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Gridley Welcomes New Police Chief



New Gridley Police Chief Todd Farr, center back, was surrounded by his family as they celebrated him being sworn in as police chief at the last Gridley City Council meeting.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley recently saw a change in command at the Gridley Police Department.

City Council members at their Aug. 5 meeting voted to install Gridley Police Department's Lt. Todd Farr as police chief after former Chief Rodney Harr announced his intention to retire.

Council members Catalina Sanchez's, Angel Calderon's and Jim Roberts' three "yes" votes confirmed Chief Todd Farr's appointment. Father and Mayor Mike Farr recused himself from the vote and Vice-Mayor Bruce Johnson was absent from the meeting. Mayor Farr also recused himself through the hiring process, according to the meeting's agenda, to prevent any conflict of interest.

Chief Farr was sworn in by City Attorney Tony Galyean before taking to the podium for a few words.

Chief Farr thanked those who had supported him and "made this



Gridley Mayor Mike Farr stands proudly next to his son, the newly sworn-in Gridley Police Chief Todd Farr.

possible," speaking to co-workers, city officials and his family in attendance.

Farr hails from Gridley, with the Farr family having strong roots within the community. Many who work alongside him grew up with

him and the same can be said for those who reside in the city. Farr has served in many Gridley Police Department positions, is a member of Gridley VFW Post 5731 and has served on the Gridley City Council.

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First Human West Nile Virus Infection Confirmed in Butte County

Butte County
News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 2, the Butte County Department of Public Health (BCPH) announced the first confirmed human West Nile Virus (WNV) infection in Butte County this year.

As of Aug. 2, five human West Nile Virus infections have been confirmed in California. West Nile Virus is usually active from June through October, with August typically being the peak month in Butte County. The Butte County Department of Public Health reminds residents to protect themselves from West Nile Virus by reducing mosquitoes on their property and preventing mosquito bites.

The infected person in Butte County is more than 60 years old and is experiencing a severe West Nile Virus illness.

People infected with West Nile Virus generally fall into three categories:

Asymptomatic (one in 10 people)

Mild to moderate fever illness with fatigue and body aches (one in five people)

Severe illness with neurologic symptoms such as encephalitis or meningitis (less than one in 150 people).

For those who develop a severe West Nile Virus illness, symptoms could last several weeks and some symptoms could be permanent.

People 50 years old and older, and individuals with diabetes or hypertension, have a higher chance of getting sick and are more likely to develop complications.

West Nile Virus is transmitted to humans and animals by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Residents can reduce the risk of infection by practicing the "Three Ds," which follow:

DEET - Use a proven insect repellent that includes DEET or look for EPA-registered repellents that contain one of the following active ingredients: picaridin, lemon eucalyptus oil, para-methane-diol or IR3535. Always use according to label instructions. DEET can be used safely on infants and children 2-months-old and older.

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Fire Destroys Downtown Warehouse



Engines from local companies respond to a large warehouse fire in the center of downtown Gridley last Thursday, Aug. 1.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Mid-morning Thursday, Aug. 1, a plume of black toxic smoke rose from the heart of Gridley's downtown area.

The large metal building at 775 Sycamore St., which sits along the railroad tracks south of Daddow Park, was in flames and quickly going up.

CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department was on scene within minutes, followed by EMTs. Meanwhile, Gridley Police Department shut down roads in the area and redirected traffic.

The Gridley Post Office, along with nearby businesses and apartments, were evacuated due to the potential hazards that could be

caused by the blaze. Large explosions were heard within the building as fuel sources succumbed to the flames.

Per procedure when any fire threatens the railways, Union Pacific shut down the railroad tracks until it was safe to resume rail traffic.

A large crowd of onlookers

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The nearly three-week-old Park Fire burned another 10,000 acres and has now burned more than 415,000 acres. The Park Fire, started by a convicted criminal who should have still been in jail - but was released early - is now the 4th largest fire in California history. The top three are the 2020 August Complex (1,032,648 acres), the July 2021 Dixie Fire (963,309 acres), and the July 2018 Mendocino Complex (459,123 acres). So far, 637 structures have been destroyed. Just a reminder, this fire is the product of 2 failed public policies: letting criminals out of jail early and allowing forests to fuel load to over 400% of their natural state, decisions made by elected people. The Indians managed the forests far better than the settlers have.

The California

Department of Education (CDE) released test score results from the 2023 Smarter Balanced assessments of math and English language arts - for tests taken by students in the spring of 2023. California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress scores are categorized into four achievement levels that indicate whether a student has exceeded, met, nearly met, or did not meet the standards. Here are the local results: Gridley School District English Standard met - 35%, and Math Standard Met - 49%. The budget for Gridley Unified School District is \$35,732,773. That number divided by 2100 students comes to \$17,015 dollars per student.

Those unkind things you've been saying about Oroville will soon receive a professional rebuttal. The City Council has hired a public relations firm to implement a marketing plan to foster "community pride" and incite economic development for \$100,000 annually. Oroville really is going through a historic transformational change, and since Chico just canceled the next 3000 units of planned housing, Oroville will be a very different

town 5 years from now. The wildfires, Indian Casinos, Highway 70 being four lanes, the County seat being there, the newly refurbished dam, the riverfront historic downtown, an ever expanding lineman's college and the new giant jail are all coming together. It will be interesting to watch. Thankfully there will be a PR firm to tell the story.

Local (like just down the road in Richvale) Congressman Doug LaMalfa has gone up almost 13 spots in seniority in Congress in less than a year. Every time a weaker less committed Representative quits - and Doug keeps on going he moves up a notch. Seniority is a big deal in our American system of representation, so keep writing letters to the other people from other states telling them to quit; soon our guy will be in charge. If you want to start your rise in seniority, the deadline to sign up for local city councils and school boards is in August.

Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. No Artificial Intelligence was used in making this column, writings in the historic Gridley Herald are certified AI free.

Run Around the Rice Right Around the Corner



The eighth annual Run Around the Rice features a 5K, 10K and Kids Run, which is typically well-attended. Photo courtesy of Brandy Mower

By Brandy Mower

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Join the community for the eighth annual Run Around the Rice 5K, 10K and kids dash in early September.

This event is put on by our parent group, PAWS, that benefits the

students and staff at Biggs Elementary School.

Run Around the Rice is an educational, family friendly run/walk that will enlighten you in the cycle of prepping, planting and harvesting rice all while getting some exercise. Be prepared to see all the

natural beauty right here in our backyard. It is sure to be a great experience.

The Run Around the Rice 5K and 10K runs will be held on Sept. 8 with an 8 a.m. start-time in Richvale. Check out runsignup.com/runaroundtherice for more information.

Expanding Business Opens New Spa and Boutique



The Salon at Studio J and Boutique celebrated its opening with The Farmers Wives boutique with a celebration held Thursday, Aug. 1. Pictured from left are Kourtney Becker (Farmers Wives Boutique), Madison Mardesich (hair stylist), Mikenna Lavy (esthetician), Jenny Wooten-Benson (stylist and salon/spa owner), Ally Mardesich (esthetician), and Brook Mardesich. Shannon Emerson is not pictured. Photo courtesy of Mikenna Lavy

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Studio J, owned by local Jenny Wooten-Benson, has expanded.

The salon, located at 1010 Spruce St. in Gridley, has branched out, opening The Spa at Studio J and Boutique in the building next door at 1030 Spruce.

The spa provides multiple services in cooperation with the Farmer's Daughter

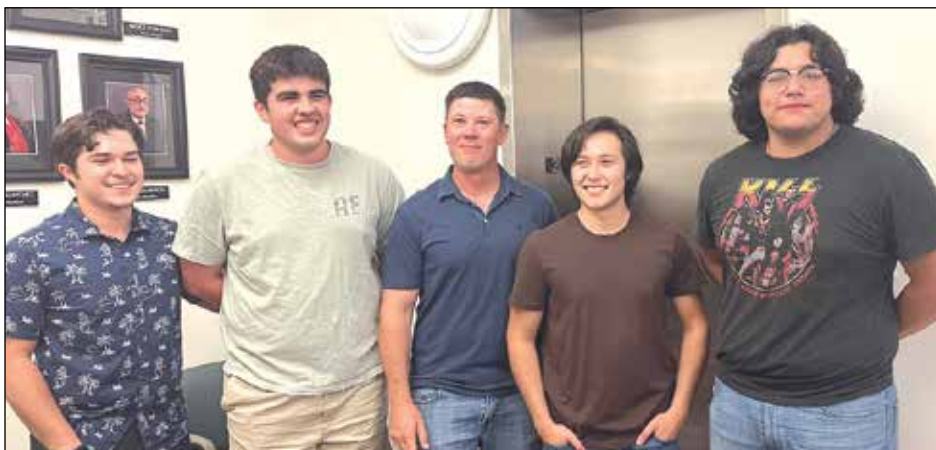
Esthetics, massage by The Grounding Stone and Spirit, Soul and Body.

The Farmers Wives Boutique features unique items, including dresses, rompers, tees and gifts.

Massage therapist Shannon Emerson and estheticians Ally Mardesich and Mikenna Lavy join Wooten-Benson, providing their services at the Spa at Studio J.

For more information and to book an appointment, call 530-846-2448.

Clayton Recognized for Saving Residents



City of Gridley's Michael Clayton, center in blue, was recognized by the City of Gridley for his heroics. He is surrounded by some of the young men he helped get safely out of a burning home. Photo provided by Erica Sannar

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - At the last City Council meeting, City of Gridley employee Michael Clayton was recognized for his valiant efforts saving locals from a

house fire.

In the early morning hours of July 5, a fire broke out in a home located on E. Gridley Road, Gridley.

Clayton was passing by when he saw the flames and stopped, getting seven

young adults out of the house safely before the first responders arrived.

Clayton was praised and thanked for his selfless efforts and was joined by some of the young men he saved at the meeting.

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Gridley Hosts Another Strong National Night Out



No tickets were issued for this lucky bike winner, just smiles. Pictured from left are Jordan Lopez and Officer Lafauci.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - One of the larger community events growing in popularity in Gridley is the annual National Night Out.

Gridley joins communities across the nation, including neighbors Biggs and Live Oak, desiring to foster closer relationships with their law enforcement agencies and first responders through a night of relaxed activities and entertainment.

Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors Gridley's event, always hosts a big crowd at Manuel Vierra Park the first Tuesday in August.

Staples returned for 2024 and Gridley Police Department's finest, Chief Todd Farr, made his debut appearance at a community event. They were joined by CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department, CHP and the Navy Sea Cadets.

Service groups were in action, with the Lions barbecuing hot dogs, Rotary volunteering and Quota of Gridley manning giveaways. Gridley FFA members were there to be of service and support the Chamber of Commerce.

The Church of Jesus Christ hosted a free kids' craft area, while St. Timothy's Episcopal Church had a spinner wheel for free goodies and the First Baptist Church provided free snow cones to the crowd.

The ladies of Quota of Gridley hosted a backpack giveaway, with others donated by local businesses and groups. Quota of Gridley reported that more than 150 pre-filled backpacks were provided to youngsters in the community.

Blow up water slides, the splash pad, and CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Departments bucket brigade kept the kids cool, while Emma and Will entertained with live music. A wide variety of vendors sold everything from 3-D dragons to farm-fresh, homemade ice cream.

The undercurrent of excitement grew



Elaina Mullins, left, smiles as she gets fitted for a complimentary helmet by Rose Alaniz of Butte County Public Health. Their booth at Gridley's National Night Out provided free bike safety gear and information.

throughout the night as the bike raffle grew nearer.

Community members, businesses and organizations donated bikes to the Chamber of Commerce, totaling 41 that were raffled off to excited children in the community.

Butte County Public Health was there to outfit new bike owners with safety information, new helmets and safety lighting for their new or existing wheels.

The evening came to a close at 8 p.m., with smiling kiddos wheeling their new rides to their vehicles, munching on churros and sweets, making it another successful National Night Out in the books. ★

Sheriffs, Bikes and Backpacks in Biggs



Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea, second from the left, came out to support Biggs National Night Out with some of his officers. Butte County provides police services to the city.



Biggs Methodist Church raffled off more than a 100 backpacks donated by Sun West Milling.

Story and photos by Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - The City of Biggs joined the nation-wide celebration last Tuesday, Aug. 6, inviting the public to come together with their local law enforcement.

The event location changed from Biggs Family Park to Cork Oak Park & Schorr's Pool, which was ideal on the hot Aug. 6 evening. The pool was opened for free swimming, while others enjoyed ice cream, free hot dogs and visiting booths.

The night out was sponsored by the City of Biggs and Butte County Sheriff's Office, with whom the city contracts for police services. Sheriff Kory Honea came out with a strong showing of his team to support their community and participate in the evening's fun.

Biggs followed a simple system: get a stamp card and visit all the booths for a raffle ticket and a chance to win a bike or scooter at the 6:45 p.m. raffle. Booths included CAL FIRE, Butte County Sheriff's Office, Butte County Probation, Biggs Methodist Church, to mention a few, all providing helpful information and goodies for the kids who visited each.

Sheriff Honea volunteered to pull ducks out of the Ducky Derby. Winners' numbers were called for a cash prize. The first winner was a young girl, who when asked by Mayor Brian Basset what she would buy with her \$5 prize money exclaimed "Candy!"

The evening's schedule of events ended with Biggs Methodist Church raffling off 100 backpacks donated by Sun West Milling. Biggs Methodist Church made sure there were books to fill them, handing out free ones to those interested.

The park that hosted the evening's festivities sits adjacent to the high school and the Biggs High School football teams were seen practicing for two hours during National Night Out. As their practice ended, Coach Brian Harrison led his team off the field, passing one of the Sheriff's Helicopters at the event. The team paused for a photo and caught the attention of Sheriff Honea, who joined them in front of the helicopter for a team photo.

As the evening wound down, families settled themselves to take in a movie projected on big screen for the community to enjoy. ★



Children smile as they get an up-close look at a Butte County Sea Helicopter.



Children smile as they get an up-close look at a Butte County Sea Helicopter.

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MEMORIAL

VIRGINIA ANN MITTLESTAEDT KARG, • 10/22/1939 - 07/31/2024

Virginia Ann Mittlestaedt Karg, known as Ginger, returned to her loving Heavenly Father on July 31, 2024 at the age of 84 due to complications from heart surgery.

Ginger was born October 22, 1939 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin to Elwin and Marie Mittlestaedt. She was the eldest sibling to John, Raymond (who preceded her in death), Elaine Geurtler (Pat), Harold and Helen (who died in infancy). She married James Clifford Karg in August 1959 and they were married for 65 years. They were later sealed for time and eternity in the Bern Switzerland Temple in 1973. Ginger is survived by her husband James and their five daughters Ann Marie Stevenson (Dan), Ruth Henderson (Dale), April Monteirh (Craig), Kara Free, and Ginell Bradley (Ryan), as well as 17 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

James (Jim) was in the military and he and Ginger lived in so many places. Some places included Germany, Texas, Arizona, and Kansas. After Jim retired from the military, they ended up in sunny California, first in Upland and then Gridley, California, where they were residing at the time of her passing. When Ginger's girls got older, she decided to go back to school and became a registered nurse. She loved every minute working with her patients. She worked as a med-surg nurse, an addiction and recovery



nurse and her all-time favorite was when she worked in the neonatal unit. She often crocheted baby blankets for patients, friends, family and local charities. She liked to sell her blankets at the hospital gift shop and then would donate the money she made toward scholarships for nursing students.

In her spare time, Ginger loved to make things with her hands. You would often find her working on quilts, cross-stitch, and so much more. Her motto was: "To Quilt or Not to Quilt? What a Silly Question!" When her girls were growing up, she made many outfits for them and every Christmas Eve all the girls, and their favorite dolls, received handmade pajamas. She must have stayed up all night to make them because

every year the pajamas were always a surprise. Everyone knew if she made something for you that meant she loved you.

She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Ginger and Jim served a mission for the church in the Arizona Tucson Mission. They felt like everything came full circle when they were assigned to serve on a military base where Jim had previously been stationed. She loved helping people and this was a perfect thing to do when she retired from nursing.

Ginger was laid to rest on August 6, 2024 in Gridley, California. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

2019 Forest Ranch Murderer Sentenced

Butte County District Attorney News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A 2019 Forest Ranch murder case was finally closed July 31 when the drug-dealing murderer's motion for a new trial was denied in Butte County Superior Court and the defendant was sentenced to life in prison.

Robert Anderson, 30, formerly of Las Vegas, had been earlier found guilty by a jury in December 2023 of the bludgeoning death of Gunther (Gunny) Rupprecht, 30, of Forest Ranch. In addition, the jury found Anderson guilty of possession of cocaine for sale.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the evidence presented to the jury revealed Anderson had been partying at a friend's house in Chico, along with the victim Rupprecht. Anderson had brought cocaine to the party and was bragging about his drug dealing. When the party ran out of cocaine, Anderson got a ride to where he was staying in Chico to pick up another 47 grams of cocaine to sell. As the party wound down, Rupprecht invited Anderson to Rupprecht's house in Forest Ranch to stay.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office was called out the next morning, Aug. 27, 2019, to an extremely bloody scene at Rupprecht's property. Rupprecht was located dead with 40 to 50 slashes/gouges to his body, along with massive blunt force trauma that shattered his skull. Anderson had attacked Rupprecht with a snow shovel, a butcher knife, a PVC pipe, and a

massive rock, along with punches, elbows, and kicks. Anderson fled the scene, covered in blood, to a neighbors' home offering them money to take him to Chico. Instead, the neighbors took Anderson to a local Forest Ranch market, and then they called the sheriff's office, who came and arrested Anderson.

Anderson testified in his jury trial that Rupprecht attacked him and hit him in the back of the head for no reason while at Rupprecht's home. He said he then blacked out and defended himself but could not remember how he did so. The evidence showed no injuries to Anderson when he was arrested.

After the verdict of guilty, Anderson hired a new attorney in an attempt to have his guilty verdict overturned and an opportunity at a new trial. Superior Court Judge Corie Caraway heard arguments July 31 regarding his motion for a new trial and denied it, finding the defendant was properly represented at the jury trial and that the evidence presented supported the verdict. Judge Caraway sentenced Anderson to five years for the drug charge plus an additional 15 years to life in prison for the murder.

"Despite this case taking years to get to trial, and seven months to get to sentencing, the judge's denial of the motion for a new trial and sentence of life will help bring closure to Gunny's family and friends," Ramsey said. The family thanked the District Attorney's office and the judge for seeing that justice was served in this case and for holding Anderson accountable for his actions, despite how long it took. ★

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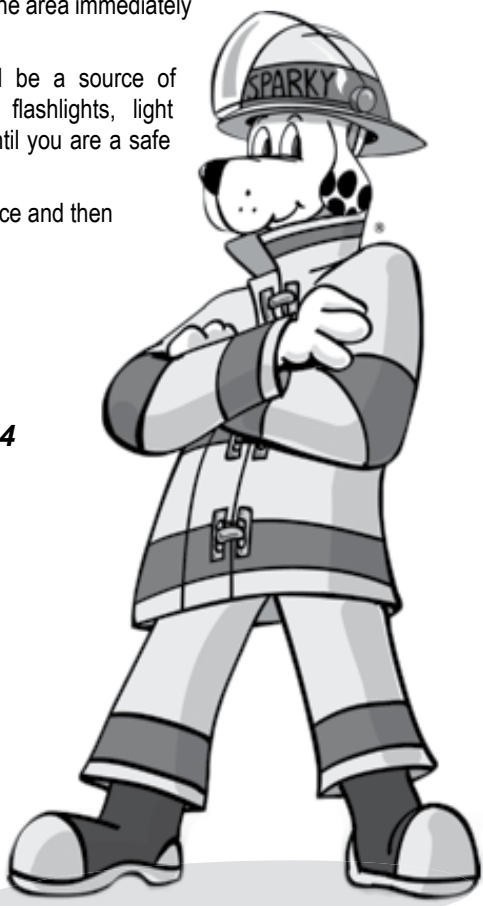
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Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings



Step-by-Step Guide on How to Buy or Sell a Business (Chico)

Buying or selling a business can be overwhelming and costly if you do not plan ahead. Do you have an Exit Strategy or plan in place to sell your business in the near future, or 1 or 2 years? Have you considered buying a business instead of starting one? This workshop is for business owners looking to sell their businesses as well as people interested in purchasing businesses instead of starting their own. We will guide you through a checklist of requirements for successfully buying or selling a business. Topics will include: How to value your business, the due diligence process, structuring the deal, good and bad timing, what not to do, loan requirements and options, owner carry, and more.

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 | **Time:** 8:30am - 10:30am
Cost: Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

The Basics of Bookkeeping (Oroville)

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

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am
Cost: Free | **Location:** The Barrell Room, 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

First Steps to Successfully Open a Restaurant or Food Business (Orland)

If you are a first-time start-up restaurateur, a food entrepreneur looking for help with putting together a road map for successfully opening your business, or a new startup (less than 6 months) this workshop is for you! We will guide you through an overview of organizational strategies and timelines required from concept, to finding a location and working through the permit process up to opening day. Topics include: Organizational Timelines, Strategies and Resources; Business Plan Overview; Investors/Funding Options; Entity Bookkeeper and Accountant; Location/Lease; Permits/Licenses; Opening checklists; and other keys to success.

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am
Cost: Free | **Location:** Butte College-Glenn County Center, 1366 Cortina Drive, Orland

Financial Management Series for Existing Businesses (Chico)

This 4-weeks, 2 hours per week series, sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, is designed to teach you how to utilize your financial statements to better manage and understand your business operations, cash flow, and profitability. Focus includes: Interpreting and understanding your financial statements (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet) hands-on exercise and case study; Identifying cash flow cycle and how it impacts your business; Learning how to calculate and use financial ratios to troubleshoot fiscal dangers, and analyzing trends to improve business performance; Using financial tools to make good business decisions for effective spending and break-even analysis; Knowing how to think critically when looking at pricing and costs; and Developing forecasts and budgetary tools and techniques to improve profit.

Date: Thursday, September 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2024 | **Time:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Cost: Free | **Location:** Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

ServSafe Food Safety Training and Certification (Chico)

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Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am - 5:00pm
Cost: \$120 per person (includes book); \$80 per person (book not included)
Location: Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

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California Wildlife Officer Academy Graduates Largest Class in History



On Aug. 1, 54 new wildlife officers graduated from the Wildlife Officer Academy. Photo courtesy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

PARADISE, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Wildlife Officer Academy graduated and pinned badges on 54 new officers Aug. 1 in Paradise, Butte County. This group represents the largest academy graduating class in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife history.

The academy is California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified and offers training consistent with every law enforcement agency in California. In 2008, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife partnered with Butte College to provide peace officer academy training for prospective wildlife officers. The college provides the California Department of Fish and Wildlife with a state-of-the-art Peace Officer Standards and Training-certified academy facility with nearly 50 years of police training history.

"One of the best days of the year for us is adding a graduating class of wildlife officers to CDFW's Law Enforcement Division," said Nathaniel Arnold, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Deputy Director and Chief of

Law Enforcement. "It is a pleasure to see 54 eager new officers ready to support our mission to protect California's natural resources and provide public safety through effective and responsive law enforcement."

The newly sworn peace officers will soon begin a Field Training Program where they will apply their academy training under the immediate supervision of seasoned field training officers (FTO). Field training with experienced field training officers is also mandated by Peace Officer Standards and Training to ensure new wildlife officers can apply the skills they learned during the academy to real life circumstances. Field training officers is the final stage of formal training. Upon successful completion, these officers will begin patrolling California to protect the natural resources of the state.

The wildlife officers will be deployed across the Law Enforcement Division's programs: regular patrol, marine enforcement, investigation of petroleum spills and response, and cannabis enforcement, to name a few.

The Law Enforcement Division is hiring. For more information about becoming a wildlife officer, visit wildlife.ca.gov/Enforcement. ★

Gridley Welcomes New Police Chief

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Farr's son, Brett, joined his father in a poignant moment, the young man given the opportunity to pin the chief's new badge to his chest. Harr assisted Brett Farr as he awarded his father and new Gridley police chief his new stars and honors. Farr's other son was absent as he is currently serving in the military.

Harr took a moment to congratulate his successor, saying that Todd Farr's long service, experience with the community and time as acting interim-chief made him the best choice for the position.

Harr presented Chief Farr with a keepsake to mark his legacy as chief – a beautiful flag to be handed down to future



Former Police Chief Rodney Harr, left, assists Brett Farr, in the center, in pinning Chief Todd Farr's badge and stars.

Gridley police chiefs.

It was a proud moment for Chief Farr and his family, including his father, Mayor Farr, who congratulated his son with a few meaningful words and thanked Harr for his dedicated service

to the community of Gridley throughout his long law-enforcement career.

The council then took a break from the meeting, allowing the community and Farr family to congratulate the new chief. ★

First Human West Nile Virus Infection Confirmed in Butte County

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– Mosquitoes that transmit West Nile Virus bite in the early morning and night. Wear proper clothing and repellent if outside during these times. Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep mosquitoes out. Repair or replace screens with tears or holes.

DRAIN – Mosquitoes lay their eggs on standing water. Eliminate or drain all sources of standing water on your property, including flowerpots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls. Mosquitoes can lay up to 300 larvae in one bottle cap

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Date filed in Butte County: July 5, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 3, 2024
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FARMERS 8-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000521
The following person(s) are doing business as: KLK Salon Concept, 2261 St. George Lane Suite A, Chico, CA 95926
Kim L Kirkwood, 2261 St. George Lane Suite A, Chico, CA 95926
Date filed in Butte County: July 3, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 3, 2024
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KLK 8-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000541
The following person(s) are doing business as: The Bufferman, 7719 Railroad Avenue, Palermo, CA 95968
Moua C Lor, 7719 Railroad Avenue, Palermo, CA 95968
Date filed in Butte County: July 11, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 11, 2024
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000452
The following person(s) are doing business as: Mar Sanchez Landscaping, 2480 A Street, Oroville, CA 95966
Marcelino Sanchez Garcia, 2480 A Street, Oroville, CA 95966
Date filed in Butte County: June 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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MAR 8-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000547
The following person(s) are doing business as: DS Home Repair and Remodeling/DS Home Repair, 638 Campbell Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
David P Steen, 638 Campbell Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: July 15, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 1, 2024
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024
DS 8-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000553
The following person(s) are doing business as: Lerossignol Mobile Adas and Automotive, 830 Roe Road, Paradise, CA 95969
David E Lerossignol, 830 Roe Road, Paradise, CA 95969
Date filed in Butte County: July 17, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by:

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LEROSSIGNOL 8-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000592
The following person(s) are doing business as: Appraise This, 379 Silver Lake Drive, Chico, CA 95973
Corwyn J. Sheridan, 379 Silver Lake Drive, Chico, CA 95973
Date filed in Butte County: August 1, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A
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APPRAISE 8-30-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000578
The following person(s) are doing business as: Javi's Toilet Rentals, 1369 Larkin Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Javier Rodriguez, 1369 Larkin Road, Gridley, CA 95948
Date filed in Butte County: July 26, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 26, 2024
This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024
JAVIS 8-30-24

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT A PRIVATE SALE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BUTTE
In the Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of BARBARA RAMSEY, Conservatee.
CASE No. 21PR00316
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT A PRIVATE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that, subject to confirmation by the above entitled Court, on August 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter within the time allowed by law, the undersigned, as conservator of the person and estate of BARBARA RAMSEY, will sell at private sale to the highest and best net bidder on the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, all right, title and interest of the estate in real property thereon located in the County of Butte, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:
A lot located at 680 Memorial Way, Paradise, California, 95969, previously contained a family residence prior to the Camp Fire in 2018. LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
AP#: 052-090-023-000
All that certain real property situated in the unincorporated area of the County of Butte, State of California, described as follows:
PARCEL I: THE EASTERLY 49 1/2 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND:
A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, M.D.B. & M., DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT A POINT WHICH IS SOUTH 0° 26' WEST 948.2 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 15, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED FROM INEZ CARROLL, ET AL, TO EVA W. KING, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 20, 1954, IN BOOK 736, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, AT PAGE 377; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID KING PARCEL, NORTH 89° 51' EAST, 400.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID KING PARCEL, NORTH 89° 51' EAST, 99.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0° 26' EAST, 97.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID KING PARCEL; THENCE NORTH 89° 51' WEST, 99.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0° 26' WEST, 97.7 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II: A NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROAD PURPOSES, TO BE USED IN COMMON WITH OTHERS, OVER A STRIP OF LAND 20.0 FEET IN WIDTH, THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE SOUTH 89° 51' EAST, 139.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0° 26' EAST, 87.6 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT DISTANT SOUTH 0° 26' WEST, 10.0 FEET FROM THE NORTH LINE OF THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE DEED TO SAMUEL C. SHAW AND BETTY D. SHAW, HUSBAND AND WIFE, RECORDED FEBRUARY 1, 1961 IN BOOK 548, OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, OF BUTTE COUNTY, AT PAGE 359; THENCE PARALLEL WITH AND 10.0 FEET DISTANT FROM THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SHAW PARCEL, NORTH 89° 52' EAST TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE NEAL COUNTY ROAD. EXCEPTING THEREFROM SO MUCH OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY WHICH LIES WITHIN THE LINES OF PARCEL I, SHOWN ABOVE.

The sale is subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record, any encumbrances of record to be satisfied out of the purchase price. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis except as to title.

The conservator of the estate has an exclusive listing with Re/Max Home and Investment. Interested parties may contact Sandie Patton, Broker Associate at (530) 774-4340.
The terms and conditions of the sale are: cash sale, taxes, rents, operating, and maintenance expenses, premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be pro-rated as the date of confirmation of sale. Escrow charges, examination of title, recording of conveyance, any title insurance policy shall be paid 1/2 by Buyer and 1/2 by Seller.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids prior to entry of an order confirming the sale.
SHELBY BOSTON,
Public Guardian
Published 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 2024
Gridley Herald 8/16/2024

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BUTTE

In the Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of BARBARA RAMSEY, Conservatee.

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A lot located at 1459 Freestone Court, Paradise, California, 95969, previously contained a family residence prior to the Camp Fire in 2018.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
AP#: 053-131-077-000
All that certain real property situated in the unincorporated area of the County of Butte, State of California, described as follows:
LOT 6 AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "FREESTONE SUBDIVISION", WHICH MAP WAS FILED

IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ON MARH 27, 2001,
IN BOOK 122 OF MAPS, AT PAGES 38 AND 30
The sale is subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record, any encumbrances of record to be satisfied out of the purchase price. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis except as to title.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV02304
Petitioner Eathan Ritter filed

a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Eathan Ritter to Eathan Rodriguez.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing September 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928
Filed on July 29, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024
RITTER 8-30-24

TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No. 23-67018 APN: 009-133-008-000
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/7/2022. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **SUSAN R MITZEL, A SINGLE WOMAN** Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP. Deed of Trust recorded 2/16/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-0005267, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Butte County, California, Date of Sale: **10/2/2024** at 3:30 PM Place of Sale: Main Entrance, Butte County Courthouse, 1 Court Street, Oroville, CA 95965 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$419,950.73**Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: **1660 HAZEL STREET GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA 95948-2314** Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N #: **009-133-008-000**The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (855) 976-3916 or visit this internet website www.auction.com, using the file

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice to Contractors is hereby given.

The City of Gridley ("City") will receive sealed envelope bids only for the **State Route 99 Waterline Relocation Project** at City Hall of the City of Gridley, 685 Kentucky St., Gridley, California, 95948 until **2:00 p.m., August 20, 2024**. At which time or thereafter said bids may be read aloud. Bids shall be valid for 90 calendar days after the bid opening date.

The work shall consist of the following: Removing the existing 10" asbestos concrete waterline and installing new 12" C-900 PVC pipe for approximately 1,330 linear feet and lowering an existing 10" C-900 pipe segment. The project also includes removal of existing hydrants, installation of new hydrants, and water service line reconnections. The project will occur along the State Route 99 corridor within the City Limits.

The City of Gridley will issue a Notice to Award within thirty (30) calendar days after the opening of Proposals. Work shall be completed within ninety (90) calendar days after issuance of the Notice to Proceed by the City.

The contractor is to carefully examine the site of the proposed work and is to make his or her own determination of the scope of the work to be performed, and he or she is to carefully examine all Contract Documents. No Prebid meeting will be held.

BID SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS: No proposal will be accepted unless it is made on a Proposal forms furnished by the City of Gridley within these Specifications. **To ensure consideration, the Proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, clearly marked BID PROPOSAL which also bears the name of the project and the date and time set for opening of Proposals:**

BID PROPOSAL
City of Gridley
State Route 99 – Waterline Relocation Project
August 20, 2024, 2:00 pm

No Proposal will be accepted from a contractor who is not currently licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the Business and Professions Code. Subcontractors shall also be licensed as required by said code.

Contractor shall obtain a Business License from the City of Biggs prior to commencing any work within the City Limits of the City of Biggs.

Bidding requirements, bid forms, plans and specifications for this project can be obtained at the City website <http://gridley.ca.us/our-community/public-notices/> or the Valley Contractors Exchange website vceonline.com.

The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$920,000.

Please direct any bidding questions to Dave Harden, at dharden@ben-en.com no later than seven (7) calendar days before bid opening.

The Gridley Herald 8-2, 8-9-2024

BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENT TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 22, 2024, at 9:00 am, or shortly thereafter, in the Board Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville. Public comments will be accepted in person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to remotely view, or listen to, the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

Link: <https://bccds.net/PlanningCommission>

or
Phone number: United States Toll Free: 1-408-418-9388 Event Password: Planning Meeting Number: 2554 216 9773

Summary of Amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 2, Administration – Indemnification Requirements Project #: CA24-0001:

This is a County-initiated amendment to the Butte County Code, Chapter 2, Administration. The amendment will add Article XXIV – Indemnification Requirements to Chapter 2. The purpose of the amendment is to provide greater certainty to the county and to applicants for discretionary land use approvals concerning how legal challenges to such projects shall be addressed. As the parties primarily interested in, and benefiting from, development approvals sought from the county, and recognizing that legal challenges may result in significant potential public agency expense even in the event of meritless actions to attack or set aside such approvals, this article is intended to require that applicants for discretionary land use approvals assume the primary responsibility for any such legal challenges.

It is determined that this Code Amendment is not a "project" and therefore CEQA does apply.

At this hearing, the Planning Commission will receive public comments and will make its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to be heard at a future date.

A full copy of the amendments summarized above are on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by entering the project number (CA24-0001) at <https://permits.buttecounty.net/TRAKit/Search/project.aspx>. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date.

Comments regarding the code amendment may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above application in court, 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 Commission at, or prior to the public hearing. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Principal Planner Mark Michelena, at mmichelena@buttecounty.net or 530.552.3683.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact us at (530) 552.3662. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

Paula M. Daneluk, AICP, Director, Butte County Department of Development Services

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Fire Destroys Downtown Warehouse

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gathered to watch the blaze. The rancid smoke that billowed from the building filled an already smokey sky, courtesy of the Park Fire.

Witnesses told the Herald that the fire started while two men were working on an RV. The vehicle backfired, according to the witnesses, who told Gridley Police Department officers that the individual working on the vehicle sustained burns to

a hand and sought medical attention.

The Yeti Company, a local heating and air conditioning/HVAC company shared that they had recently leased the north side of the building for storage. Brandon Meyer told the Herald that he had recently moved vehicles and other equipment inside, which were lost in the blaze.

Engines from Oroville, Paradise, Chico and Robinsons Mill, in addition

to Biggs and Richvale companies, responded to the call. There was a sense of urgency to contain the blaze and keep it from local businesses and the dilapidated buildings to the south that are often home to vagrants and have also sustained fire damage.

CAL FIRE/Gridley Fire Department could not confirm the cause of the fire as of Wednesday morning or if there were any injured parties but said the incident is under investigation. ★



Destroyed vehicles, tanks and equipment can be seen in the aftermath of the fire.

Chico Woman Ordered to Stand Trial for Death of Child on His First Birthday

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Chico woman appeared in Butte County Superior Court on Aug. 1 to face charges involving the fentanyl overdose death of her infant boy.

Christy Ann Scarbrough, 40, was in court Aug. 1 for her preliminary hearing. She waived her right to a preliminary hearing, agreeing there was sufficient evidence for her criminal case to proceed to trial.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Scarbrough found the boy face down in his crib on the evening of July 6, 2023, the boy's first birthday. The child was blue and unresponsive. She took him to Enloe Hospital, where he was ultimately pronounced dead.

An investigation by Chico Police revealed

there was a straw in the baby's crib that tested positive for fentanyl. An extensive investigation followed by the police and the District Attorney's Office, including an autopsy that showed an extraordinarily high amount of fentanyl in the infant's gastric acid. Ramsey said this indicated that the baby had ingested fentanyl.

Ramsey said Scarbrough is an admitted fentanyl user. The use of a straw is a common method of adult ingestion of fentanyl, a powerful and deadly opioid.

Scarbrough was previously convicted of child abuse in 2013 and sentenced to prison when her then 7-week-old daughter tested positive for methamphetamine.

Scarbrough is being held without bail and is due to return to court at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 15 to set a trial date. She faces up to 10 years in state prison. ★

Man Arraigned for 'Lincoln' Fire Arson

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - An Oroville man was in Butte County Superior Court on July 31 and was arraigned for an arson incident from July 25.

Joseph Patrick Gilbert Jr., 39, of Oroville, was arraigned on a charge of arson of a forest with a special allegation of arson during a state of emergency. At the request of the District Attorney's office, Gilbert was ordered held in Butte County Jail on no-bail status pending his next arraignment date on Aug. 7, after press time.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the alleged arson occurred at approximately 4:40 p.m. July 25 in the 6600 block of Lincoln Boulevard in Palermo near a mobile home park. This was during the state of emergency

proclaimed by California Governor Gavin Newsom for Oroville's Thompson Fire. It burned approximately 0.17 acres before containment.

CAL FIRE investigators collected home surveillance in the area that showed an individual setting fire to the grass. That individual was later identified as Gilbert and he was arrested. The People requested bail be set at no bail due to the severe risk to public safety and Superior Court Judge Virginia Gingery granted the request during Gilbert's arraignment on July 31.

Ramsey said Gilbert had previously been convicted of five felonies, including second-degree burglary, obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, grand theft, and possession of a dirk or dagger.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Prevention Bureau at 530-538-7888. ★

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TRUSTEE SALE

number assigned to this case 23-67018. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible bidder," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 976-3916, or visit this internet website tracker. auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 23-67018 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third,

you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Dated: **7/23/2024 ZBS Law, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450Irvine, CA 92606For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920For Sale Information: (855) 976-3916 www.auction.com Michael Busby, Trustee Sale Officer**This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 40721
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SUMMONS (PARENTAGE)

SUMMONS (PARENTAGE-CUSTODY AND SUPPORT)
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): 24PA00387
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre):

Megan Miller Curtis and Joseph Hunter Jourdain

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the information below and on the next page. *Lo han demandado, Lea la informacion a continuacion y yan la pagina siguiente.*

PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (El NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE): Leo Glisic
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call or court appearance will not protect you. *Usted tiene 30 DIAS CALENDARIO después de que se le presente esta Citación y Petición para presentar una respuesta (formulario FL-120) en el tribunal y tener una copia notificada al peticionario. Una carta, llamada telefónica o comparencia ante el tribunal no lo protegerá.*

If you do not file your response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. *Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, el tribunal puede hacer órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. Es*

posible que se le ordene pagar la manutención y los honorarios y costos de los abogados.

For legal advice contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org) or by contacting your local county bar association. *Para obtener asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto con un abogado de inmediato. Obtenga ayuda para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Autoayuda en Línea de los Tribunales de California (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), en el sitio web de Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o comunicándose con el colegio de abogados de su condado local.*

NOTICE: RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouse or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

AVISO: ÓRDENES DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTÁN EN LA PÁGINA 2: Estas órdenes de restricción son efectivas contra ambos cónyuges o parejas domésticas hasta que se desestime la petición, se dicte una sentencia o el tribunal dicte más órdenes. Son exigibles en cualquier lugar de California por cualquier oficial de la ley que haya recibido o visto una copia de ellos.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party. *EXENCIÓN DE TARIFAS: Si no puede pagar la tarifa de presentación, pídale al secretario un formulario de exención de tarifas. El tribunal puede ordenarle que devuelva*

la totalidad o parte de los honorarios y costos que el tribunal renunció para usted o la otra parte.

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

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es): Robert A. Goodman, 1300 Clay Street, Suite 600, Oakland, CA 94612; 510-987-7800
Date: (Fecha) 3-15-2024
By: Sharif Elmallah, Clerk of Court
Deputy

STANDARD RESTRAINING ORDER (Parentage – Custody and Support)
ORDEN DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTANDAR (Paternidad – Custodia y Manutención)

Starting immediately, you and every other party are restrained from removing from the state, or applying for a passport for, the minor child or children without the prior written consent of every other party or an order of the court.

This restraining order takes effect against the petitioner when he or she files the petition and against the respondent when he or she is personally served with the Summons and Petition OR when he or she waives and accepts service.

This restraining order remains in effect until the judgment is entered, the petition is dismissed, or the court makes other orders.

This order is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received a copy of it.

En forma inmediata, usted y cada otra parte tienen prohibido llevarse del estado a los hijos menores para quienes esta acción judicial procura establecer una relación entre

hijos y padres o una orden de custodia, ni pueden solicitar un pasaporte para los mismos, sin el consentimiento previo por escrito de cada otra parte o sin una orden de la corte.

Esta orden de restricción entrará en vigencia para el demandante una vez presentada la petición, y para el demandado una vez que este reciba la notificación personal de la Citación y Petición, o una vez que renuncie su derecho a recibir dicha notificación y se dé por notificado.

Esta orden de restricción continuará en vigencia hasta que se emita un fallo final, se despidiera la petición o la corte de otras órdenes.

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NOTICE: ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE:

Do you or someone in your household need affordable health insurance? If so, you should apply for Covered California. Covered California can help reduce the cost you pay towards high quality affordable health care. For more information, visit www.coveredca.com. Or call Covered California at 1-800-300-1506

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BUTTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COUNTY INITIATED AMENDMENT TO BUTTE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 24 (ZONING ORDINANCE), ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 1 (ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 22, 2024, at 9:00 am, or shortly thereafter, in the Board Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville CA 95965. Public comments will be accepted in person at the meeting or may be submitted prior to the meeting. Use the following information to remotely view, or listen to, the Planning Commission meeting, including the Public Hearing portions, online:

Link: <https://bcdds.net/PlanningCommission>

Phone number: United States Toll Free: 1-408-418-9388 Event Password: Planning Meeting Number: 2554 216 9773

Summary of Amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 24 (Zoning Ordinance), Article IV, Division 1, §24-172 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) Project #: ZCA24-0002:

This is a County-initiated amendment to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance (Butte County Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 1, §24-168, Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) to clarify certain ADU/JADU regulations, update references to state legislation, permit the development of ADUs/JADUs in the TPZ (Timber Production Zone) zoning district, eliminate deed restriction requirements for ADUs/JADUs, and eliminate fire sprinkler requirements for ADUs/JADUs (unless required within the primary unit).

It is determined that this Zoning Ordinance Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

At this hearing, the Planning Commission will make its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to be heard at a future date.

A full copy of the amendment summarized above is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965, or online by entering the project number (ZCA24-0002) at <https://permits.buttecounty.net/eTRAKIT/Search/project.aspx>. Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date.

Comments regarding this amendment may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above application in court, 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 Commission at, or prior to the public hearing. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Assistant Planner Austin Forde, at aforde@buttecounty.net or 530.552.3686.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact us at (530) 552.3662. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

Paula M. Daneluk, AICP, Director, Butte County Department of Development Services

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF GRIDLEY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Gridley will hold a public hearing on the project described below. The hearing before the Planning Commission will be held at a regular meeting scheduled **Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** in Gridley City Hall Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley. All interested persons are invited to attend in person, attend remotely, and/or submit comments in writing until 4:00 pm on Tuesday August 20, 2024, via email to csantana@gridley.ca.us or via the payment/document drop box at Gridley City Hall and will be conveyed to the Planning Commission for consideration.

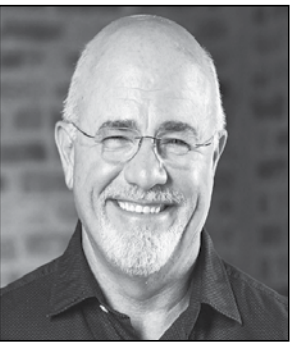
The information to connect to the Zoom meeting in order to view the meeting, will be provided on the Planning Commission agenda available to the public on Friday, August 16, 2024 located on the City of Gridley website.

VAR 1-24; Application for a variance from the development standards to allow a decrease of the side yard setback from 4 feet (Gov. Code, § 65852.2, subd. (a)(1)(D)(vii)) to 1 foot for an existing accessible structure converted from a garage to an accessory dwelling unit. The subject site is 6,534 square feet with a General Plan land use designation of Residential and a zoning designation Single-Family Residential District(R-1) located at 440 Nevada Street. (APN 010-012-007)

SUMMARY:

In accordance with Government Code Section 65009, if any person(s) challenges the action of the Planning Commission on these projects in court, said person(s) may be limited to raising only those issues that were raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk or Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information regarding these projects, please contact Donna Decker, Planning Department, at (530) 768-5090 or email at Planningdept@gridley.ca.us

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Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says Wait ... What?

the point of my plan. The point is to get out of debt, not just move it around or try to juggle smaller portions.

What you're actually saying is you're thinking about putting your family's financial future in jeopardy, because you want to go on camping trips in a roomier car. That's a bad plan! For you guys, something like this right now would be a luxury item. Did you know I went without a vacation for four years trying to get my life back together after I went broke? Four years! I'm not suggesting you live with this attitude for the rest of your life, but I'm pretty sure there are other ways to make family camping trips happen.

Long story short, you don't need a different vehicle to go camping. And you definitely don't need to go back into car debt to go camping. Buy a couple of tents, throw them in the back of the car and head for the woods. If your cars are really just too small to handle everything, then rent a bigger car for the

weekend. I'd rather you spend a few bucks doing something like that once in a while than picking up another car payment.

Your mindset on this worries me, Sara. The reason for getting out of debt is to live a better life. Living debt-free is smart, less stressful and it makes everything else feel lighter and easier to manage. Live like no one else, so that later, you can live like no one else. Remember?

Please, don't do it.

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time 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. ★

Dear Dave,

We've been following your Baby Steps plan, and we paid off two car loans a few months ago. That freed up almost \$800 a month. We have two kids, and we love to go on family camping trips. We've been trying to decide on a destination for the next one, but to do this we would need a vehicle with more room. Luckily, we found a used van at a reasonable price, and we think we could have it paid off in no more than 12 months. Would this be okay, since we would still have more money left than before?

- Sara

Dear Sara

Okay, you're telling me you just got out from under \$800 worth of car payments each month, and you want to dive right back in by financing another one? I think you've missed

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church

What's in a church? Is it a little white plank building set in a remote area of a community? Is it a giant brick cathedral amidst an ancient city? Is it a group of people set together to meet the needs of others?

Temples have been found in old world areas throughout the earth. Man needed and wanted access to the greater being, God. God, the Father gave instructions early in the lives of His Hebrew people. Directions on how to build and worship were written into His chosen people's lives. He knew they needed ways and means to be close to Him.

Nothing has changed. We still need our place to be close to God and fellow believers. Church is the warmth, the love, the gathering souls to wrap around each other for security and support.

I came from a 100-year-old southern church that held three denominations. We all shared space, pastors, workers, and God's love. When one suffered we all responded. When we had a dinner we all ate together. When one passed we all cried.

We are God's church, and our meeting place is where we do God's work and spread the Word. The Gridley United Methodist Church has been a presence in our community for 160 years. Starting in a tent, and then the little white planked

building near the cemetery, it has spread its roots throughout the area.

Shoe boxes filled with needed items for Christmas, teddy bears given to children in the emergency room

at the hospital, suitcases for foster children to put their possessions in, a Blessing Box to give food to those in need every day, even an article written each week in the local paper. Over 160 years this little church has provided much more than these few things mentioned here. We are God's work in our community.

But it is what goes on inside that makes a church so important. Arms around cancer survivors. Tears for those we have lost. Smiles when children get help or the lonely get a lifted spirit.

Members have painted pictures of God's creation and His Word inside and out a mental therapy. Hours and days of tears and laughter have rung out over the years. We have helped each other feel God's love, strength, and peace.

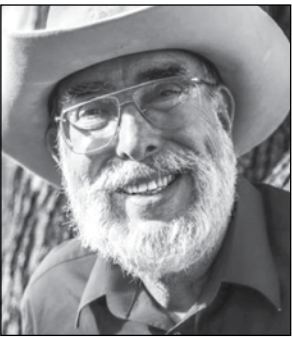
Church yes! It is the stability that keeps God's people together and working for His glory.

Come be of being G a part of the next 160 years of being God's hands in the community and feeling God's arms around us to help us do it. Come worship with us every Sunday at 11 am. We are located at 285 Magnolia Street. ★



The United Methodist Church

Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

"Waal," said Windy, stirring his coffee. "I hate to do this here, but I'm afeerd a whole bunch of it's Doc's fault."

This announcement coincided with Doc coming to join us at the counter here at the Mule Barn Coffee Shop and Desperate Dilemma Depository. Yeah, it's kinda like that.

"So Windy," Doc asked, flipping his coffee mug to the upright and fillable position, "what have I done now?"

"Oh, Doc," Windy said, "ain't so much you as it is doctorin' in the general, you know. You guys go to school until you're 72 and have to stick us with words

Sometimes Science Can be Amazing

we don't know, can't say, and don't need."

Doc waited and looked at his old friend before adding sugar.

"Ya see, Doc," said Windy, "ever since I found my ownself approachin' middle age ..."

"Yeah, Windy, but from which end?"

The laughter eventually subsided a little. Enough to allow for more ideas.

"Wellsir, them doctor guys come up with diseases and pills nobody else can say proper like, and not even the girl at the drugstore kin spell 'em right. Like fluteraginnatic flim-flams. Heck, it you had 'em you'd have to write down how to spell them, and it still wouldn't tell ya what the pills do."

Windy looked around. "So I'm gonna fix that.

Yessir, ol' Alphonse Wilson's gonna straighten out the wonderful world of medicine and make it easier on real people. Got a couple examples here of my real people translations. Like ' Quitcher.' See? It's a real people translation of stomach pills. It's short for Quitcher Bellyachin'."

Doc nodded. "I think you've got something there, Windy. Let me know when you get to 'Migraine is Just Like Yore Grain,' Will you? And I'm buying the coffee this morning."

Sometimes science can be amazing.

Windy, Doc and the rest of the bunch may be found in the book Home Country from Rio Grande Press. <http://nmsantos.com/Bookstore/Misc-Books/Home/Home.html> ★

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Toads have been on my mind. So far, no sign of toads in the back yard. I'm keeping their area moist. If they have moved else-where they should be doing well because we use micro sprinklers that would keep various denser areas fairly moist because the sun does not get into those spaces. I continue to be hopeful.

I've thought about them so much they've entered my dream life. I dreamed that two big toads hopped and toad walked across the front porch in front of me. It was night and they were traveling into the front garden. I was filled with joy and incredible wonder that they were there. One of the most memorable dreams I've had in a while. Too wonderful. This gives me added hope.

Our asparagus likes the dip in heat and has started growing again. It will do that in the fall but it is still in the hot range so I'm a little puzzled but very happy about that action. Our tomatoes are going strong and never really stopped as I thought they would during that extreme heat. Other people are

picking cantaloupe but we are not. My husband tried something new this year. He took the cleaned-out center of a store-bought cantaloupe and tossed into a hole and the plant has thrived and has nice looking fruit. We're going to pick one because they are not letting go at the stems and we're wondering if they will be ripe in a different way. I'll keep you all informed.

SloMo gardening continues. Getting things trimmed now that the weather is closer to regular summer weather. It is a lot of stop and go depending on what my back tells me. I count my blessings when I realize how long some people have suffered and I managed to get fairly old before it started. ★



Heat Wave Impacts Supply of California Table Grapes

The recent prolonged heat wave has slowed the supply of California table grapes, with vines shutting down and picking crews working fewer hours just as the state's main growing region ramps up harvest. San Joaquin Valley growers, who produce most of the nation's fresh-market grapes, say the excessive heat has begun to damage some varieties while inhibiting growth of others. Kern County grower Mark Hall said the extended heat spell has affected quality. Some fruit that didn't get picked on time turned mushy. But less fruit on the market has helped prices.

Cling Peach Harvest Crews Rise Early to Beat Heat, Protect Fruit

California clingstone peach growers are working to harvest the season's crop before high temperatures lead to overripe fruit and bruising. Trying to beat a prolonged heat wave, Merced County farmer Mark Cederlind said he started crews at daybreak last week to pick his extra-early Carson variety, which is among dozens of clings planted to ripen throughout the season for the canning and frozen markets. California cling peach growers are expected to produce 242,074 tons of peaches for canned and frozen fruit markets this year, up 10% from 2023.

Planned State Pesticide Notification Program Stirs Debate

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation moved closer this month to finalizing a new regulation that would provide advance public notice of restricted-use pesticide applications on farms. The new regulation would create an online map of planned applications, drawing the data from the notices of intent farmers submit to county agricultural commissioners before they are permitted to apply restricted-use pesticides. Growers and farm advocates have complained the rule unfairly targets agriculture while exempting other sectors that use pesticides.

California Researchers Honored with 2024 Wolf Prize in Agriculture

Venkatesan Sundaresan, a plant biology and plant science professor at the University of California, Davis, has been awarded a 2024 Wolf Prize in Agriculture for key discoveries on plant developmental biology of relevance to crop improvement. The Wolf Prize in Agriculture, considered by many the Nobel Prize for agriculture, has been awarded annually since 1978 and carries a monetary award of \$100,000. Sundaresan shares the award with Joanne Chory of the Salk Institute in San Diego and Elliot Meyerowitz of the California Institute of Technology. ★



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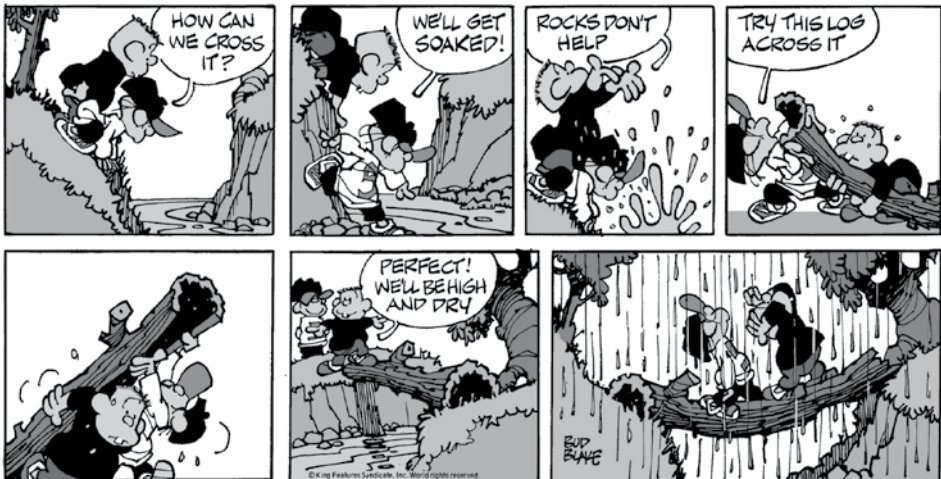
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 - *The Magic School ride
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 - *"M*A*S*H" extra
 - Soon, to Shakespeare
 - Sheltered, nautically
 - *Abacus user, e.g.
 - *School jacket-wearer
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 - What hoarders do
 - Speech-preventing measure
 - *Pencil end
 - Deep regret
 - Indian restaurant staple
 - What cobblers often do
 - Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks
 - Embedded design
 - *Khan
 - Contending
 - *"Don't forget to cross them"
 - Plural of flora
 - Rolodex abbr.
 - Sultry or carnal
 - *Rydell High School movie
 - Defensive one on the gridiron
 - Oodles
 - *Some PTA members?
 - *It involves elements
 - Cuban dance
 - Burkina Faso neighbor
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 - Boot-shaped European country
 - Oil org.
 - Review a service
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 - Animal's nose
 - Perceives with an eye
- DOWN**
- Jezebel's idol
 - Beheaded Boleyn
 - Plunder
 - Certain rays
 - Plural of #1 Across
 - Part of an eye, pl.
 - Witnessed
 - *Field of education
 - ____ Walker, American Girl doll
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 - Zimbabwe's capital
 - Address to a woman
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 - *Marks in English
 - Hindu queen
 - "Hannah and Her Sisters" director
 - End of line
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Gallagher Honors Remarkable Women

Park Fire Burns On

Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - At a special luncheon at the 5th Street Steakhouse in Chico on July 31, Assemblyman James Gallagher celebrated the exceptional contributions of five distinguished women from Assembly District 3 with his annual Woman of the Year awards.

"The dedication and impact of these women are truly inspiring and it's an honor to celebrate them today," said Gallagher. "They each bring something unique to their communities, improving lives and making the North State a better place for everyone."

The 2024 honorees, each a beacon of leadership and community service in their respective fields, include:

Taylor Bunch (Butte County)

As the Executive Director of True North Housing Alliance Inc., Taylor has spearheaded significant initiatives in housing services and community resource delivery, including securing funding for the True North Housing Alliance Navigation Center, which will greatly enhance efforts to provide permanent housing solutions to Butte County residents. Prior to her role at True North Housing Alliance, Taylor served as an instructional aide for students with autism, a Camp Fire Recovery Counselor, and an instructor of social work and human services at Feather River College.

Abby Swearinger (Glenn County)

Abby Swearinger works in multiple roles at Stony Creek Joint Unified



All five women honored at the Woman of the Year Awards stand with Assemblyman James Gallagher. From left: Abby Swearinger, Lieutenant Susan Jensen, Araceli Gutierrez, James Gallagher, Taylor Bunch, and Despina "Peppie" Schrader. Photo courtesy of the Office of Assemblyman James Gallagher

School District, including bus driver, classroom aide, cafeteria and yard duty supervisor and sports team coach, where she often provides transportation for students in need. In addition, she is a leader at the Grindstone Indian Rancheria, educating youth about cultural traditions, organizing community ceremonies, and acting as a liaison between the school district and the Rancheria. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Abby kept families informed and distributed essential resources like meals and educational materials. She is also an advocate for breast cancer screening within her community and continued her community service as she overcame cancer herself.

Lieutenant Susan Jensen (Sutter County)

Lieutenant Susan Jensen leads the Yuba County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue unit, coordinating trainings and searches, and setting standards for the state with the California Rescue Dog Association. She also serves as an incident commander during

multi-jurisdictional rescues, including fire evacuations, exemplifying bravery and selflessness. Jensen's outstanding service has earned her the Bronze Medal of Valor, Yuba County Officer of the Year and the South Yuba County Sunrise Rotary Club Community Hero of the Year.

Araceli Gutierrez (Tehama County)

Araceli Gutierrez is a prominent civic leader and advocate for the Hispanic community in Tehama County, owning Araceli Gutierrez Marketing and Consulting LLC that helps businesses reach bilingual audiences and hosting a bilingual radio station to unite the community. She has spearheaded numerous initiatives, including the creation of the first Hispanic Heritage Month celebration in Tehama County, and serves as President of Latino Outreach of Tehama County. Additionally, Araceli is actively involved with the North State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Red Bluff Chamber of Commerce, and is a previous volunteer for Alternatives to violence.

Despina "Peppie" Schrader (Yuba County)

Despina "Peppie" Schrader launched Penny Lane Confections in 1988 and has served as President of the Mary Aaron Memorial Museum in Marysville for over 20 years, significantly enhancing its growth and cultural preservation. She has chaired the Bok Kai Parade and Festival, showcasing her strong organizational skills and community engagement. Additionally, Peppie has been an influential member of the Marysville Kiwanis Club for over 30 years, where she plays a vital role in community events such as the Annual Fishing Derby in Ellis Lake, Hogs and Hulas in Marysville, Back to School drives and Bringing Up Grades programs.

Honorees at the event were recognized with a Resolution from the State Assembly commending them for their work to improve the community. After being recognized and presented with their Resolution, honorees shared their stories and spoke about the positive impact of their service. ★



Firefighters and support crews from throughout the state have been attacking the blaze non-stop. Photo courtesy of CAL FIRE

By Seti Long

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION (MPG) - With weather conditions in the early portion of the week trending toward warmer days with low humidity, the Park Fire that is burning in Butte, Tehama, Shasta and Plumas counties has gained momentum.

CAL FIRE has expected increases in fire activity, warning the public that they may see more smoke in the skies over the course of the week.

On Monday, a large pyrocumulus cloud from increases in Park Fire activity could be seen at the north end of the valley as the fire continued to work its way into territory that presents challenges to firefighters.

The Aug. 5 CAL FIRE Park Fire Incident report reported that the fire had burned 406,579 acres but grew to 414,042 acres overnight, as of Tuesday.

CAL FIRE said the blaze has made it into the Mill Creek and Antelope Creek drainages and has become established there "where it will continue to build heat and be resistant to control."

"Critically low fuel moistures, steep canyons, long drive times and daily spot fires have caused difficulty in suppressing the

fire's spread," reported CAL FIRE in Tuesday's 10:49 a.m. incident report. "The fire is expected to continue to be hot and dry throughout the day, with primary growth aligning with the topography to the north and east."

With the fire growth, more areas have been put under mandatory evacuation orders, such as the east zone of Mill Creek to the county line, while others are being downgraded to warnings. Multiple road closures still apply, including Highway 32 at Humboldt Road, Highway 36 above the Sky Ranch, and Lanes Valley Road in Butte County.

CAL FIRE has confirmed that 636 structures have been destroyed and 49 damaged, with 98,048 acres burning in the Lassen National Forest, as of Tuesday. Butte County has seen a total of 52,937 acres burned with 361,104 acres taken by the fire in Tehama County.

The Park Fire's growth in size now puts it at the fourth largest wildfire in the state of California, surpassing the SCU Lightning Complex, and it is quickly closing in on the Mendocino Complex that sits at 459,123 acres.

The Park Fire is 34% contained as of Tuesday afternoon. ★



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