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Mardesich Becker Memorial Roping Honors Community Members



Members of the Becker and Mardesich families gather around a prize saddle to be awarded to the champion of the Mardesich-Becker Memorial Roping event. Pictured left to right: Davis Mardesich, Jack Becker, Mason Mardesich, Clark Becker and Ally Mardesich. Photo provided by Brooke Mardesich

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - A special event honoring two beloved locals is set to open grandstand entertainment at the Butte County Fair next week. Team roping returns to the fair's entertainment lineup after years of being on hold but with a new moniker - the Mardesich Becker Memorial Roping. The popular event honors locals George Becker and Jeff Mardesich,

who were both known for their positive impact in the community. Becker was just 18 when he lost his life in a tragic incident that would spark difficult conversations in the community about suicide and bring awareness to CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy). Becker was a first-year offensive lineman at Eastern Washington University, known for his involvement in Gridley FFA and community service, along with his

athletic talents. On the other hand, Mardesich fought a long, difficult battle with cancer, passing away at the age of 53. He was well respected in the Gridley and Biggs communities, a local farmer known for his love of rodeo. Kourtney Becker, Becker's mother, told the Herald that Matt Reed approached the Becker and Mardesich families hoping to bring back team roping under the new
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Council Sets Dog Park Grand Opening Date

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - At the Aug. 7 Live Oak City Council meeting, councilmembers considered an agreement with Graham Backflow Services (GBS) for Cross-Connection Control in their water system, which is mandated by the State Water Resources Control Board to protect the public health from water contamination. New regulations went into effect in July that require public water systems to have policies for the testing, maintenance and repair of their water system backflow preventers as well as the creation of a Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook. The City of Live Oak has until next July to comply with these regulations but there is not currently any employee in the city's Public Works Department with the necessary licenses, certifications and expertise to complete this work. The city has been hiring Graham Backflow Services to perform backflow testing and maintenance activities as needed. The Water Department now wants to establish a formal contract with Graham Backflow Services to continue these services and to develop the city's Cross-Connection Ordinance and Cross-Connection Control Plan, as required by the state. "Backflow is the unwanted reversal of flow after the water leaves your distribution system and passes through the meter," John Graham of Graham Backflow Services said. "The water purveyor loses all control over the quality of the water." This can lead to water contamination, which is a serious public health issue. So, Graham said, ensuring the city is meeting the prevention requirements will both protect public health and ensure compliance with the state regulations. Graham said part of the process will also involve educating residents to ensure any repairs they perform at their homes don't create unintentional contamination issues for their household. Councilmember Bob Woten asked if households in Live Oak would be monitored to ensure they are meeting the requirements. Graham said that it could be included in the policy plan or the city can put backflow prevention measures in place at the meters to ensure any household contamination doesn't reach the larger water supply.
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Miss Butte County - More Than a Pageant

By Connie Voss

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Miss Butte County Scholarship program competition at the Fair entails so much more than many people realize. All competitors are richly rewarded, with more than scholarship funds. Contestants have been preparing for months already. There have been eight competition camps, and a total of 200 hours put in by each of the 13 competitors. In addition, for the first time the program has expanded to include an ambassador program for young men. Under the direction of Raina Wright-Reynolds, a former Miss Butte County runner-up, the participants have been trained in community service, interviewing skills, building a resumé and public speaking, just to name a few. All candidates took a Butte County knowledge test last Saturday, before rehearsing for the competition. The test covers various aspects of



Missette participants, ages eight to 12, prepare for their big day on Aug. 22. Courtesy photo

the Butte County Fair, the Miss Butte County Scholarship Program's history and core values. This evaluation ensures that the future royal court members are well-prepared to engage with the public and answer questions confidently. The four age categories and names of participants are: Missette: ages eight to 12, LilliAnn
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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

It takes 40 gallons of maple tree sap to make 1 gallon of syrup. The best thing to apply real tree-based maple syrup is Krusteaz Sweet Cream Pancakes. That is your food review for the week.

Tommy Ross from Swing Strategies sends this updated list of things you can vote on at the November election. Starting with Proposition 2, a School Bond authorizes the state to issue \$10 billion in general obligation bonds for K-12 school facility repair,

modernization, and construction. Proposition 3 - Marriage Equality Repeals the provision of the California Constitution that limits marriage to a "man and a woman." It replaces it with a provision that expressly affirms that the right to marry is a fundamental right. Proposition 4 - Climate Bond Authorizes the state to issue \$10 billion in general obligation bonds to finance projects for water upgrades, wildfire and forest programs, flood control, and other climate programs. Proposition 5 -Voter Threshold Reduction to Pass Bonds Reduces the voter threshold from 2/3 to 55% for local governments to incur bond indebtedness measures related to funding the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure and affordable housing. Proposition 6 - Prison Labor Ban

Prohibits the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from disciplining an incarcerated person for refusing a work assignment. Proposition 32 - Statewide Minimum Wage Increase Increases the state minimum wage to \$18 per hour, plus annual adjustments for inflation. Be prepared for many mailers to arrive in your mailbox in the coming months as the great experiment in direct democracy moves ahead in California. Only 26 of the States have this method of making laws by direct democracy. If you are considering moving to Texas, you will give up this type of fun, high-impact government (although I think that is why many have left California).

Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator.

Sportsman Expo Returns in 2024

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Another popular event from past Butte County Fairs returns under the direction of Matt Reed, the Sportsman Expo.

In the past, the exhibit has featured an array of taxidermized game and fowl, including mountain lions, large elk, and ducks.

The large display of wildlife, a result of the hunters' skill, taxidermists' interest, or a combination of both, has filled the fairgrounds Farmers Hall in the fair's history.

This year, the Wild Outdoors Exhibit will feature mounts of Northern American wildlife and opens to the public on Thursday, Aug. 22. ★



The Wild Outdoors Exhibit will feature mounts of Northern American wildlife. Photo by Pixabay

The 'New' Hot Spot?

Jake's Gets a Revamp

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Patrons visiting Jake's, the spot for adults to sit down and have a drink at the Butte County Fair, will see some new changes to the establishment.

Brian Bassett, who coordinates the entertainment at the Butte County Fair, shared with the Herald that Jake's has expanded its offerings from beer to include a wider menu of alcoholic beverages, such as margaritas.

In addition, Jake's will see the addition of large TV screens, reminiscent of sports bars and live music in the evenings. The line-up includes bands Industrial Drive, Legend, and Nathan Owens with his Motown & Soul Revue.

Bassett shares that the hope is the revamp to the bar will cause Jake's to be the "it" place in town during the fair and that he hopes that the public will enjoy the new additions. ★



Jake's has expanded its offerings from beer to include a wider menu of alcoholic beverages. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Fair

BidCal to Host Online Auction

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Those wishing to purchase an animal at the Butte County Fair Livestock auction and support area youth have a new way to submit bids.

This year, BidCal will be hosting a webcast version of the 2024 Butte County Fair Auction and will be assisting with add-on bids for animals sold during the event.

Bidding begins Friday, Aug. 23 (start time TBA) and closes Saturday, Aug. 24.

Those interested can visit the BidCal website at <https://www.bidcal.com> to view links to the Jr. Livestock "Early Bird" auction and Ag Mechanic "Early Bird" auction. Follow those links to catalogs

of livestock and items to be sold at the upcoming fair.

A link is also provided on the same site to submit add-on bids. In a letter to potential buyers, BidCal reminds bidders that 100% of add-ons will go to the showman.

To contact the BidCal office to place an add-on, call 530-345-0840.

BidCal notes on their website that they are partnering with the Butte County Fair and donating their services to provide convenience to bidders and "to increase donor support in order to strengthen the Jr. Livestock program for the long-term."

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FFA and 4-H'ers Prepare for Fair



Bella Bastiani, who has raised multiple animals for show and market, is pictured here with her turkey "Gobbles". Photo provided by Hilary Bastiani

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Would a County Fair be complete without a Junior Livestock Show and Auction?

Bella Bastiani, Sydnee Stopplemore and Destiny Hutchison don't think so. Each of these three girls has a raised market animal to show and sell at the Fair. They have all worked very hard with their animals, kept detailed financial records and sent out Buyer's Letters to introduce their animals to potential buyers.

Bastiani is 16 years old and a member of Gridley High School FFA. She describes herself as "really passionate" about her livestock. She had a market lamb at Silver Dollar Fair in May. This is her second year raising a market turkey for the Butte County Fair. All turkeys entered must be younger than 22 weeks of age.

"Some kids are hesitant to try [market animals] because of the expense. Smaller market animals make it easier to get into, because they are cheaper and have a larger profit," Bastiani said. She breeds Nigerian Dwarf goats and sheep, as well.

Hutchison, age 16 and also a member of FFA, is showing a turkey for the first time.



Destiny Hutchison takes a minute to pose with "Blue," who goes to auction at the Butte County Fair. Photo provided by Sara Hutchison

She too had a lamb at the Silver Dollar Fair. "Turkeys are low maintenance and do not require as much training," she said.

All turkeys entered in the show are shown with a walking stick and flipped to show the belly/meat. Each one must weigh at least 15 pounds and not exceed 35. Hutchison has three turkeys that all bonded with the lamb she raised. She has enjoyed raising her turkey fair entry "Blue" and would do it again.

Lastly, Stopplemore, 13, lives in Richvale and is a member of the Biggs 4-H club. This will be her fifth fair showing a market hog, and this year's is named Dexter. Her previous hogs have sold for \$10-16 per pound. The weigh-in for market hogs is 210 lbs. up to 270. Entries can weigh more than 270 but will not be paid for weight above that. She has worked very hard on her Buyer's Letters, hand-delivering them with a home-baked treat (baking is one of her other 4-H projects). She also serves on the 4-H board as Activities Commissioner.

We commend you and all of the exhibitors for your hard work and perseverance. Best of luck from the Gridley Herald staff! ★



Sydnee Stopplemore of 4-H shows off her pig "Dexter" she plans to show at the Butte County Fair. Courtesy photo

Local 4-H Says Join Us at the Fair!

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Local 4-H clubs will be represented at the Butte County Fair this year, not only by their members showing and auctioning animals, but also at their booth in the livestock area.

Members of the local 4-H clubs will staff the booth, offering those interested in 4-H information on how to join regardless of if they are from Gridley or surrounding areas.

West Gridley 4-H leader Julie Emerson reminds that you do not have to own or raise an animal to be part of 4-H. Other projects include cooking, arts & crafts, and community service.

West-Gridley 4-H Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. They offer the following programs: Clover Buds (ages 5-8), egg project, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, sheep, hogs, steers, arts & crafts, and cooking. They volunteer at the Gridley Area Chamber of Commerce Winter



West Gridley 4-H's Grace Emerson is pictured here with her animal projects – rabbits. Photo provided by Julie Emerson

Wonderland Parade of Lights and other community events.

Manzanita 4-H meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. They offer the following projects: rabbits, poultry, goats, dogs, sheep, hogs, steers, public speaking, community service, livestock judging, event planning, cooking and art & crafts. ★

The Biggs 4-H club is organizing their offerings and will have those opportunities available soon.

Area clubs are now accepting enrollment for the 2024-2025. For more information, please visit the 4-H booth at the fair, visit cebutte.ucanr.edu or call 530-552-5812. To contact Julie Emerson with Gridley 4-H, please call 530-300-6002. ★

Council Sets Dog Park Grand Opening Date

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Interim City Manager Mark Scott explained that this contract will authorize Graham to begin the preliminary work of establishing the policy but it will be up to City Council to provide direction throughout the process and to ultimately approve and implement the plan.

Graham Backflow Services submitted a proposal for a three-year contract with services including assembly testing, hazard assessments and administrative costs at \$46,575 per year. The first year will also include an additional fee for the ordinance development and Cross-Connection Control Plan, with \$58,075 as the first-year total. These costs are not included in the budget, so a budget amendment would need to be approved by City Council before the contract could be executed.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the contract with Graham Backflow Services.

Parks and Recreation director Luis Cibrian updated City Council about the progress on the new dog park, which first broke ground in January. Staff initially said the park would open in the early summer but Cibrian said that



The new dog park in Live Oak will have its grand opening event on Aug. 22. Photo by Matthias_koll_leverkusen via Pixabay

weather issues delayed project completion. But he was "happy" to report that staff are now completing the final work and the park will be ready for a grand opening this month.

Cibrian suggested either Aug. 22 or 29 for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Staff will plan for an early night event to avoid the heat of the day and when residents are off work.

Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana said she wants to ensure the dog park looks nice, because she recently drove by and saw it was full of star thistle. She suggested staff could start a schedule of irrigating and mowing the grounds.

The previous City Council direction for the dog park was to maintain the natural landscape, Cibrian said, so irrigation was not built into the project plans nor accounted for in the project budget. If City

Council directs it, Cibrian said, staff could seed the park over the winter and run an irrigation line.

Santana said she was worried about dogs having to deal with foxtails and thistles on the natural landscape.

"I want to make sure we do it right," Santana said.

Interim City Manager Scott said that City Council might want to bring in a consultant with expertise in designing and managing a dog park to ensure it's done right.

The council's consensus was to hold the ribbon cutting as early as possible, since residents have been eagerly awaiting the opening, so Aug. 22 was selected for the grand opening event.

The next meeting of the Live Oak City Council is scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 21 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. ★

MEMORIAL

PHILLIP F. HEARN • 10/15/1944 - 7/27/2024

Phillip F. Hearn, aged 79, passed away on July 27, 2024; born on October 15, 1944, in Gridley, CA. Phillip attended Gridley High School before enlisting in the US Navy, where he served during the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, June Hearn, and his half-sister, June, of Coos Bay, Oregon. He is survived by his brother, Ron Hearn; half-sister, Terry Buck; and half-brothers, Steve and Jim Brady.

Memorial Services will be held on Friday, August 30th at 10:00 am at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery, 2023 Highway 99, Gridley, CA 95948.

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Oroville Man Gets 30 Years to Life for Killing Two Florida Brothers

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - In a long-awaited court hearing on Aug. 7, Austin Hogan, 25, of Oroville, was sentenced to 30 years to life in state prison for his involvement in the October 2020 double homicide of two brothers from Florida. Hogan had previously pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder in June 2023, but his sentencing was postponed due to his role as a key witness in the trial of his codefendant Kyle Smith.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the family of Jerry Bonds, 39, and Randy Bonds, 33, reported them missing to the Butte County Sheriff's Office on

Oct. 21, 2020. On the same date, the Reno Police Department received a tip from a man who said he had just talked with three visitors who told him they had just killed two black men in the Oroville area.

Butte County Sheriff's detectives soon learned the Bonds brothers had flown into a Los Angeles airport on Oct. 19, 2020, rented an Audi, and drove to Oroville to purchase marijuana. After checking into a local motel, they went missing.

Surveillance video from a Reno casino was found showing Hogan, and codefendants Michael Griff, 25, and Kyle Smith, 28, abandoning the victims' rented Audi in the casino parking lot in the early morning hours of Oct. 22, 2020. Later that day, Butte County Sheriff's detectives located the three

at an Oroville residence and placed the trio under arrest.

Under questioning by detectives, Kyle Smith provided law enforcement with the location of where the Bonds brothers were shot and killed at a remote location near rural Forbestown. Detectives requested a statement from Hogan, but he chose to remain silent.

On Feb. 28, 2023, with his attorney present, Hogan finally did provide a statement to prosecutors that Smith had encouraged Hogan to do the shooting. When Hogan pled guilty on June 14, 2023, he also signed an agreement to testify truthfully at Smith's trial while agreeing to postpone his sentencing until Smith's case was resolved. As a result, Smith pled to two counts of

second-degree murder and was sentenced on July 24, 2024, to more than 30 years to life in state prison.

At Hogan's sentencing hearing on Aug. 7, the family of Randy and Jerry Bonds described the pain they have had to endure due to the killings. Randy and Jerry's mother described how many of the Bonds' children had special occasions that were missed by Jerry and Randy due to the defendant's actions. She thanked the Court, the Butte County District Attorney's Office, and the Butte County Sheriff's Office for bringing the killers of her two sons to justice.

Michael Griff was previously sentenced on June 13, 2023, to 50 years to life in state prison after pleading guilty to two counts of first-degree murder. ★

Robber Pleads No Contest to Attempted Murder for Robbery Gone Wrong

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A Chico man pleaded no contest on Aug. 7 in Butte County Superior Court to attempted first-degree murder for an attempted robbery in September 2023 in which he shot and paralyzed his intended victim.

Jaden Christopher Hollowell, 21, entered a plea of no contest – which is legally the same as a guilty plea – to a single count of attempted first-degree murder.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the robbery occurred in a vehicle in the 1200 block of Notre Dame Boulevard in Chico where the victim, a 25-year-old Yuba City marijuana dealer, was delivering marijuana at Hollowell's request.

Ramsey said the investigation revealed Hollowell and a 16-year-old juvenile cohort lured the victim dealer to a parking lot of an apartment complex, where they pulled handguns on the victim as he sat in his truck. The victim resisted the robbery attempt and was shot in the

face by Hollowell, who claimed he thought the victim was pulling a gun on him. A butane lighter in the shape of a pistol was later found in the victim's truck.

Chico Police officers responded to the parking lot where they found the victim in his vehicle, and he was rushed to Enloe Hospital and then life-flighted to UC Davis due to the severity of his injuries. Ramsey said Hollowell's bullet went through the victim's nasal cavity and into his spine. The victim is now paralyzed from the chest down from his injuries.

Through extensive follow-up, including nearby surveillance videos, Chico police detectives were able to identify Hollowell and also tentatively his juvenile cohort. The pair had fled the area and disposed of their firearms.

Ramsey said once detectives had identified Hollowell, they obtained an arrest warrant for him, and he was charged with attempting to rob the victim and shooting him in the process. The investigation into the juvenile's participation and identification is ongoing.

Ramsey said Hollowell had

previously been convicted of possession of a concealed firearm and domestic violence in 2021 and was on probation supervision at the time of this robbery.

Ramsey said Hollowell agreed to plead guilty to attempted first-degree murder and stipulate, or agree, that he will receive the upper term sentence of seven years to life in the state prison when he returns to court on Sept. 4 for sentencing.

Hollowell will remain in Butte County Jail without bail until his sentencing and transport to state prison to begin serving his life sentence. ★

BCSO Investigating Dog Mauling Death

Butte County Sheriff's Office News Release

FEATHER FALLS, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 8, at approximately 1:58 a.m., a resident contacted the Butte County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and reported he found a deceased victim on Blackhawk Trail, Feather Falls, California. Deputies immediately responded and located the deceased victim, who was later identified as Davina Corbin, 56, of Feather Falls.

On Aug. 8, a forensic pathologist performed an autopsy on Ms. Corbin. During the autopsy, the forensic pathologist located numerous bite marks and injuries on Ms. Corbin's body. Based on the evidence located during the autopsy, the forensic pathologist believed Ms. Corbin's cause of death was attributed to a domestic dog attack.

Deputies and detectives conducted an extensive investigation. During the investigation, detectives

obtained a search warrant for a residence on Blackhawk Trail. The residence was located directly in front of the area where Ms. Corbin was located. During the service of the search warrant, detectives located approximately 25 Great Dane dogs. Butte County Animal Control responded. Deputies and detectives spent the entire day capturing the dogs, who were running loose in the area. To date, approximately 23 dogs have been captured and turned over to animal control.

Detectives are currently attempting to capture the two outstanding dogs.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife sent the clothing Ms. Corbin was wearing to a lab for DNA analysis. The lab confirmed Ms. Corbin's clothing was covered in DNA consistent with domestic dog(s). The lab is in the process of conducting additional testing, in an attempt to determine which dogs(s) attacked Ms. Corbin.

This is an on-going investigation. The Butte County Sheriff's Office will provide additional information when available. Based on the preliminary investigation, detectives located

evidence giving them cause to believe Ms. Corbin, who resided in the area, was walking when she was attacked by the dog(s).

The Butte County Sheriff's Office encourages those with pertinent information to come forward. Anyone with information is requested to contact Detective Mike Worch or Detective Casey Whitney at 530-538-7671. If anyone has information about the current location of the two outstanding dogs, they are encouraged to contact Butte County Animal Control or the Butte County Sheriff's Office at 530-538-7322. ★

CDFW Soliciting Hunter Input on Sacramento Valley Wildlife Areas, Federal Refuges

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

NORTHERN SACRAMENTO VALLEY, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), along with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), will hold an online outreach meeting to take comments and recommendations from licensed hunters on public land hunting programs in the northern Sacramento Valley. The meeting will also provide updates on habitat conditions, availability of water for wetlands, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and hunting access opportunities.

State lands to be discussed include the Gray Lodge and Upper Butte Basin wildlife areas, including the Little Dry Creek,

Howard Slough, and Llano Seco units. Federal refuge personnel will speak about the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex, including the Delevan, Sacramento, Colusa, and Sutter refuges.

The meeting will be conducted using Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, Aug. 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. Please e-mail the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area at glwla@wildlife.ca.gov for a link and instructions on how to submit comments and questions.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife annually provides an opportunity for licensed hunters to comment and make recommendations on public hunting programs, including anticipated habitat conditions in the hunting areas on Type A wildlife areas through public meetings and outreach. ★

Butte College SBDC In-Person Business Trainings

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 (Orland)

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Date: Thursday, September 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2024 | **Time:** 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Cost: Free | **Location:** Butte College-Glenn County Center, 1366 Cortina Dr., Orland

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

Branding Your Business (Oroville)

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

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 | **Time:** 9:00am -11:001m
Cost: Free | **Location:** The Barrell Room, 1566 Huntoon St., Oroville

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Cohasset Man Arraigned for Looting from Neighbors During Park Fire

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

COHASSET, CA (MPG) - A Cohasset Man was in Butte County Superior Court on Aug. 8 to enter a plea to charges of looting during the Park Fire in Cohasset.

Joshua Keith Emerson, 44, of Cohasset, pleaded not guilty to counts of looting a vehicle and tools from a neighbor's shop building as the neighbor was evacuated during the Park Fire. He was also charged with entering a closed location during a state of emergency. His co-defendant, Rose Sutton, 41, who posted bail before her court date, will appear in court on Oct. 4,

where she will be arraigned on her charges for concealing the stolen property taken by Emerson, as well as for entering a closed location during a state of emergency.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey stated that on July 30, an evacuated resident of Cohasset was escorted back to his property by the Sheriff's Office to check on his property. When the resident arrived at his property, he discovered his unique Mitsubishi Jeep and miscellaneous Milwaukee tools were missing from his shop.

The resident shared the description of his stolen vehicle on Facebook, and a concerned citizen recognized the vehicle

where it was parked at an intersection near Jasper Drive in southeast Chico later the same day. Once the vehicle was discovered, local law enforcement began searching the surrounding neighborhood for any security footage that could lead to identifying the thief.

Ramsey said Butte County Sheriff's detectives found several surveillance videos from private residences showing Joshua Emerson driving the Jeep into the Jasper Drive neighborhood with Rose Sutton riding as a passenger.

Evidence revealed that after dropping Sutton off at her family member's residence, Emerson drove the vehicle multiple blocks

away and parked it in an attempt to further conceal the vehicle.

On Aug. 1, after receiving a search warrant signed by a Butte County Judge, the Butte County Sheriff's Office searched the residence Emerson and Sutton were staying at and a motorhome belonging to Sutton. Emerson and Sutton were located on the property, arrested, and transported to the Butte County Jail for their crimes. The Cohasset resident's property, including the Mitsubishi Jeep and the tools, was successfully returned to him.

Ramsey reminded the community that the District Attorney's Office and local law enforcement view looting cases as especially

heinous and he intends to prosecute looters to the full extent of the law.

"Looters undermine the trust of the community and are one of the reasons people are fearful to leave their residences during an evacuation. Let this case be a warning to looters, the crime will not pay," Ramsey said.

Emerson will be back in court on Aug. 22 for the setting of his preliminary hearing. Until then, he remains in custody with bail set at \$500,000, an increased amount requested by the Butte County District Attorney's Office. If convicted of all charges Emerson faces a maximum of three years and eight months in county jail. ★

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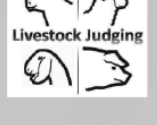
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7 pm • Team Roping	7:45 pm • Skybyrd Nation
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8:15 pm • Pie Eating Contest	Racing Pigs
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NAME STATEMENTS

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 com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: July 1, 2024
This Business is conducted by:
An Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
titious name statement expires
five years from the date it was
filed in the office of the County
Clerk. A new fictitious business
statement must be filed before
that time. The filing of this state-
ment does not of itself authorize
the use in this state of a ficti-
tious 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 com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: N/A
This Business is conducted by:
An Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
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Business and Professions Code.
Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024
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 busi-
ness under the above business
name on: N/A
This Business is conducted by:
An Individual. NOTICE: This fic-
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Business and Professions Code.
Publish: August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024
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, 95948
Date filed in Butte County: July
26, 2024. The Registrant com-
menced to transact business
under the above business name
on: July 26, 2024
This Business is conducted by:
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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 there-
after within the time allowed by
law, the undersigned, as conser-
vator 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 men-
tioned, all right, title and interest
of conservatee and subsequent-
ly all right, title and interest of the
estate in real property thereon
located in the County of Butte,
State of California, and more par-
ticularly 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 situ-
ated 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, 400.0
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 re-
strictions, reservations, rights,
rights of way, and easements of
record, any encumbrances of re-
cord to be satisfied out of the pur-
chase 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 ex-
penses, premiums on insurance
acceptable to the purchaser shall
be pro-rated as the date of confir-
mation of sale. Escrow charges,
examination of title, recording of
conveyance, any title insurance
policy shall be paid ½ by Buyer
and ½ by Seller.
The undersigned reserves the
right to reject any and all bids pri-
or 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

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AP#: 053-131-077-000
All that certain real property situ-
ated in the unincorporated area
of the County of Butte, State of
California, described as follows:
LOT 6 AS SHOWN ON THAT
CERTAINMAP ENTITLED,
"FREESTONE

SUBDIVISION", WHICH MAP
WAS FILED
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
RECORDER OF THE COUNTY
OF BUTTE, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, ON MARH 27,
1001,
IN BOOK 122 OF MAPS, AT
PAGES 38 AND 30
The sale is subject to current
taxes, covenants, conditions re-
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rights of way, and easements of
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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 fol-
lows: Eathan Ritter to Eathan
Rodriguez.
THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing in-
dicated 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 sched-
uled 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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE
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ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
VIRGINIA JANE LO RUSSO
CASE NO. 24PR00336
To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be oth-
erwise interested in the will or es-
tate of Virginia Jane Lo Russo.
A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Pamela LoRusso, in the
Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting
Pamela LoRusso be appointed
as personal representative(s)
to administer the estate of the
decendent.
The petition requests authority
to administer the estate under
the Independent Administration
of Estates Act. (This authority will
allow the executor to take many
actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain
very important actions, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The independ-
ent administration authority will
be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the
petition and shows good cause
why the court should not grant
the authority.
A hearing on the petition will
be held in this court as follows:
September 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
in Dept 1. Superior Court of
California, County of Butte, 1775
Concord Avenue, Chico, CA
95928.
IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-
ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may
be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy
to the personal representative
appointed by the court within
the later of either (1) four months
from the date of first issuance of
letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal deliv-
ery to you of a notice under sec-
tion 9052 of the California Probate
Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may
affect your rights as a creditor.
You may want to consult with
an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.

Way, Sacramento, CA 95831;
916-302-2007
Publish: August 16, 23, 30, 2024
LORUSSO 8-30-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
SHIRLEY M. ROBERTS AKA SHIRLEY
ROBERTS
CASE NO. 24PR00347
To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be oth-
erwise interested in the will or
estate of Shirley M. Roberts aka
Shirley Roberts.
A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Karen A. Sykes, in the
Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting
Karen A. Sykes be appointed as
personal representative(s) to ad-
minister the estate of the dece-
dent.
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to the personal representative
appointed by the court within
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from the date of first issuance
of letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal deliv-
ery to you of a notice under sec-
tion 9052 of the California Probate
Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may
affect your rights as a creditor.
You may want to consult with
an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file
kept by the court. If you are in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc,
P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA
95965; 530-533-5661
Publish: August 16, 23, 30, 2024
ROBERTS 8-30-24

TRUSTEE SALE
T.S. No. 23-67018 APN:
009-133-008-000 NOTICE
OF TRUSTEE'S SALEYOU
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, cas-
h-
shier'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 autho-
rized to do business in this state
will be held by the duly appoint-
ed trustee as shown below, of all
right, title, and interest conveyed
to and now held by the trust-
ee in the hereinafter described
property under and pursuant to
a Deed of Trust described be-
low. The sale will be made, but
without covenant or warranty,
expressed or implied, regarding
title, possession, or encumbranc-
es, 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), advanc-
es, 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 be-
low. The amount may be great-
er 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 of-
fice 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:
\$419,950.73Note: 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 des-
ignation of real property: 1660
HAZEL STREETGRIDLEY,
CALIFORNIA
95948-2314Described as fol-
lows: As more fully described on
said Deed of Trust. A.P.N #.: 009-
133-008-000The undersigned
Trustee disclaims any liability for
any incorrectness of the street
address or other common desig-
nation, 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 beneficia-
ry within 10 days of the date of
first publication of this Notice of
Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL
BIDDERS: If you are consider-
ing bidding on this property lien,
you should understand that there
are risks involved in bidding at a
trustee auction. You will be bid-
ding on a lien, not on the property
itself. Placing the highest bid at
a trustee auction does not auto-
matically 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 compa-
ny, either of which may charge
you a fee for this information. If
you consult either of these re-
sources, 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 ap-
plicable, the rescheduled time
and date for the sale of this prop-
erty, you may call (855) 976-
3916 or visit this internet website
www.auction.com, using the file
number assigned to this case 23-
67018. Information about post-
ponements 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 infor-
mation 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 tenant buyer," you
can purchase the property if you
match the last and highest bid
placed at the trustee auction. If
you are an "eligible bidder," you
may be able to purchase the
property if you exceed the last
and highest bid placed at the
trustee auction. There are three
steps to exercising this right of
purchase. First, 48 hours after
the date of the trustee sale, you
can call (855) 976-3916, or vis-
it 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 "elig-
ible bidder," you should consider
contacting an attorney or appro-
priate 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 OfficerThis office is en-
forcing a security interest of
your creditor. To the extent that
your obligation has been dis-
charged 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 at-
tempt to collect such obligation.
EPP 40721
Pub Dates 08/02, 08/09, 08/16/2024
Gridley Herald 8-16-2024

TS No.: CA09000068-22-3
APN: 010-310-062-000 TO
No: 2459806CAD NOTICE
OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The
above statement is made
pursuant to CA Civil Code
Section 2923.3(d)(1). The
Summary will be provided
to Trustor(s) and/or vested
owner(s) only, pursuant
to CA Civil Code Section
2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN
DEFAULT UNDER A DEED
OF TRUST DATED August 17,
2021. 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
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
YOU, YOU SHOULD
CONTACT A LAWYER. On
September 11, 2024 at 03:30

PM, at the main entrance to
the County Courthouse at
1 Court Street, Oroville, CA
95965, MTC Financial Inc.
dba Trustee Corps, as the duly
Appointed Trustee, under and
pursuant to the power of sale
contained in that certain Deed
of Trust recorded on August 24,
2021 as Instrument No. 2021-
0037658, of official records in
the Office of the Recorder
of Butte County, California,
executed by PATRICK A
BAYNARD, AN UNMARRIED
MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC, as Beneficiary, as
nominee for LAND HOME
FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC
as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT
PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE
HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful
money of the United States, all
payable at the time of sale, that
certain property situated in said
County, California describing
the land therein as: AS MORE
FULLY DESCRIBED IN
SAID DEED OF TRUST The
property heretofore described
is being sold "as is". The
street address and other
common designation, if any,
of the real property described
above is purported to be: 250
RANDOLPH AVE, GRIDLEY,
CA 95948 The undersigned
Trustee disclaims any liability
for any incorrectness of the
street address and other
common designation, if any,
shown herein. Said sale will
be made without covenant or
warranty, express or implied,
regarding title, possession,
or encumbrances, to pay the
remaining principal sum of the
Note(s) secured by said Deed
of Trust, with interest thereon,
as provided in said Note(s),
advances if any, under the
terms of the Deed of Trust,
estimated fees, charges and
expenses of the Trustee and
of the trusts created by said
Deed of Trust. The total
amount of the unpaid balance
of the obligations secured by
the property to be sold and
reasonable estimated costs,
expenses and advances at the
time of the initial publication of
this Notice of Trustee's Sale is
estimated to be \$186,526.45
(Estimated). However,
prepayment premiums,
accrued interest and advances
will increase this figure prior to
sale. Beneficiary's bid at said
sale may include all or part
of said amount. 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, savings
association or savings bank
specified in Section 5102 of
the California Financial Code
and authorized to do business
in California, or other such
funds as may be acceptable
to the Trustee. In the event
tender other than cash is
accepted, the Trustee may
withhold the issuance of the
Trustee's Deed Upon Sale
until funds become available
to the payee or endorsee as
a matter of right. The property
offered for sale excludes all
funds held on account by the
property receiver, if applicable.
If the Trustee is unable to
convey title for any reason, the
successful bidder's sole and
exclusive remedy shall be the
return of monies paid to the
Trustee and the successful
bidder shall have no further
recourse. 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 Nationwide
Posting & Publication at
916.939.0772 for information
regarding the Trustee's Sale or
visit the Internet Website www.
nationwideposting.com for
information regarding the sale
of this property, using the file
number assigned to this case,
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bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: August 6, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA09000068-22-3 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614. Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 711 949.252.8300 By: Bobbie La Flower, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.nationwideposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Nationwide Posting & Publication AT 916.939.0772 NPP0463947 To: GRIDLEY HERALD 08/16/2024, 08/23/2024, 08/30/2024 Gridley Herald 8-30-24

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 y la pagina siguiente. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (EI 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 DÍAS 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 comparecencia 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 A LOS ORDENES 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. EXENCION DE TARIFAS: Si no puede pagar la tarifa de presentación, pídala 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 despidan la petición o la corte de otras órdenes.

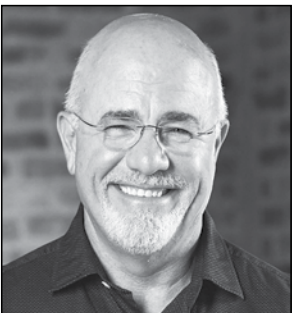
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Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I’ve made a lot of stupid money mistakes in the past. Even though I finally paid off six figures in debt a few years ago and am in control of my finances for the first time in my life, I’m having a hard time forgiving myself for all the dumb things I did. I have an emergency fund and other savings set aside, and I’m almost ready to buy a house. But it seems like there’s still a cloud hanging over my head from all my bad decisions. How do I stop obsessing over my past financial mistakes?

– Brea

Dear Brea

If you’ve had enough determination to pay off six figures’ worth of debt and to build savings on top of that in the last few years, you’re doing a phenomenal job! Most people would just make excuses or give up, but you educated yourself, put your head down and stomped out all that debt. I’m very proud of you, hon. What you’ve done speaks volumes about your character and self-discipline.

Dave Ramsey Says When You Know Better, Do Better

The late Maya Angelou once said, “Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.” That’s the key for you, I think. Doing dumb things doesn’t always mean you’re a dumb person. Sometimes, we just don’t have the knowledge or guidance we need to do things the right way. But once you learned a few things and saw there was a better way—a smarter way—you jumped in and made incredible things happen. You cleaned up your finances, and you changed your entire future for the better. I think that’s pretty cool. And you know what else? It makes you a pretty smart lady.

I think part of your struggle may be the fact that you’ve spent more time making the wrong decisions with money than you’ve spent making the right ones. That’s understandable. But time will help heal that struggle. It’ll distance you emotionally from the old you until you’re confident in the new you—not just in your actions, but in your heart and mind. I mean, think about it this way: If you violated trust with a friend, how would you rebuild it? First, it would take time. And second, it would take a series

of trustworthy actions.

Let’s say someone had a drinking problem for a long time, but they’ve been dry for three months. After three months, their spouse still might not trust them with the checkbook. I totally get that. It’s a good start, but it’s not like they haven’t had a drink in three years. That’s where time comes into play. The more time they demonstrate a solid pattern of not going back to the bottle, the more evidence they create for why others should trust them.

I think you’ve developed a pretty good track record of being smart with your money, Brea. So cut yourself some slack. If God is willing to forgive us for the really bad things we say and do, you need to be able to extend a little grace to yourself for the dumb things in your financial past.

– 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. ★

Thoughts to Ponder

by Kathy Neal

Gridley United Methodist Church

“Here’s your sign!” God used this message many years before it was made popular by the famous comedian Jeff Foxworthy.

Jeff uses this line to show people how similar they are and how they measure up to the world’s standard of living. Funny but often so true. If you do this, you are this. Here is your sign. Many of us may need to wear a sign around our neck defining who we really are. For some of us it is not necessary because people see us as we really are.

God gave signs to His people to show He was near and that He needed us to help with His plans. To Noah it was a dove and a rainbow to show that the water was going, going, gone. A sign for the ages.

To Moses the sign was a burning bush and a rod that caused the sea to part. God moved over two million people with signs.

Gideon, Samuel, Samson, David, and all the prophets received signs from the Lord to further plans He had for creation.

Let’s think for a minute. Have you

seen or heard signs lately that prove to you that God is near and has plans for you? I call the “nudges” others call them God winks. No matter the name we give them they are signs from God.

God used pillars of fire and earthquakes to move people. He still does. Look at the signs around us, eclipses, earthquakes, floods, and wind. They could be signs in some ways.

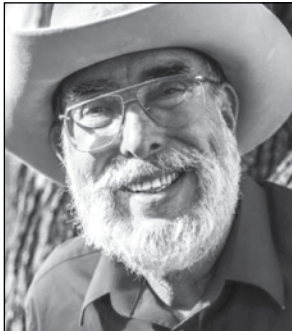
But some signs are smaller like a sudden urge to help someone else, even if you don’t know them. A small voice echoing a warning to stop is also a sign. God’s signs are everywhere, we need to pay attention to them.

What’s your sign? If God has given you one to aid in His plans for the world, don’t be ashamed to display it proudly. Glorify your God!!!

Come to Gridley United Methodist we talk about what signs we have gotten all the time to encourage each other to pay attention and follow the sign to be God’s helpers here on earth. We meet every Sunday at 11 am. Our church is at 285 Haskell Street, look for the sign. ★



Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

Looking around at all the yard signs and hearing politicians tell us on television what a lying crook their competition is, I have to admit I miss Guv Reeve.

Guv had a real first name, but I sure don’t recall it now, because this was back in the 1960s and 1970s in the high desert of California. He had his first name legally changed to Guv so everyone would know what he was all about. Every four years, he ran for governor. I worked for the Victor Valley Daily Press in Victorville, which is just 30 miles from Barstow, where everyone’s car breaks down on the way to Vegas.

The other folks in the

“Weirdo Reporter”

newsroom knew me as the “weirdo reporter” because if someone needed some serious couch time, they were pointed toward my desk.

Guv was maybe in his early 50s when I met him. He came into the newsroom one morning surrounded by four attractive middle-aged women, and all of them were smiling and handing out free cookies.

Guv and I closeted ourselves for the story while everyone else munched cookies, and I learned the Guv Reeve story.

He was a self-proclaimed preacher and lived in a large cabin about 30 miles away in the desert mountains. Yes ... with the sunshine girls.

His mission, he explained, was to gather food and clothing, and when they had enough for a large cardboard box, they would pack it up,

find the name of a village in Mexico that he thought might be poor, and mailed it to them. Every time one of those boxes “ripened” and was ready for taping, they’d find a different village on the map.

His election platform was fairly simple: no taxes, more jobs, constant access to free cookies, and the love of God spreading throughout every person in California. You’d think a message that powerful would make his election a slam dunk. But the folks in California elected Ronald Reagan governor, instead. I met him, too, but he didn’t have cookies.

Sometimes I really miss ol’ Guv.

Brought to you by Slim’s latest book, Whimsy Castle, now available at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble and your local bookstore. ★



By Barbara Ott

Still on the hunt for toads. We have a small solar light that comes on with motion in the area of the turtle pond and the toad release. Sometimes in the very early morning when my old bladder says, “Better get up!” I see this light on from the bathroom window. I’m always hoping it is hopping toads.

More than likely it is cats or rabbits. We have a new batch of baby rabbits. Thankfully only one is coming into the yard. One is enough, it causes little harm and the dog loves to chase it. Soon it will be too big to get under the gate. It always reminds me of the story Peter Rabbit.

The ants have been on the move lately. They love all my potted plants, especially the cactus and succulents. They are watered only once in a while and when I water thoroughly the ants boil our with eggs in jaws. Usually, I don’t bother the ants if they are not harming the plant. I am treating one pot with Terro because I’m giving it to the Bonsai Society big raffle. I’m

thinking whoever wins it would be unhappy to have Gridley ants come to visit.

Baby Preying Mantis are being seen regularly throughout the vegetable garden. They are about 1.5 “ long. Soon they will be their usual sci-fi size of 20 feet, ooppps 4 inches. I love seeing this process in the yard every year. The snails are still on the downlow. A few adventurers can be spotted but very few. Everyone else is on vacation. I don’t know if we finally figured out aphids or we have enough preying mantis to eat them all. We are having very few aphids in comparison to the million and one we’ve had before. Enter your plants and flowers in the Fair online now. ★



Reduced Plantings, Heat Affect 2024 Processing Tomato Crop

With searing heat waves impacting pollination for some plantings and harvest for others, California processing tomato growers said they were anticipating average yields at best. As farmers began harvesting across the Central Valley during the past few weeks, the crop was already set to be a light one. Tomato processors contracted 40,000 fewer acres from farmers this year due to bolstered inventory from last year’s bumper crop, aiming to process about 10% less tonnage, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

New Report Says Water Supplies Will Shrink Without Infrastructure Improvements

Delivery capability and reliability of the State Water Project, a 700-mile network of reservoirs and canals, could be reduced by 23% in 20 years due to changing flow patterns and extreme weather shifts, according to a new report from the California Department of Water Resources. DWR Director Karla Nemeth said the analysis “underscores the need to modernize and upgrade our aging infrastructure so we can capture water supplies when it’s wet.” She said, “Modernizing the State Water Project is critical to delivering on the human right to water in California.”

Water Projects Review Seeks to Balance Farm, Environmental Needs

State and federal agencies face a challenge to balance the beneficial uses of water needed by farmers with needs of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem amid challenges of climate change. A new draft environmental impact statement for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation seeks to influence operations for California’s two primary water-delivery systems, which guide pumping of water through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, sending water south to tens of millions of people and to millions of acres of farmland. Comments on the report are due by Sept. 9.

Project Studies Specialty-Crop Production in Urban Areas And On Vacant Lots

Researchers from University of California Cooperative Extension in San Diego County are investigating the economic feasibility of growing high-value specialty crops in urban settings such as vacant lots. In Carlsbad, researchers have created the Small-Scale Urban Ag Demonstration Site. Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the farm is designed to evaluate containerized production both outdoors and under hoop houses. In the trial, researchers are growing turmeric, ginger and blueberries. ★

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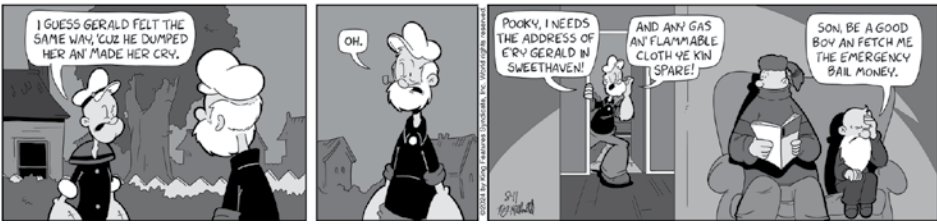
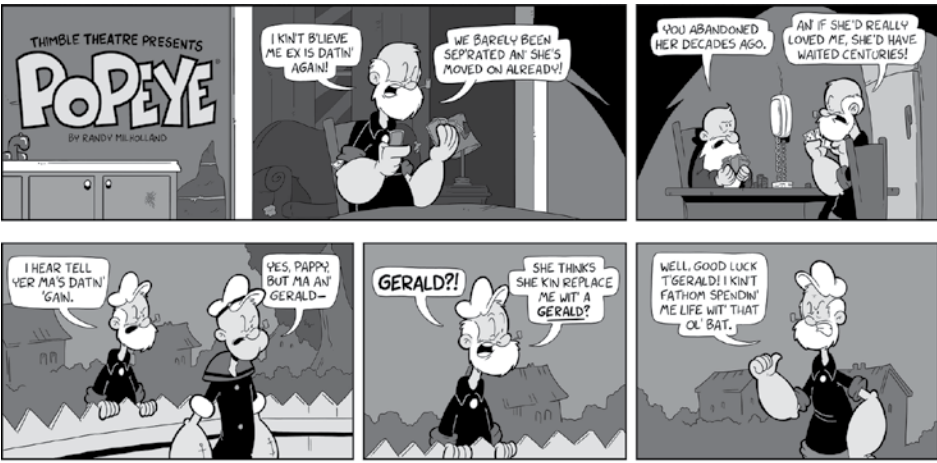


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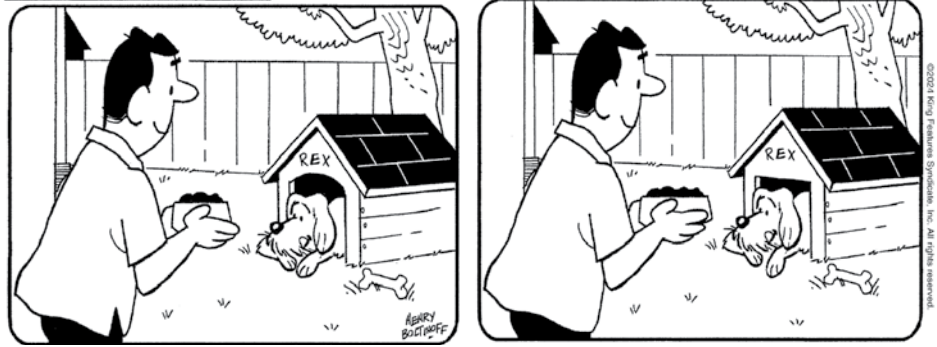
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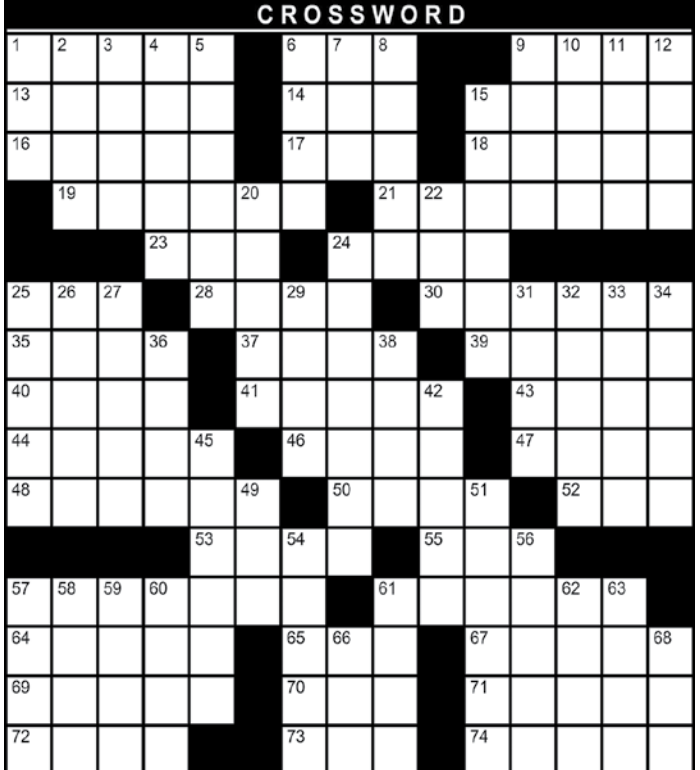
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 - Homes for #69 Across
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Mardesich Becker Memorial Roping Honors Community Members



Jeff Mardesich had a deep love for team roping, participating in the event at the Butte County Fair throughout his lifetime. Photo provided by Brooke Mardesich



George Becker left a mark on the Gridley community with his involvement in FFA and community service. Photo courtesy of Kourtney Becker

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name with their blessing.

The answer was a resounding “YES!”

The Back Story

For those new to the world of team roping, two riders work in tandem to bring down a steer. The goal is to catch the animal as quickly as possible, the “header” attempting to rope the animal’s horns while the “heeler” swipes the steer’s hind legs.

Years ago, Becker, whose family had been life-long friends with the Mardesich family, expressed an interest in team roping. Mardesich trained Becker in practice and helped him get to competition level within just a few months of starting out.

Both Becker and Mardesich loved the sport and participated in rodeo and roping events. Becker partnered with Mardesich’s youngest son, Davis, who became quite a roping pair. The duo would be champions at the District 3 High School Rodeo in the event, according to Kourtney.

Mardesich’s own passion for the sport caused him to compete in the event in past years at the Butte County Fair, his wife Brooke recalling that he took the championship the year they began dating.

Brooke shared that sons Davis and Mason continued the family tradition of competing in team roping, also winning championships in the event over the years.

It comes full circle with the introduction of Reed.

Reed taught at Gridley High School when children from both the Becker and Mardesich families attended, serving as FFA advisor. He fostered close relationships with members of both families.

“Reed has been a family friend since he moved here,” shared Brooke, and Kourtney agreed.

Kourtney shared with the Herald that she believes Reed’s personal knowledge of both individuals’ character and importance in the community inspired the director and Fair Board to bring back the event as a memorial to Becker and Mardesich.

As for what this means to the respective families, both Kourtney and Brooke said it is a complete honor.

“We are so blessed to be such good friends, and we have been through tragedy and triumph. Having our loved ones honored in this way is more that we would ever hope for and doing this together is more that we have ever hoped for,” Kourtney told the Herald.

The Hope for a Lasting Legacy

Multiple individuals lent their time and skills to the organization of the event. The Becker and Mardesich families would like to thank Matt Reed, Andree’ Earley, Duke Sherwood, and the Moffit and Sheppard families, who

donated the prize saddles. Their thanks extend to all that made the Mardesich Becker Memorial Roping event possible.

In addition, Priefert Livestock Equipment out of Texas has donated a shut to the event with the Mardesich Becker Memorial Roping logo emblazoned on the side.

Kourtney told the Herald that the company has agreed to donate a new shut each year to be auctioned off after the event, with proceeds going towards scholarship opportunities for local youth.

What to Expect at the Event

The contest is open to all, with prizes for the fastest youth time (children 15 and under) and for fastest women’s header and heeler. It is limited to the first 100 teams to pre-enter and at this time, is believed to boast a full roster.

Gorgeous headers and heeler buckles, along with ornate saddles, are to be awarded to the

champion heeders and heelers.

The event is free with fair entry. At 6:30 p.m., children nine and under will begin the festivities with dummy roping, competing for a prize buckle. The main event begins at 7 p.m. at the Butte County Fairgrounds. ★



George Becker, is pictured here with a donkey he helped save from the Camp Fire in 2018. The donkey sustained burns and Becker helped get the animal to the Butte County Fairgrounds. Photo provided by Kourtney Becker



Pictured here are the championship header and heeler buckles. Photo courtesy of the Butte County Fair



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Miss Butte County - More Than a Pageant

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Pannell, Melody Ramsey, Aaliyah Fowler, Anahy Valdez, River Nichols, Natalie Castaneda, Ava Cote, Teen Miss: ages 13 to 16, Gracie Yost, Alana McCabe, Paulina Martinez, Emily Danner, Miss: ages 17-20, Thalia Valdez and Ambassador: ages eight to 20, Sawyer Smith.

Maizy Miller, the 2023 Teen Miss, shared her experiences and what she enjoyed about participating.

“My mother had done it in 1995...I realized it was a really great way to give back to this community, because I was born and raised in Oroville. I met a bunch of amazing girls who are now my best friends,” she said.

Miller is planning on a career in journalism.

The first-ever Ambassador contestant, Sawyer Smith, is from Chico and is a student at Marsh Junior High. He was encouraged to apply to the program by a friend who is also participating. His favorite part of the program has been working with people and gaining communication skills—all good skills for a pastor, which is what he plans to do in the future.

Director Raina Wright Reynolds raved about the group.

“Watching these young people evolve from day one to competition night is truly inspiring. Their growth in self-confidence is remarkable. I always tell the contestants that,

regardless of the outcome, they’ve already triumphed. It takes immense courage to step into the spotlight. The skills gained here will serve them well in their future endeavors, and I’m committed to supporting their journeys wherever that may lead,” she said.

The culmination of the competition will be held on the opening day of the Butte County Fair, Aug. 22 at 5 p.m. at the Courtyard Stage. The Miss, Teen, and Ambassador competition will follow at 7:30 p.m. The event will include an opening number, speech, presentation of skills, and impromptu questions for each contestant. The fair opens at 4 p.m., so be sure to get there early to grab a delicious bite to eat, and to save your seat. ★



Director Raina Wright Reynolds mentors the contestants. Courtesy photo

Missette



Lilliann Pannell

Lilliann has 7 pets, won the funniest Halloween contest last year dressed as an old man, and was born in Texas. She is sponsored by her family.



Melody Ramsey

Melody is adopted, has been to the Taj Mahal, and has held a Koala. She is sponsored by the Butte County DA.



Aaliyah Fowler

Aaliyah has been dancing since the age of 3, sold over 350 boxes of cookies as a Girl Scout, and is the oldest of 5 children. She is sponsored by her family.



Anahy Valdez

Anahy is an Oroville Rhino Cheerleader, loves to run and race, and is half-Hispanic. She is sponsored by her family.



River Nichols

River loves changing her outfit multiple times a day, kneeboarding, and pulling pranks on her dad. She is sponsored by her family.



Natalie Castaneda

Natalie loves arts and crafts, nature, and cats. Meow! She is sponsored by her family.



Avalina Cote

Ava’s grandma Alicia taught her how to sew, she’s completed over 100 volunteer hours, and loves a good classic novel. She is sponsored by Russ and Angie Cote, and Ricardo and Alicia Oliverez.

Miss Teen



Gracie Yost

Gracie is a cheerleader at PV High School, she loves reading and watching Disney movies. She is sponsored by her family.



Alana McCabe

Alana’s name is of Irish origin meaning “beautiful”, she grows her fruit and makes dessert with them, and gets to see her favorite artist, Zach Bryan, in November. She is sponsored by Foodmaxx, The Learning Place Daycare, Englund Chiropractic, Griffin A Professional Law Corp., and Avenue 23 Realty.



Paulina Martinez

Paulina is the Junior Class President at Live Oak High School, Live Oak FFA Vice President, and shows turkeys. She is sponsored by Mike and Mona Tyler.



Emily Danner

Emily loves archery, raises market lambs for FFA, and has been to 27 states. She is sponsored by her family.

Miss



Thalia Terrell-Valdez

Age: 20, Thalia has a passion for animals, can speak two languages, knows what it’s like to be in the Navy, and knows more Navy tactics than most people her age. She is sponsored by her family.

Ambassador



Sawyer Smith

Sawyer has been in theater for eight years, is a 4th generation Butte County Fairgoer, and can pogo stick without using his hands. He is sponsored by Rosemary Kelly.

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- 4-8:00 Kids Zone Kids Zone
- 4-9:00 People's Choice Voting Expo Hall & Butte Hall
- 4-10:00 Flo The Clown Roving
- 4-11:00 Midway of Fun Carnival Carnival Lot
- 4-11:00 Petting Zoo Livestock Area
- Noon-11:00 Adult Lawn Games Jake's Bar
- 4:00 Grand Opening Main Gate (5)
- 4:00 Beef Show Livestock Barns
- 4:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 6:00 Big Wheel Races Whitaker Drive
- 6:00 Miss Butte County Courtyard Stage
- 6:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 7:00 Grand Champion Drive Livestock Barns
- 7:00 Mardesich Becker Memorial BCF Arena
Team Roping
- 8:00 Industrial Drive Jake's Bar
- 8:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 9:00 Fair Idol Courtyard Stage



Friday

August 23rd

Public Hours: 3PM to Midnight

KIDS DAY!

- 3-8:00 Kids Zone Kids Zone
- 3-9:00 People's Choice Voting Expo Hall & Butte Hall
- 3-10:00 Flo The Clown Roving/ Kids Zone
- 3-11:00 Petting Zoo Livestock Area
- 3-11:00 Midway of Fun Carnival Carnival Lot
- Noon-11:00 Adult Lawn Games Jake's Bar
- 4:30 Pee Wee Livestock Show (Free) . . Livestock Barns
- 4:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 4:45 The Hypnotist Tina Marie Courtyard Stage
- 7:00 Bulls & Broncs BCF Arena
- 6:00 Large Animal Round Robin Livestock Barns
- 6:00 Big Wheel Races Whitaker Drive
- 6:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 8:15 Legend Band (Live Music) Jake's Bar
- 8:15 Pie Eating Contest Courtyard Stage
- 8:30 The Hypnotist Tina Marie Courtyard Stage
- 8:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn



Saturday

August 24th

Public Hours: Noon to Midnight

- 10-3:00 Junior Livestock Auction Livestock Area
- Noon-8:00 Kids Zone Kids Zone
- Noon-8:30 Flo The Clown Roving/ Kids Zone
- Noon-11:00 Petting Zoo Livestock Area
- Noon-11:00 Midway of Fun Carnival Carnival Lot
- Noon-9:00 People's Choice Voting Expo Hall & Butte Hall
- Noon-11:00 Adult Lawn Games Jake's Bar
- 12:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 2:15 The Hypnotist Tina Marie Courtyard Stage
- 2:00 Cornhole Tournament Jake's Bar
- 2:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 4:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 5:00 The Hypnotist Tina Marie Courtyard Stage
- 6:00 Big Wheel Races Whitaker Drive
- 6:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 7:00 Lanco Concert/American Mile . . . BCF Arena
- 7:00 Pie Eating Contest Courtyard Stage
- 8:00 Nathan Owens Jake's Bar
- 8:00 The Hypnotist Tina Marie Courtyard Stage
- 8:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn



Sunday

August 25th

Public Hours: Noon to 11PM

- Noon-8:00 Kids Zone Kids Zone
- Noon-10:00 Flo The Clown Roving/ Kids Zone
- Noon-11:00 Midway of Fun Carnival Carnival Lot
- Noon-11:00 Petting Zoo Livestock Area
- Noon-11:00 Adult Lawn Games Jake's Bar
- 12:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 2:00 The Hypnotist Tina Marie Courtyard Stage
- 2:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 4:00 Folklorico Courtyard Stage
- 4:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 5:30 Funnel Cake Contest Courtyard Stage
- 6:00 Big Wheel Races Whitaker Drive
- 6:00 Mariachi de Mexico Courtyard Stage
- 6:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 7:00 Destruction Derby BCF Arena
- 7:45 Skynyrd Nation Jake's Bar
- 8:00 Los Del 530 Courtyard Stage
- 8:30 Cook's Racing Pigs West Lawn
- 9:45 Tricycle Races Jake's Bar

