said, noting Newland Entities at the lowest bid of \$990,000 and JPB Designs at \$2.4 million. "The engineer's estimate is nestled somewhere in the middle at \$1.48 million."

Menezes said that Newland Entities withdrew their bid five days after the bid opening. According to the civil engineer, the council had two options: the city could reject all

bids or reward the next low bidder.

Menezes recommended going with the lowest bidder since delaying the project could cost Dixon due to "inflationary pressures and ongoing supply chain distributions."

"Rebidding the project may also cause construction conditions as we enter the fall and winter, and delaying the project could possibly risk further deterioration of the water mains in the area," he said. The estimated total con-

15% contingency fee and inspection, is just over \$1,531 million for the project, which will occur in front and rear of homes. "That creates unforeseen

struction cost, including a

conditions we want to stay ahead of," Menezes said.

Funding for the project is available from two water accounts that cover all costs for the lowest bidder, LaFleur Engineering, approximately \$1.3 million.

Public Health Continues to Monitor Shigella Outbreak

Butte County Public Health News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)

The Butte County Department of Public Health (BCPH) has received concerns about Shigella transmission at Sycamore Pool, located at the One Mile Recreation area in Chico. Shigella is a type of stomach bug that causes an infection called shigellosis. The Butte County Department of Public Health has no reason to believe that the water at Sycamore Pool is a transmission source for Shigella. However, it's important to note that creeks and streams are untreated water sources and can contain germs, bacteria, viruses, and parasites that cause waterborne illness or infection. Practicing good hygiene after water play such as rinsing off your body with fresh water and washing your hands with soap and water before eating can prevent waterborne illness. People should avoid swallowing water while swimming.

Butte County Department of Public Health continues to monitor and investigate an outbreak of the Shigella bacteria that started in Oroville in May. Since May 21, Butte County Department of Public Health has received reports of 44 lab-confirmed shigella cases associated with this outbreak, with additional under investigation. This outbreak is primarily affecting persons who are experiencing homelessness, with the majority of these cases in Oroville. Shigella spreads easily from person to person, however, the risk to the general public remains low when people practice consistent personal hygiene habits, such as washing hands with soap and water.

Butte County Department of Public Health continues to work with local agencies and organizations to provide education and outreach to people impacted in both the Oroville and Chico areas, including coordination of treatment if needed. Butte County Department of Public Health has also distributed hand sanitizer and hygiene kits in Oroville and Chico homeless encampments.

Symptoms of Shigella usually start one to five days after exposure and may last up to seven days. Symptoms typically resolve on their own. Most people with shigellosis experience:

Diarrhea that can be bloody or prolonged (lasting more than 3 days)

Fever

Stomach pain

Feeling the need to pass stool (poop) even when the

bowels are empty To avoid dehydration, people with diarrhea should drink water or other non-caffeinated/non-alcoholic fluids. People with prolonged or worsening symptoms should contact their healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider may prescribe medicine to treat illness caused by Shigella.

People at increased risk include:

Children younger than 5

Travelers to places where water and food may be unsafe and sanitation is

Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with

People experiencing homelessness

People who have weakened immune systems

How is Shigella transmitted?

Shigella spreads easily; swallowing just a small amount of the bacteria can make someone sick. Shigella germs are in fecal matter (poop), so anything that gets contaminated by poop can potentially spread the germs. Shigella can spread from one person to another or through contaminated water, food, surfaces, or objects. Some ways Shigella can get into your mouth are:

Getting Shigella on your hands and touching your mouth. Shigella can get on your hands by:

Touching contaminated surfaces, such as toys, bathroom fixtures, changing tables, and diaper

Changing the diaper of a child with an infection.

Taking care of a person with an infection, including cleaning up after the person uses the toilet.

someone with a Shigella infection Swallowing water that you swim or play in, such

Eating food prepared by

as contaminated lake or creek water or improperly treated swimming pool Swallowing contami-

nated drinking water, such as water from a well contaminated with sewage or flood water.

Exposure to poop during sexual contact with someone with a Shigella infection or who has recently recovered from a Shigella infection.

How to prevent a **Shigella infection?**

You can reduce your chance of getting infected by following these tips: Carefully wash your

hands with soap and water during key times: Before any sexual

activity. Before preparing food or

After going to the bathroom, changing a diaper, or

cleaning up after someone who went to the bathroom. Take care when chang-

ing diapers. As soon as you change a diaper, throw it away in a

covered, lined garbage can. Clean up any leaks or spills from the diaper right

Wash your hands and the child's hands with soap and

water right away. Avoid swallowing water while swimming.

If you or your partner has been diagnosed with Shigella, do not have sex. To reduce the chance of Shigella spreading, wait at least two weeks after diar-

rhea ends to have sex.

For more information on Shigella, please visit the CDC's Shigella information website (www.cdc.gov/shigella/about/index.html). ★

Jury Finds Meridian Man Guilty of Copper Wire Theft

Yuba County District Attorney's Office News Release

YUBA COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On July 19, 12 Yuba County citizens found Justin Clayton, 37, of Meridian, guilty of felony grand theft for stealing over \$950 worth of copper wire.

On March 23, 2023, Clayton and two other men were found inside the North Beale Mini Storage working to strip the copper from a telephone cable. AT&T staff identified the unique cable as likely having come from a 900' section of telephone cable cut down from power poles along North Beale Road.

Telephone cables are made up of six 25-strand bundles, totaling 150 individual copper wires inside each cable. The cables cost roughly \$4.50 per foot. Copper thieves typically strip the wire bundles from the cable, burn the insulation from the individual wires, and then recycle the copper for cash. The cost to restore service from these thefts far exceeds the per-foot value of the cable itself, costing thousands of dollars in overtime.

Well done Yuba County Deputy District Attorneys Caitlin Smith and Chris Janof for trying this case. Big thank yous to DA Chief Investigator Brandt Lowe and DA Investigator James Perin for getting the case across the finish line. Thank you to the Yuba County Sheriff's deputies who caught the thieves and collected the evidence.

Big shout out to the anonymous person who called the Yuba County Sheriff's Department to report these guys stripping the cables. These crimes only get solved when members of the community choose to be upstanders instead of bystanders.

Clayton's co-defendants resolved their cases earlier. Donald Anderson was sentenced to serve two years in local prison, and Christopher Donovan was sentenced to formal probation and 199 days in jail. Clayton is scheduled to be sentenced on Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. He faces a maximum sentence of three years in local prison. ★

City Employee Deemed Hero



Gridley Fire Department staff responded to a house fire on July 5 to find that a brave city employee had helped rescue those inside. Photo by Will Sheffield

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - In the early morning hours of July 5, a city employee's valiant actions played a large role in the successful knock down of a fire.

According to CAL FIRE/ Butte County/Gridley Fire Department engineer Alex Klien, a call came in at 7:10 a.m. reporting a fire at a residence on E. Gridley

dark smoke issuing from

a home. Clayton imme-

diately stopped and

notified the authorities

Reports say that City the home. of Gridley employee Michael Clayton observed

of the emergency while he began trying to wake the residents.

Clayton successfully got seven young adults out of the home and to a safe area on the front lawn of the property as firefighters arrived.

CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department's Klein said that Clayton's quick actions were essential to the safety of the seven individuals and saving

"It changes our operations," Klein told the Herald, explaining that crews could go straight

into firefighting mode

knowing that all persons/

that as part of their training, they always remain vigilant for any potential persons that could be left inside, but in this case, were able to focus on saving the structure. If Clayton had not

animals were already

accountable. He reaffirmed

stopped and woken the residents, Klein said, the outcome could have been much worse and that he was truly an "unsung hero." While the cause is under

investigation, the fire appeared to have started outside in an attached carport, making its way into the home by the time the fire apparatus arrived.

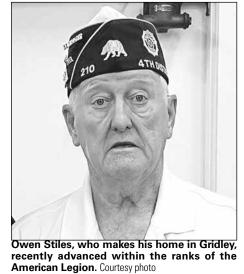
Stiles Named District Commander

American Legion South Butte Post 210 News Release

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, July 13, Owen Stiles, the commander of South Butte Post 210, American Legion, was elected as the Department of California American Legion Area 1, District 4 Commander. He succeeds Danarae Roub of Post 42.

This district is comprised of 11 American Legion posts in Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Sutter and Colusa counties.

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit the nation's veterans, its service members, their families, America youth and ordinary citizens.



Commander Stiles is responsible for overseeing these activities.

Sutter Alumnus Beck Signs with Astros

Story and photo by Steven Bryla

SUTTER, CA (MPG) - Sutter 2024 pitcher Jagger Beck's big league dream came true as he signed with a Major League Baseball team on Thursday, July 26.

Beck signed with the Houston Astros as an undrafted free agent to a six-year contract.

The 2024 MLB Draft was held July 14 through 16 where 615 baseball players were selected in the 20-round draft across the 30-team league. The draft was previously 40 rounds up until 2021 before the 2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) ratified the draft to 20 rounds.

Beck signed his national letter of intent (NLI) to play baseball for the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in November 2023.

Although players may not get the call to be drafted, they can still sign with MLB clubs as undrafted for their first professional contract.

Beck told the Dispatch that signing with Houston was the best decision for him to move forward with his baseball career, and he said since he had the opportunity to sign now, he took the opportunity.

He added that he signed with the Astros because they were the most loyal throughout his senior season at Sutter this past spring.

"They came to all of my

starts, and when I got sick, they (Houston) stayed with me the entire time," Beck said.

Beck had an illness where he missed a couple starts and dropped weight and it took him a while to get back to a full 100 percent.

The Dispatch was the first media outlet to put out Beck's signing with the Astros as it was finalized on July 26 on multiple social media platforms.

Beck expressed that the process during the week of the signing was fun, great, but hectic due to him traveling through a couple states within a threeday time span.

Beck told the Dispatch he is going to be with Houston's player development in Florida for the remainder of the MLB season.

In the next couple of months, Beck said that he wants to get better in the time he is in Florida and build rapport with people in the game because everyone has different opinions and can talk with multiple people for training afterwards.

He added that throughout the developmental process he will be doing a lot of strength and conditioning training as well as trying to add velocity, along with intrasquad.

Sutter baseball head coach Stewart Peterson told the Dispatch that Beck is the first person from the Huskies



Sutter 2024 pitcher Jagger Beck throws a pitch in his final home start against Hughson in the second round of the 2024 CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Division V playoffs.

baseball program to sign with an MLB club since 2014 alumnus Brad Bonnenfant signed with the Kansas City Royals in 2019 as an UDFA from the University

of Nevada, Reno.

Peterson expressed his happiness and added that the Astros were consistently present for Beck's senior season at Sutter.

Peterson told the dispatch that his advice as a mentor/coach for Beck would be to stay in the moment, work hard and not take anything for granted.

Drakes Hit Road for First Round of Pecos League Playoffs



Marysville outfielder Joe Starick (44) launches a sacrifice fly run-batted-in (RBI) for the lone run in the game during the Drakes' victory against San Rafael on Wednesday, July 24. Photo by Steven Bryla



Marysville pitcher Jayden Drake (30) tosses a pitch during the Drakes' 1-0 victory over San Rafael on Wednesday, July 24. Drake accomplished his second complete-game shutout of the season. Photo by Steven Bryla

By Steven Bryla

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) -The Marysville Drakes started the first round of the Pecos League play-

offs on Monday, July 29, as they played the San Rafael Pacifics for a best-of-three series. Marysville was the third

seed in the Pacific Division and clinched their first playoff berth in the team's second year of expansion in the Pecos League.

The series against San Rafael, who were the 2023 Pecos League Champions, were all road games. The Drakes were 3-5 on the road during the season against the Pacifics, but won in their final two trips to San Rafael during the last couple weeks of the season, and took three out of the last four games against them. Marysville clinched their

playoff spot in a road victory against the Pacifics on Tuesday, July 23, in an extra-inning victory. Both teams met the following night on Wednesday, July 24, at Bryant Field where Drakes' pitcher Jayden

Drake threw his second complete-game shutout of the season. Marysville outfielder Joe Starick brought in the

game's only run with a

sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth to send San Rafael into second place of the Pacific Division standings.

The Drakes' dropped their final regular season meeting against the Bakersfield Train Robbers on Friday, July 26.

Marysville hosted their final regular season game on Saturday, July 27, against the Dublin Leprechauns, where they had a great crowd supporting them at Bryant Field as it was also fan appreciation

The Drakes got a strong start from pitcher Sergio Patsy as he tossed five innings and gave up two hits and one run. The Marysville bullpen pitched five more innings where they gave up one run and four hits, including Drake.

Drake got the final out of the inning as he picked off a pinch runner at first base as he attempted to steal second, but the Drakes' first baseman Anders Green got the base runner into a rundown towards second as he tossed the ball to Marysville shortstop

Jumpei Ohashi to lay the tag for the out.

The Drakes walked it off

in the bottom of the 10th

as third baseman Micah

Walker hit a runs-batted-in (RBI) single to right center for the win.

It was Walker's night at the plate as he drove in all of Marysville's three runs and had three hits. Walker was mobbed at first base by his teammates as he touched first, and they drenched him in a celebration with water all along the baseline to second base.

"The pitcher threw a lot of sliders to the previous batter, so I went up looking for a slider," Walker said.

Walker added that the entire environment of the Yuba-Sutter area has been a great experience.

Drakes' manager Bill Rogan expressed to the Dispatch that Walker's hitting has improved throughout the last week as he has been more comfortable playing third base.

Walker had a low .200 batting average entering the final week of the sea-

son and Rogan said his confidence was getting better daily. The Marysville defense improved and decreased their errors in the last couple weeks, and

Rogan told the Dispatch that has been a big difference in their games. Ohashi has made stel-

lar plays at shortstop since

taking over for former

Drakes' player Josh Leslie, who was called up to the Oakland Ballers of the Pioneer League earlier in

Ohashi told the Dispatch that Leslie was a big help to fine tuning his defense during their time as teammates.

"Josh told me to just be confident in every ground ball," Ohashi said.

Ohashi added that moving forward in the playoffs they need to be 100% locked in defensively.

Ohashi said he appreciates everything the James family, who has been his host family throughout his time as a part of Marysville this summer, has done for him and thanked them.

On top of it being the final regular season home game for the Drakes, Marysville infielder Declan Peterson could have experienced his final game at

Bryant Field. Peterson told the Dispatch prior to the game against Dublin on July 27 that this will be his final

season in the Pecos League as he plans to hang up his cleats. The four-year veteran has spent the last two seasons in Marysville and said it has been one of the

best places to play in the

Pecos League with a full



Marysville infielder Declan Peterson (7) delivers the lineup card pre-game in his final home game of his Pecos League career against Dublin on Saturday, July 27, at Bryant Field. Photo by Steven Bryla

experience. Peterson said he plans

to go home to Illinois and continue his education towards a master's degree.

The Drakes lost the regular season finale 12-8 on Sunday, July 28, at Dublin to close out the season with

to be successful in the

a record of 29-25. Rogan told the Dispatch that his offense needs to improve if they are going

Rafael. "We're confident in our

playoff series against San

pitching and our defense," Rogan said. If Marysville was successful in beating the

Pacifics in the first round of the playoffs, they would have started the Pacific Division finals on Thursday, August 1, against the winner of Bakersfield/Vallejo.