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Kyler Storey of Palermo Grange (center) celebrates the sale of her Reserve Champion Market Swine to Rosser Enterprises, represented here by Levi Rosser (right). Photo by Seti Long

**By Seti Long**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Butte County Fair returned this year promising to be a destination for family fun under director and CEO Matthew Reed.

Multiple grandstand events returned under Reed's direction after falling off the fair's schedule in past decades.

Thursday, Aug. 22, the grandstand arena filled for team roping under the new Mardesich-Becker Memorial moniker and Friday night, Aug. 23, nail-biting bronc and bull riding kept patrons on the edge of their seat. Saturday night, Aug. 24,

multi-platinum selling band LANCO lit up the stage, rocking the stands with their blend of country music and Sunday, Aug. 25, concluded in smoke, mud and fire with the destruction derby.

The addition of new grandstand events to the 2024 lineup seemed to entice more attendees and was seemingly a hit with guests. Fair food, carnival rides and games drew others but the heart of the county fair revolved around the Jr. Livestock Auction.

Early in the week, FFA, Grange and 4-H members arrived at the fairgrounds, most with their animals

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The Midway was a huge draw for all, including this little cowboy who dined on one of the most famous fair foods, the corn dog! Photo provided by Sarah Hutchison

## Council Approves Plan for Policy Decisions' Postings

**Story by Shaunna Boyd**

**LIVE OAK, CA (MPG)** - The possibility of posting policy updates to the city's website to ensure the public has access to accurate information about council decisions was discussed at the Aug. 21 Live Oak City Council meeting.

Interim City Manager Mark Scott said that there has been an ongoing concern that information about the city posted on social media is often highly inaccurate.

Scott cautioned councilmembers against engaging in a back-and-forth discussion on social media platforms. But he said, "We do have an obligation to keep our public informed on issues of importance to the city."

So periodic posting on the website from the city manager would provide the public with accurate updates about actions taken by the council and it would also highlight the city manager as a point of contact if members of the public wanted to reach out with feedback or further questions.

Councilmember Bob Woten said it was frustrating to see inaccuracies posted on social media, so he said it would be a "benefit for us to produce information that would speak out the truth and give the people in our city a better, real idea of the truth."

Councilmember Jeramy Chapdelaine was in favor of posting updates to the website and he agreed that it would be important to identify a point person who the public could contact.

Councilmember Lakhvir Ghag said the City Council needs to correct the misinformation spreading online. He further suggested that the council should hold town hall meetings to engage directly with the public.

Interim City Manager Scott agreed that "Live Oak is thirsty for public dialogue" and said the website posts would be in addition to other engagement measures.

Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana said she would like to be able to respond

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## Miss Butte County Competition Does Not Disappoint



The 2024-2025 Miss Butte County Scholarship Program Royal Court, from left, are Missette Butte County, Aaliyah Fowler; Missette second runner-up, Melody Ramsey; Teen Miss second runner-up, Gracie Vost; Teen Miss first runner-up, Emily Danner; Miss Teen Butte County Paulina Martinez; Butte County Ambassador Sawyer Smith; Miss Butte County Thalia Terrell-Valdez; Miss Teen Butte County third runner-up, Alana McCabe; and Missette Butte County first runner-up, River Nichols. Photo courtesy of Amber Thompson Photography

**By Connie Voss**

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - Opening night of the fair gave Butte County a new royal court for 2024, with nine youth being awarded titles and scholarship funds. Besides the Court titles, one individual in each division received the Betsy Award in commemoration of the former program director, Betsy Oliver. Friends and families

of the 13 contestants gathered at the Courtyard stage for a breezy evening of watching a wide variety of performances.

Preparation began months ago with each individual putting in 200 hours of community service, being interviewed, preparing a resume and taking the scholarship program's basic knowledge test. In addition, the Ambassador and Miss Butte

County contestants created their own Community Service Platforms for the coming year.

To begin the evening, about a dozen girls as young as 4 years old were brought on stage for a mini competition. After answering a question, they all received a sash and recognition as a 2024 Future Missette. The first one was shy and

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# The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

Burleson noted on June 28 that "for the first time since white men have known the Feather River, it is dry in places below the intake of the Sutter Butte Canal and a Gridley man reports that a few days ago he walked across the stream on a ruffle without wetting his feet. Later that year the Sutter Butte Canal Company preserved its rights to water from the river in a negotiated settlement of the lawsuit it filed against the Great Western Power Company and its Western Canal Company subsidiary." \*\*\*

The Bruce Bowling Dentristry Shoppe is being expanded. Construction is flowing over into the ally, making parking surges created by McKinley School even more interesting; some people who

get a parking spot at kid pick-up time get the entertainment of the mini-van parking battles. It is good to see businesses investing and expanding, and it is particularly nice that a family business continues from father to son. \*\*\*

The sign at the Chico Airport has an arrow next to the word DEMOB. The demobilization - or going home - is finally occurring as the last of the Park Fire has been contained. Millions of dollars lost and millions spent, not losing more property or lives. I, for one, am glad it is over; thank you to all of the firefighters who came from far-off places to help us in our Counties' time of need.

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

# How Sweet!

## Sweeties Grand Opening



Brandi Macfarlane is also lovingly known as "Auntie" to her biggest fan base: her daycare kiddos. Both her kid-crew and grandkids help her with quality control, taste testing new additions to the Sweeties line-up of goodies and treats. They made sure to be first through the door for Sweeties grand opening. From left are Lucas Onyett, Saxon Ross, Cameron Onyett, Cohen Waite and Hayes Waite. In the back is Macfarlane. Photo by Courtney Waite

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - After weeks of operating under their "soft opening" schedule, Sweeties in Gridley celebrated their grand opening.

The event took place Tuesday, Aug. 22 at the downtown Gridley location. Owner Brandi Macfarlane stocked the store with a variety of goodies to entice guests, including her delicious gluten-free cookies, homemade sourdough breads, cupcakes and more.

To honor their growing

customer base, Sweeties held a raffle to win a free dozen cookies and handed out coupons for a free cookie to all those that attended.

Macfarlane said the community support has been amazing since they opened July 22. The baker reported that Sweeties sold out all but two days the first two weeks of business and that customer traffic is steady, if not heavy on some days.

To keep up with the demand, Macfarlane has enlisted the help of local baker Alex Montero and

rented a kitchen in the downtown area for quick restocks.

Sweeties currently offers shaved ice, ice cream and novelty candies alongside their baked goods, breads and loaves. Macfarlane is now taking orders for specialty cakes, including wedding, birthday and anniversary cakes, and is carrying pumpkin and lemon loaves in the store.

Sweeties is open from noon to 8 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays and can be reached at 530-370-1671. ★

# Street Closed Permanently

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Earlier this year, Gridley City Officials made the decision to permanently close the section of Vermont Street that runs between McKinley Primary School and Sycamore Middle School.

The portion of Vermont Street, between Magnolia Street and Sycamore Street, was permanently closed to through traffic Monday, Aug. 26.

City crews removed the large ranch-style fencing that was used to close the street during school hours and installed chain link fencing. In addition to closing off the street, the chain link also secures the western perimeter of the McKinley campus.

"Following an extensive review of safety concerns in collaboration with law enforcement and city officials, the Gridley Unified School District has decided to

close this section of Vermont Street. This measure aims to enhance the safety and accessibility of the area surrounding McKinley Primary and Sycamore Middle Schools," said Gridley Unified School District Superintendent Justin Kern.

Kern said that the closure address student safety concerns during school hours in the hopes of ensuring a safer environment for students traveling between the schools.

"The safety of our students is our utmost priority, and we are confident that this decision will significantly improve their security and well-being," said Kern.

"We understand that this change may cause some inconvenience, and we thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. We urge all community members to plan alternative routes and adhere to new signage and barriers that will be installed to assist in navigating around the closure." ★

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# Miss Butte County Competition Does Not Disappoint



Miss Butte County Thalia Terrell-Valdez. Photo courtesy of Amber Thompson Photography



From left are the Missette Butte County winners: River Nichols, Aaliyah Fowler and Melody Ramsey. Photo courtesy of Amber Thompson Photography



Sawyer Smith, the first-ever Butte County Ambassador, stands with his awards. Photo courtesy of Amber Thompson Photography

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ended up being carried by her dad.

For the main competition, each division included all contestants performing an opening number, speech, presentation of skill and impromptu question.

The Presentation of Skill allowed each competitor to display a talent. The audience witnessed archery, hip-hop and Hawaiian dances, cheerleading routines, a poetry reading, Pogo-sticking with no hands, as well as demonstrations on how to show a turkey, why to grow your own vegetables and what makes a volcano erupt. One participant, Ava Coté, modeled a lovely gown that she made herself.

After the Impromptu Question phase came the announcement everyone was anticipating: the winners in each division:

Missette Butte County 2024 - Aaliyah Fowler, with Melody Ramsey and River Nichols as first and second runners-up. Lilliann Pannell received the Betsy Award.

Fowler, only 8 years old, was a Future Missette at ages five, six and seven. Her Presentation of Skill was hip-hop dancing, as she loves to dance. Asked how she felt when it was announced

that she won, Fowler said, "I felt amazing. I felt so proud of myself and my mom, I could see my mom, the person that helped me keep trying. It made me so proud of me for accomplishing my goals."

Her mother and grandmother said Aaliyah paid for the entrance fee by herself. She was very confident the night before the competition, even telling her mother, "Mom, I'm going to win a title and if it's not the title I want, I will compete again next year."

Miss Teen Butte County winner, Paulina Martinez, also won the Betsy Award with runners-up Gracie Yost, Emily Danner and Alana McCabe.

Martinez, from Live Oak and vice-president of her FFA Chapter, presented 'How to Show a Turkey' using a stuffed-toy chicken.

Upon winning, Martinez said, "It was an incredible feeling. I mean, I don't know if you saw but tears are running down my eyes. I couldn't help it. I mean, all my work the past couple of months; I've been working hard for this and it finally paid off. So I really feel like my determination helped me get in the place I am today."



The Teen Miss Court, Ambassador and Miss County are all smiles. From left are Gracie Yost, Emily Danner, Paulina Martinez, Sawyer Smith, Thalia Terrell-Valdez and Alana McCabe. Photo courtesy of Amber Thompson Photography

Miss Butte County, Thalia Terrell-Valdez, competed unopposed. An Oroville resident, Valdez has attended Las Plumas High School and been active in FFA. Animals are her passion. She plans to attend Butte College for two years in criminal justice and then transfer to Oklahoma State to major in agriculture. 'What Makes a Volcano Erupt?' was her skill presentation. As a Community Service Platform, Terrell-Valdez created "Inclusive Adventures" to provide extracurricular sensory and skill development programs

for children with various physical and cognitive abilities. In addition, she is bilingual. Terrell-Valdez received the Betsy Award as well as the crown for Miss Butte County.

Ambassador winner Sawyer Smith was also unopposed. He too received the Betsy Award. For the Presentation of Skill, he demonstrated Pogo-Sticking with no hands. Smith has appreciated working with people and the communication skills he has gained by competing in the program. For his Community Service Platform, he will help

rescue and find homes for homeless dogs in a project he calls "Puppy Love." His future plan is to attend Grand Canyon University and become a pastor.

The outgoing 2023 court was awarded more than \$3,000 in scholarships: \$1,000 to Miss Butte County, \$900 to the Miss Teen and \$800 to the Missette. More than \$400 in instant scholarships went to the 2024 Betsy Award winners.

Congratulations to all these outstanding youth who participated from the Gridley Herald Staff. Every one of you are winners! ★

## Golden Autumn Wine Festival Back Sept. 8

The Area's Finest -- 11 Wineries for One Admission Cost!



The Golden Autumn Wine Festival is happening at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland on Sunday, Sept. 8. Photo courtesy Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way

### Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way News Release

**WHEATLAND, CA (MPG)** - Our region has a great story to tell regarding wine production, both in the valley and in the foothills. A local annual event makes it easy and inexpensive to taste from 11 wineries at one location and to talk with the winemakers about what it takes to develop their wine's special tastes and textures.

The ninth Annual Golden Autumn Wine Festival is happening at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland on Sunday, Sept. 8, with a choice of two tasting sessions: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. Admission is \$50 per person, with all net proceeds going to programs serving those in need in our community through the Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way.

"We have been so fortunate for nine years to have the donation of a wonderful venue, in the shady apple orchard, known as 'The Other Side of the Tracks' at Bishop's Pumpkin Farm in Wheatland," said Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way Executive Director Bob Harlan.

"Interwoven amongst the trees are 11 wineries and four specialty vendors. Then add on background music from 'The Achilles Live Trio,' and you have a delightfully peaceful experience," Harlan said.

Bottles of wine from each of the wineries are available for purchase.

Being early in Bishop's Pumpkin Farm's season, there is no parking fee, nor is there pumpkin farm admission fee, which is always the case. And all of Bishop's shops, rides and displays will be open.

"As we have to abide by our Alcoholic Beverage Control license, we are unable to allow anyone under 21 to enter the venue, including infants being held in arms or in strollers," Harlan said.

Full information and to purchase tickets online at [www.yscunitedway.org](http://www.yscunitedway.org) and click on "Events" or call (530) 743-1847 weekdays. Designated drivers of at least 21 years old are admitted free of charge.

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## Community Action Agency of Butte County to Hold Golf Tournament



The Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be played Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Table Mountain Golf Course. Photo by TomasHa73 via Pixabay

### Community Action Agency of Butte County

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - The Community Action Agency of Butte County, Inc. will hold a Golf Tournament Fundraiser event from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Table Mountain Golf Course.

"It will be a tee-rific day at an event that's all

about funding our impactful programs like the Esplanade House, North State Food Bank, the 530 Food Rescue Coalition and Butte CARES, all of which improve the economic security of our county's vulnerable residents and makes Butte a better place to live for everyone," said Tim Hawkins, CEO of the Community Action Agency.

Tickets include a free golf shirt, golf cart, breakfast, lunch, a drink ticket, fantastic raffle prizes and great company all while helping our Butte communities thrive, according to Hawkins.

Tickets can be purchased at [buttecaa.com](http://buttecaa.com).

The golf course is at 2700 Oro Dam Blvd. W., Oroville.

For more information, call 530-693-2055. ★



# Commissioner Lara Orders Insurance Protections Following Wildfire Emergencies

## California Department of Insurance News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara issued a mandatory one-year moratorium on insurance companies to preserve residential insurance coverage for more than 185,000 policyholders affected by the Park, Borel, and Gold Complex fires. The Commissioner's Bulletin shields those living within the perimeters or adjoining ZIP Codes of these fires from insurance non-renewal or cancellation for one year from the date of the Governor's emergency declarations regardless of whether they suffered a loss.

"Homeowners plagued by devastating wildfires deserve the peace of mind that their home and future will remain covered by insurance as they recover and rebuild," said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. "Protecting wildfire survivors from non-renewals is one of the many actions I am taking to implement proactive

solutions that address the impacts of climate change and extreme wildfires on our communities."

The Department of Insurance is deploying staff to wildfire disaster areas to assist survivors in filing claims and protect communities from potential insurance fraud and abuse. Consumer services experts are available in-person to answer questions at Local Assistance Centers and enforcement officers are on the ground in areas near the Park Fire, meeting with residents and coordinating with local law enforcement. Visit the Department's website to find information about Local Assistance Centers near you and view the Top 10 Tips for wildfire claimants to avoid becoming a victim of a scam, or call 800-927-4357 with any insurance-related question.

Commissioner Lara's ability to issue these moratoriums is a result of a California law that he authored in 2018 while serving as a state senator in order to provide temporary relief from insurance non-renewals and cancellations to residents

living within or adjacent to a gubernatorial-declared wildfire disaster.

Since 2019, Commissioner Lara's actions have protected nearly 4 million homeowners. Today's order protects over 185,000 policyholders for one year, effective July 26, 2024, for the Park and Gold Complex Fires and July 30, 2024, for the Borel Fire. Consumers who were non-renewed prior to the emergency declaration date and are unable to obtain insurance or are dissatisfied with their current coverage should contact the Department of Insurance for assistance in shopping for insurance.

Consumers can go to the Department of Insurance website to see if their ZIP Code is included in the moratorium. Consumers should contact the Department of Insurance at 800-927-4357 or via chat or email at insurance.ca.gov if they believe their insurance company is in violation of this law, or have additional claims-related questions.

Since taking office

in 2019, Commissioner Lara has done the following major wildfire-related actions:

Announced his Sustainable Insurance Strategy, the largest insurance reform in 30 years, which includes a number of executive actions aimed at improving insurance choices and protecting Californians from increasing climate threats while addressing the long-term sustainability of the nation's largest insurance market.

Modernized and improved the California FAIR Plan, the insurer of last resort. Commissioner Lara's plan offers homeowners and condo associations and business owners expanded coverage in a new "high-value" plan with limits up to \$20 million per building, a sound financial formula to protect policyholders in extreme loss scenarios, and improved transparency by requiring increased public reporting on FAIR Plan activity and customer service metrics. Commissioner Lara previously raised residential

and commercial coverage limits for the first time in 25 years to keep pace with increased costs.

Released his catastrophe modeling regulation that will help restore options for all Californians. His proposed regulation will have major benefits for Californians in the form of more reliable rates, greater availability of insurance, stronger oversight, and safer communities.

Announced "Safer from Wildfires," a new insurance framework that incorporates wildfire safety measures to help save lives while making homes and businesses more resilient. Safer from Wildfires was created by a first-ever partnership between the Department of Insurance and the emergency and preparedness agencies in the Governor's Administration, including CAL FIRE, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Finalized new regulations to incorporate Safer

from Wildfires in insurance pricing, driving down costs for consumers who have taken actions to protect their communities while increasing transparency about their home's or business's "wildfire risk score."


Sponsored new insurance protections signed into law by the Governor — despite opposition from insurance companies — that will mean larger payouts for some claims, less red tape from insurance companies, and more help for people under evacuation orders.

Following the Governor's state of emergency declarations, the Department of Insurance partners with CAL FIRE and California Office of Emergency Services, pursuant to existing statute, to identify wildfire perimeters for mandatory moratorium areas. The Department of Insurance will continue to collaborate with CAL FIRE and California Office of Emergency Services to identify additional wildfire perimeters for any fires where the governor declares a state of emergency. ★

MEMORIAL

**BILL DECKER • 9/13/1960 - 8/10/2024**

On Saturday, August 10, Bill Decker passed away suddenly from complications with his health. He was an avid enjoyer of hunting, fishing, camping (pretty much anything outdoors), homesteading, and cars. He was a man strong in his convictions, but willing to listen to others; a traveler with wanderlust, but only afforded to do so by his job; and a true friend to those he gave his loyalty and respect. He is survived by his wife, Diane Decker; daughter, Deidra Thornton; son, Brian Decker; grandsons, William Varnedoe, Darion Thornton, Grayson Thornton, Thomas Decker, and Jacob Decker; sister, Audrey Hartmann; and brother, Jeff Bender. A memorial event will be held in October in Boise, ID.



MEMORIAL


**DAVID JOSE ENRIQUEZ • 6/25/1939 — 8/25/2024**

David Jose Enriquez passed away on August 25, 2024, in Gridley, CA, at the age of 85. Born on June 25, 1939, in Yuba City, CA, David was a man known for his hardworking nature, genuine soul, and playful sense of humor.

David graduated from Biggs High School and shortly thereafter, in 1958, enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served for four years. After his time in the military he worked for Sunset Moulding Co until his retirement after 30 years.

He loved woodworking and gardening. He spend many hours making beef jerky to share with loved ones. When he wasn't watching sports on TV he could be found on the soccer greens and little league fields watching his nieces and nephews. He was often in the backyard having a cold Bud light while entertaining his family and adopted friends of Melissa's.

When you ask his family they will tell you that he was sarcastic and yet you always knew you were loved. He was the one you called when you were locked out of your house or needed help with a project. He was the first to arrive at a function and the best supervisor on every work site. He loved entertaining the kids by taking out his dentures on occasion swapping with his brother. He convinced a generation that



his arm had been cut off in "the war" and was sewn on upside down. Always the prankster and often sharing the family gossip. He loved his family, sweets and Hallmark Christmas in July.

David's legacy of love and laughter is carried on by his children, David Enriquez Jr. and Melissa Enriquez; three grandchildren; two brothers Cornelio and Miguel; one sister Margarita; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who became family. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marcie Enriquez, after 30 years of marriage, his sisters Elvira Enriquez and

Refujio Herrera, his parents Fulencio and Celerina Enriquez and his grandson Antonio Enriquez.

The viewing will be held at Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel, located at 679 Ohio St., Gridley, CA, on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, from 4pm to 6pm, followed by the rosary. A mass will be celebrated in his honor at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Wednesday, September 4th, 2024, at 11am, with graveside services at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery immediately following.

Catered memorial to follow at Gridley Moose Lodge on Hwy 99.

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**DOUGLAS STANLEY RUDD • 12/21/1959 – 07/16/2024**

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Doug Rudd, 64, announces his death in the early morning of July 16th. Doug was a strong and determined man, but never had a chance to fight the pancreatic cancer that swiftly took his life.

Doug was born to Jean and Gary Rudd on December 21, 1959, in Gridley, California. "The shortest day of the year," he enjoyed saying. He was a proud Gridley Bulldog and an unselfish and fun-loving athlete. "A one in a million kid," his beloved football coach still says. In 1978, Doug attended Cal Poly, SLO, pledged the Chi Chapter of the AGR agricultural fraternity, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanized agriculture, returning home to farm with his dad. It was all he ever wanted to do. Doug was a hard worker who others loved to work with. He had a kind and generous heart, and he loved the land and his family, a dedicated son and brother.

Doug married his high school sweetheart Laura on July 25, 1981, and for 43 years they had a wonderful life together. He was a loving and devoted husband and father who was deeply proud of their children. There was great joy in being a grandfather.

Doug found the time needed to make a difference in his community over the years. He was a Little



League coach, a founding member of the Gridley chapter of California Waterfowl Association, and an early board member of Gridley Education Foundation, retiring in 2018. He was a 1997 graduate of Agricultural Leadership Foundation Class 26, and past Butte County Farm Bureau president. Doug joined the board of Red Top Rice Growers in 1995, serving as secretary-treasurer for 17 years before becoming its president in 2017, the position he held at the time of his death. In all that he did, Doug was a problem solver who served with humility, integrity, and common sense. He cared about doing the right thing for the right reasons.

Doug was a faithful friend. A longtime member of both the Moose Lodge and the Monday Night Football club, he was always ready to lend a hand, especially if cooking was required. Doug was a good cook and an avid outdoorsman. He opened the Shovellers duck club, managing it for 40 years and hosting many traditional

hunts and good meals.

Doug is survived by Laura and their children, Shelley (Clayton Sakoda), Steven (Kelly), and Julie (Curtis Travioli), and his grandchildren Sophie and Theo Sakoda, and Quinn, Myer, and Hank Douglas Travioli. He is also survived by his parents and brothers, David, Drew and Denny, and their families.

Doug's family wishes to sincerely thank Angee and Kim from Colusa Medical Center Hospice for the care they so warmly gave Doug. Even in the last weeks of his life, Doug charmed people wherever he went, with a twinkle in his eyes and kind and observational humor. Smile when you think of Doug. He will be forever loved and missed beyond measure. Interment service will be held at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery gazebo on Friday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. His life will be celebrated afterward on the family ranch where he lived, beginning at noon.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

# Gridley Cross Country Hits the Ground Running

By Seti Long and Jaime Luevano

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Bulldogs Cross Country team opened their season this past weekend at the Inderkum Tiger Invitational held in Sacramento. The 2.5-mile course was run at the North Natomas Regional Park.

Gridley, representing the Northern Section, fared well against five schools from the San Joaquin Section that included Grant, Leroy Green Academy, Liberty Ranch, Marysville and host Inderkum Tigers.

Gridley's Valentin Sanchez Jr. would take first place in the men's 2.5-mile varsity run with a time of 14:43, beating a runner

from Grant by one second for the lead. Gridley's Zac Bonnifet would place 16th with a time of 18:48 and Will Yost would take 18th with a time of 19:22.

JV's Isaiah Hospers would run a 17:08 in the 2.5-mile race to take second place, and Charlie Medina would run the women's 2.5 freshman/sophomore race at 23:18, taking fifth place.

Coach Jaime Luevano looks forward to a promising season with his team.

Gridley Cross Country is Andrew Payne, Asher Kimberling, Isaiah Hospers, Raul Vazquez, Rene Mellin, Valentin Sanchez Jr., Will Yost, Zac Bonnifet, Charlie Medina and Gabby Cahoon. ★



Valentin Sanchez Jr., number 511, is the returning 2023 Butte View League 5K Champion and 2023 Division IV State Qualifier. Photo courtesy of Jaime Luevano



Freshman Isaiah Hospers, left, placed second overall for the JV Boys. Freshman Charlie Medina placed fifth overall for the JV Girls. Junior Valentin Sanchez Jr. placed first overall for the Varsity Boys. Photo courtesy of Jaime Luevano



From left, Isaiah Hospers ninth, Zac Bonnifet 12th, Valentin Sanchez 11th, Will Yost 12th, Rene Mellin 11th and Charlie Medina ninth. Photo courtesy of Jaime Luevano

# Gridley Volleyball Hits the Road

Story by Seti Long, photos by Jennifer Corriea

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Lady Bulldogs Volleyball team opened their season on the road, traveling to Colusa to take on the Redhawks Aug. 22.

Gridley would rally, fighting through three sets against the Redhawks and

playing hard. Unfortunately, too many unforced errors would make them come up short. Scores of 18-25 in set 1, 18-25 in set 2, and 19-25 in set 3 resulted in an overall score of Gridley 0 - Colusa 3.

Varsity player Taylor Carey would be named player of the game for the matchup.

Gridley Varsity Volleyball is Taylor Carey, senior; Isabel Santillan, junior; Iris Counihan, freshman; Abby Boyan, freshman; Kiya Emberson, senior; Charity Archer, senior; Tati Rivero, junior; Yalany Romo, junior; Avery Mendenhall, junior; and Charlee Sormano, senior. ★



Isabel Santillan sets a ball in the Bulldogs' match in Colusa on Aug. 22.



Gridley libero Taylor Carey passes a ball in a preseason match against Colusa on Aug. 22.



Gridley's Avery Mendenhall tips the ball over the net in the Bulldogs' loss to Colusa on Aug. 22.

# 'Wise Guys & Starry Skies' Kids' Rehearsals Begin

Gridley Christian Church News Release

**GRIDLEY, CA (MPG)** - The Kids' Choir will begin meeting at Gridley Christian Church from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, starting Sept. 3. The kids' Christmas musical, "Wise Guys & Starry Skies," will be rehearsed Tuesdays until the performance date of Sunday, Dec. 8. Kids 4 years old through eighth-grade are encouraged to join us in singing about the birth of Jesus.

Age-appropriate speaking parts and solos will be given to those who want

them. We want the kids to discover their God-given musical and dramatic talent using this fun medium of Christian musical theater. Simple choreography, Bible lessons, snacks, sign language and a memory verse are also part of our time together.

This wonderful musical is about Jesse who travels from the west to become a Wise Guy. He meets up with Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar, who are leaving to find the heavenly King. They show Jesse the star and Jesse tells them the ancient prophecies about

the heavenly King's birth. While following the star, Cookie feeds them well with menu items such as prune pit salad, wings of sparrow and beetle juice.

Participation in the Kids' Choir is free of charge. Singing for Jesus is fun. Come join us. Call Bonnie at 530-933-9845 to register your child or for more information.

Gridley Christian Church is located at 580 Hazel St. It is a place where everyone is family. Call 530-846-4002 to talk with Pastor Ed about any concerns you might have. ★



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# Thompson Fire Arsonist Charged

**Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release**

**OROVILLE, CA (MPG)** - An Oroville man was charged Aug. 26 by the Butte County District Attorney's Office for causing the Thompson Fire in the Oroville area on July 2.

Spencer Grant Anderson, 26, of Oroville, is charged with starting the Thompson Fire near the intersection of Cherokee and Thompson Flat Roads in an unincorporated area northeast of the City of Oroville. Anderson is charged with arson of an inhabited structure, arson of forest land, and arson causing multiple structures to burn. It is also alleged Anderson has a previous conviction for a serious domestic-violence-related felony "strike" which would double the punishment of any potential arson conviction. If convicted as charged, Anderson faces upwards of 21 years in state prison.

Anderson was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court on Aug. 26. Anderson is being held in the Butte County Jail on a no-bail hold. Anderson will be back in court on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 8:30 a.m. (after press time) to meet with his public defender and set further dates for entry of his plea and pre-trial hearings.

At a press conference before Anderson's arraignment on Aug. 26, Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey and CAL FIRE Unit Chief Garrett Sjolund laid out the events that led to Anderson's arrest.

The Thompson Fire started at approximately 10:47 a.m. on July 2, on Cherokee Road, north of its intersection with Thompson Flat Road. That day was a "Red Flag Day" with temperatures above 100 degrees, low humidity, and high winds blowing west to east. The fire started at the bottom of a steep embankment next to the west side of the road.

Because of the hot, dry conditions, the fire quickly burned up the hillside. Once the fire reached the top of the hill, the wind blowing to the east carried

embers from the fire almost ¼ mile across the nearby Thermalito Diversion Pool. The fire also ran up the Cherokee and Oregon Gulch drainages to the north of Oroville and burned across the face of Table Mountain.

Once the fire established itself on the eastern side of the Thermalito Diversion Pool, the fire quickly spread east into the City of Oroville causing the evacuation of northeast Oroville and the Kelly Ridge residential area adjacent to the Oroville Dam. Within eight hours, the fire, riding the wind, traveled over 3.5 miles and destroyed 13 residential structures and damaged/destroyed 34 total structures.

Shortly after the fire started, CAL FIRE arson investigators responded to the Cherokee Road area and pinpointed the fire's area of origin. They were able to determine the fire was caused by arson, by ruling out other weather, mechanical, or utility causes. Through interviews with 911 callers and other witnesses, CAL FIRE investigators worked through the rest of the day and night and identified a Toyota sedan driven by an unknown male subject as being in the precise area where the fire started at the time the fire started.

The next day, July 3, the investigators, with the help of license plate readers in the Oroville area, were able to locate the Toyota sedan in Oroville and identified Anderson as the driver.

Starting that day, CAL FIRE investigators had Anderson under 24/7 surveillance while other CAL FIRE investigators in partnership with the Butte County District Attorney's Office, collected evidence and built the criminal case.

"For 50 days, CAL FIRE devoted 4 to 6 investigators per day, brought in from around the state, to continuously watch Anderson as other investigators meticulously built the case" noted DA Ramsey.

"If Anderson had chosen to light another fire, we were confident the surveillance personnel would be able to detect and stop the

fire before it could get out of control."

DA Ramsey noted CAL FIRE investigators performed a thorough and forensic investigation in the area of origin of the fire and confirmed the initial conclusion that the fire was caused by an intentional human act. Additionally, based on the evidence recovered, investigators determined the fire was most likely started by a flaming object thrown from the Toyota as it drove southbound on Cherokee Road.

Finally, based upon the totality of the evidence and information already recovered, investigators and prosecutors believed they had sufficient evidence to arrest Anderson and the DA gave CAL FIRE investigators the greenlight to contact Anderson and serve search warrants on Anderson, the Toyota, and Anderson's and relative's residences.

On Aug. 22, CAL FIRE investigators contacted Anderson and served the search warrants. During the service of the search warrants, investigators located evidence further implicating Anderson in starting the Thompson Fire. Anderson was arrested and questioned. He admitted that on the morning of the fire, he purchased fireworks from a firework stand in Oroville, then went up Cherokee Road to "test one" by throwing it out his car window.

DA Ramsey praised the outstanding work of the CAL FIRE investigators and their partnership with his office. "The resources that CAL FIRE devoted to investigating this fire were incredible. Not just the number of investigators, but their quality, experience, expertise, and dedication. Butte County is blessed to have some of the best fire investigators in the state. When our local people are supplemented by other great investigators from around the state, this is what happens. These investigators took one small piece of evidence and ran with it. As a result, an alleged arsonist is now behind bars. ★

# Search for Gutierrez Ends



**Butte County Search and Rescue combs the waters of the Feather River during the seven-day search for Julio Gutierrez.** Photo courtesy of Butte County Search and Rescue

**By Seti Long**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The search for missing Oroville man Julio Gutierrez, 22, has ended after his body was located in the Feather River.

Gutierrez was first reported missing on Aug. 18 when he failed to return home after attending an event in Biggs. Law enforcement conducted a search, and after finding evidence of an accident on Larkin Road, located his vehicle in the water near the Afterbay Release Station.

Butte County Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue, and dedicated volunteers, including a professional diver who came to the family's aid, searched for Gutierrez until his body was located Saturday afternoon, Aug. 24.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office reported that through DNA analysis, the body was confirmed to be that of Gutierrez.

Butte County Search and Rescue shared in an online post that "during the seven-day search, our team never lost faith that we would eventually locate Julio. Our volunteers dedicated 327.5-man hours and searched hundreds of miles of Feather River shoreline. C3 certified water search dogs were requested through the CalOES Mutual Aid System, and three handlers from Yuba County Search & Rescue responded and assisted our marine unit."

Surrounding communities have rallied around the family in support both during the search and afterwards.

Friends and family have organized a car wash fundraiser to be held Sunday, Sept. 1 at Paredes Squeaky Clean in Gridley. The establishment is located on the corner of Highway 99 and Sycamore Street. Tamales will also be sold, with all fundraiser proceeds to support funeral expenses. ★

# Semi-Truck Driver Convicted for June 2020 Vehicular Manslaughter

**Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - A semi-truck driver was convicted by a Butte County jury Aug. 26 for causing the deaths of two motorists when he crashed his semi-truck into stopped traffic at the intersection of Highway 99 and Neal Road in June 2020.

Jobanjit Singh, 26, of Sacramento, was found guilty as charged at his misdemeanor jury trial of two counts of vehicular manslaughter four years after taking the lives of David Sims and Lupe Ortiz, both 55 of Los Molinos. Singh's sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 22, where a Butte County judge will sentence Singh for his crimes.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said that on June 10, 2020, Singh drove his 40,000-pound semi-truck northbound from Live Oak, eventually heading toward the intersection of Highway 99 and Neal Road. At approximately 12:47 p.m., Singh drove his semi-truck directly into the back of a Honda Accord stopped at a red light at that intersection.

After colliding with the Honda Accord, the semi-truck continued to plow through three other vehicles, before turning to the left and crashing into a traffic signal pole. Singh's semi-truck then erupted into flames and burned to the ground. The two occupants of the Honda Accord, Sims and Ortiz, died as a result of their injuries at the scene. The other motorists suffered minor to moderate injuries.

Law enforcement personnel arrived shortly afterward to begin investigating how the collision occurred. Officers from the California Highway Patrol (CHP), deputies from the Butte County Sheriff's Office and experts from the CHP's Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) arrived and began examining the physical evidence from the scene to determine why Singh did not avoid the collision.

Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team experts testified at trial that there

were no tire friction marks, commonly known as skid marks, prior to the semi-truck's collision with the Honda Accord. They said that this was evidence that Singh did not apply his brakes prior to the collision.

Singh did not testify on his own behalf but he told CHP investigators immediately after the collision that he was unable to stop because the semi-truck brakes failed as he approached the intersection.

However, CHP experts testified that the semi-truck did begin creating tire friction marks on the roadway after the collision, which was evidence that the semi-truck was capable of braking prior to the collision. The experts also said that had the truck brakes failed on Singh's approach to the intersection, emergency spring brakes on the heavy trailer would have automatically come on.

A Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team accident reconstructionist testified that the damage to the Honda Accord showed it was struck squarely in the back by the semi-truck and there was no evidence of any evasive maneuvers taken by the semi-truck to avoid the collision.

The trial prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Tyler Vercruyssen, argued to the jury that the evidence showed Singh was not paying attention to the traffic ahead of him. Vercruyssen pointed out that if the semi-truck air brakes had failed as claimed by Singh, the automatic emergency trailer brakes would have left tire friction marks prior to the collision with the Accord, thereby giving enough time for Singh to take evasive action to avoid the collision.

Vercruyssen pointed out Singh was able to steer the semi-truck into a traffic signal pole.

"However, when Singh began taking those evasive maneuvers, it was already too late for two people," Vercruyssen said.

The jury ultimately decided Singh did not act reasonably and that his failure to pay attention to traffic in front of him caused the deaths of two people. ★

# Yuba City Police Department Investigating Tragic Murder-Suicide

**Yuba City Police Department News Release**

**YUBA CITY, CA (MPG)** - On Aug. 25, the Yuba City Police Department responded to an apartment in the 1400 block of Stabler Lane at the request of the Reno Police Department. Reno PD had earlier located a man with a self-inflicted gunshot wound at a casino in their city. The Reno Police Department asked if Yuba City PD could do a welfare check on a woman at an apartment on Stabler Lane.

Yuba City Officers responded to the address and were able to make entry. Once inside, officers located the body of a deceased woman.

Our initial investigations suggest that this is a murder-suicide. The deceased

woman and man have been identified, but the names are currently being withheld until their families can be notified.

The relationship between the two people and the circumstances leading up to the event are currently under investigation.

Detectives from the Yuba City Police Department are actively working to gather more details. At this time, no other suspects are believed to be involved and there is no ongoing threat to the public. We urge anyone with information related to this incident to come forward and assist with the investigation.

Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available. The public is asked to respect the privacy of the families involved during this difficult time. ★

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Monday morning as I was writing this column, I tuned into a local sports talk radio station that will go nameless, and listened to the two hosts as they discussed the top 40 Sacramento Kings players of all time.

What was most interesting, as I listened to their personal choices, was who they put in the top 10 since the Kings came to Sacramento.

Conspicuously missing from that list from both hosts were the names Domantas Sabonis and De'Aaron Fox. Neither could make their top 10 list.

Bench players Doug Christie and Brad Miller made the list, but not the rebounding champ for the past two seasons, or the fastest man in the NBA in our own De'Aaron Fox.

Call me a homer, and I'll be proud to wear the title, but I will tell you without a shadow of a doubt, Domantas Sabonis and De'Aaron Fox have already acquitted themselves honorably to make the top ten list of all time for the Sacramento Kings.

Argue where you place Chris Webber, Vlade Divac, or even Demarcus Cousins, but please show some small modicum of basketball acumen and place Mr. Sabonis and Mr. Fox on the list of the top 10!

Did I get a little fired up? You bet I did.

I enjoy talking about the stalwarts of the past as much as the next Kings fan, but I am all about the team as represented today!

Let's spend our time on whether Keegan Murray can elevate to the next level, and garner talk as an all-star candidate someday. Or perhaps whether the Kings will have multiple players with a 20-plus scoring average this season.

Maybe we should discuss how many former Kings have ever led the NBA in rebounding. Names like Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Charles Barkley, Elvin Hayes, and yes, Sacramento's own Chris Webber have worn that title, but surprisingly none of the aforementioned ever did it two years in a row.

Oh, did I mention a candidate for the triple-double title? Perhaps because it never happened before Domantas Sabonis

did it last season, along with the double-double title as well.

OK, I got that off my chest, but I hope you are coming away with the impression that I am high as a kite on the existing squad as represented today. I'll go into the 2024-25 season and stare at a team that will challenge 50 wins and then some.

Newcomer DeMar DeRozan was recently quoted as saying, "I want to be one of the guys that hits the beam."

Domantas Sabonis said, "DeRozan makes us much harder to guard."

I could not agree more, and I will tell you without a doubt that if you get an invite to a Kings game this season, take it, and take it quick. Seats at Golden 1 are going to be scarcer than hen's teeth, and if it's pure entertainment you're looking for, just hang with the Kings this season.

One of the compelling things about the Kings that continues to bring me back again and again is the obvious delight they have playing together.

When a King hits the hardwood on their back, it's a mad scramble to see who will get there first to help the player to his feet.

I hear no acrimony from the bench as it relates to playing time, which is somewhat uncommon.

I'm particularly proud of the way Malik Monk has conducted himself coming off the bench for the past two seasons, when this talented player could easily be starting for any other team. Regardless of whether Malik remains the Kings' sixth man, or breaks into the starting lineup, he has my never-ending support.

Truly, this team has so much talent up and down the lineup, I could poll 10 season ticket holders, and get five to 10 different names as to who is their favorite.

Acquisition discussions have been quiet, but it's always quiet before the storm. Know that Monte McNair is showing up to work each day, and much is happening behind the scenes.

I hope you're looking forward to the upcoming season as much as I am, and especially opening night! ★

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com)

## California Sued Twice After Enacting a Corporate Tax Law with Billions at Stake



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

During Jerry Brown's first stint as governor of California, he became enmeshed in a very complicated dispute over how the state should tax the incomes of multinational corporations.

More than four decades later, the issue has resurfaced in a corporate tax case involving Microsoft, one of the nation's largest corporations, a legislative bill that was semi-secretly attached to the state budget in June, and two subsequent lawsuits.

The outcome could reopen tax returns from past years and potentially force companies to pay billions of dollars in retroactive taxes, or alternatively could eliminate a windfall of corporate taxes that Gov. Gavin Newsom is counting on to help close the state's budget deficit.

The issue that Brown faced in the 1970s was whether corporations should report their global incomes to California and have a calculated percentage subjected to state taxes, or could confine their taxable income reports to actual activities within the state.

At the time, the first methodology, called "unitary taxation," was used by the Franchise Tax Board, which is California's

version of the Internal Revenue Service. However, foreign corporations, particularly those based in Japan and Great Britain, were adamantly opposed and sought the alternative, dubbed "water's edge."

Brown initially supported the tax board but after visiting Japan did a 180-degree flip, while accusing the board's executive officer, Martin Huff, of giving him "flaky data." Huff responded by essentially accusing Brown of lying, which led to Brown and legislative leaders quickly changing a unique state law that had protected the tax board's executive from political interference.

Huff had also alienated legislators by publicly suggesting that their "per diem" expense payments be subject to income taxes. After the law was changed to make it easier for Huff to be fired, he resigned.

The infighting over corporate taxation continued. At one point it even became an issue in a tax treaty that the U.S. government was negotiating with the British government. Eventually, in the 1980s, corporations were given the option of using either the unitary or water's edge method. Microsoft adopted the latter for its 2017-18 tax return, but found itself in a dispute with the tax board over how dividends from foreign subsidiaries should be treated.

The dispute jelled when Microsoft sought a \$90.9 million refund, the tax board rejected the claim and the company appealed to the Office of Tax Appeals, which is essentially a tax court. Last year, after extensive trial-like hearings, a three-member

appellate panel unanimously ruled in favor of Microsoft.

It could have forced the state to refund \$1.3 billion immediately and perhaps more as the decision trickled through the state's corporate tax process. But the tax board did not concede defeat and instead turned to Newsom and the Legislature for a rescue.

It came in the form of Senate Bill 167, one of the dozens of "trailer bills" attached to the state budget. It declares that the Franchise Tax Board's position on the dividend issue is state law, regardless of how the appellate panel ruled.

This month, two lawsuits were filed to challenge the constitutional validity of SB 167, one by the California Taxpayers Association in Fresno, the other by the National Taxpayers Union in Sacramento.

"This legislation imposes a retroactive tax hike that would reach back several decades, allowing California's tax collectors to go after companies that already paid every cent of the taxes owed under the laws that were in place at the time," CalTax president Robert Gutierrez said. "This egregious violation of taxpayers' rights cannot go unchallenged."

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. He began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing his column in 1981. ★

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UB LLC, 14330 Sinclair Circle, Magalia, CA 95954  
Date filed in Butte County: August 15, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. **NOTICE:** This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 23, 30, Sept 6, 13, 2024  
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ness under the above business name on: N/A  
This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. **NOTICE:** This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024  
**PIZZA 9-20-24**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000634**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Trophy Tools, 175 District Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95966.  
Trophy Trucking LLC, 175 District Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95966.  
Date filed in Butte County: August 19, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. **NOTICE:** This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024  
**TROPHY 9-20-24**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000629**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Mi Pueblito, 2365 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926.  
R & C Osorio Corporation, 2365 Esplanade, Chico, CA 95926  
Date filed in Butte County: August 15, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. **NOTICE:** This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024  
**PUEBLITO 9-20-24**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000639**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Tangled Oak Retrievers, 58 Tribulation Trail, Oroville, CA 95966.  
Tara M Martine, PO Box 650, Oroville, CA 95965  
Date filed in Butte County: August 21, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 21, 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 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024  
**TANGLED 9-20-24**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000633**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Daydreamer Hair Loft, 2211 Saint George Lane, Suite 4, Chico, CA 95928.  
Veronica N Evans, 25 Shari Lane, Chico, CA 95928  
Date filed in Butte County: August 19, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. **NOTICE:** This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024  
**DAYDREAMER 9-20-24**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000648**  
The following person(s) are doing business as: Coach Works Collision Center, 2844 Northgate Drive, Suite A, Chico, 95973.  
Coachworks Collision Center, 2844 Northgate Drive, Suite A, Chico, 95973  
Date filed in Butte County: August 22, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Corporation. **NOTICE:** This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 23, 30, Sept 6, 13, 2024  
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federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024  
**COACHWORKS 9-20-24**

## 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**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV02403

Petitioner Cody Braxton Earl filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cody Braxton Earl to Cody Braxton Billington-French.

**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 October 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 1, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on August 14, 2024  
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: August 23, 30, Sept 6, 13, 2024  
**EARL 9-13-24**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE #24CV02402

Petitioner Brannndon Leland Earl filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Brannndon Leland Earl to Brannndon Leland Billington-French.

**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 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBD, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928  
Filed on July 25, 2024  
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: August 23, 30, Sept 6, 13, 2024  
**FRENCH 9-13-24**

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VIRGINIA JANELO RUSSO**  
CASE NO. 24PR00336

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate 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 decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 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 granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Adele M. Din, Attorney at Law, 1104 Corporate 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, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise 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 administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 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 granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661  
Publish: August 16, 23, 30, 2024  
**ROBERTS 8-30-24**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DOROTHY LEE MACK**  
CASE NO. 24PR00351

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Dorothy Lee Mack.

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

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

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, CA09000068-22-3. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 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 916.939.0772, or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA09000068-22-3 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 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

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Publish: August 23, 30, Sept 6, 2024  
**MACK 9-6-24**

## LIEN SALE

1979 MASTERFAB VESSEL HIN# HLR001680879  
CA CF# 3118TU LIEN SALE: 9/10/2024 AT: 10:00 AM  
6210 MINERS RANCH RD, OROVILLE, CA 95966  
GRIDLEY HERALD 8-30-24

## TRUSTEE SALE

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 inaccuracy 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



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## TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 130-290-010-539 TS No: CA05000426-23-2 TO No: 240244008-CA-VOI 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 December 3, 2018. 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 18, 2024 at 11:00 AM, East Entrance, Plumas County Courthouse, 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, 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 December 6, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018-0006683, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by PATRICK A WHITTEN, AN UNMARRIED MAN, AND TOBI L WHITTEN, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for SUMMIT FUNDING, 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: 39 GRAEAGLE MEADOWS RD, GRAEAGLE, CA 96103 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 \$167,491.99 (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 Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Website address [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file

number assigned to this case, CA05000426-23-2. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to Tenant NOTICE TO TENANT FOR FORECLOSURES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021 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 800.280.2832, or visit this internet website [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com), using the file number assigned to this case CA05000426-23-2 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: August 15, 2024 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No: CA05000426-23-2 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.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Auction.com at 800.280.2832 NPP0464338 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS 08/23/2024, 08/30/2024, 09/06/2024 GRIDLEY HERALD 9-6-24

TS No: CA08000457-24-1 APN: 003-055-008-000 TO No: 240199407-CA-VOI 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 November 16, 2015. 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 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971, 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 November 20, 2015 as Instrument No. 2015-0007600, and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded May 10, 2019 as Instrument Number 2019-0002040, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by CHRISTINE BERGLUND, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, as nominee for AMERICAN PACIFIC MORTGAGE CORPORATION 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: 2051 WARREN HILL RD., LA PORTE, CA 95981 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 \$201,967.51 (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

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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 yaa 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 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 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](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp)), at the California Legal Services website ([www.lawhelpca.org](http://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](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp)), en el sitio web de Servicios Legales de California ([www.lawhelpca.org](http://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: LAS 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.

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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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### APPLICATION FOR LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT LLA24-0009 (Elena Waller)

Pursuant to Butte County Code Section 20-95.1 Elena Waller has submitted an application to Butte County for a lot line adjustment (Planning File # LLA24-0009) between two (2) parcels (APNs: 024-130-064 & 024-130-065). Existing parcel sizes are 0.45± acres for Parcel A (APN: 024-130-065) and 17.15± acres for Parcel B (APN: 024-130-064). Resultant parcel sizes are 2.17± acres for Resultant Parcel A and 15.43± acres for Resultant Parcel B. The parcels are located at on the north side of Keith Avenue and the intersection of Keith Avenue and Thresher Avenue, approximately 2.3 miles southeast of the City of Gridley. The parcels have the General Plan land use designation of Agriculture, and are zoned AG-20 (Agriculture 20-acre minimum).

The above-mentioned application is on file and available for public review at the office of Butte County Department of Development Services, Planning Division, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, California. Application materials may also be viewed online at <http://dspermits.buttecounty.net/Search/project.aspx> by entering the application number (LLA24-0009) in the search box. For information, contact Assistant Planner Austin Forde at 530.552.3686, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by email at [AForde@buttecounty.net](mailto:AForde@buttecounty.net).

Comments must be submitted in written form, on or before Monday, September 9, 2024 to Department of Development Services, Planning Division.

If you challenge the above application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else submitted in written form to the Department of Development Services, Planning Division, on or before Monday, September 9, 2024.

PAULA M. DANELUK, AICP, DIRECTOR  
BUTTE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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## CITY OF BIGGS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Biggs will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** in the City of Biggs City Council Chambers, 3016 Sixth Street, Biggs, CA 95917, at which time and place interested persons may either attend and be heard thereon or submit in writing comments prior to the conclusion of the hearing.

The proposed action for which a public hearing will be conducted is as follows:

**Code Amendment 2024-01 (City of Biggs)** – Proposed amendments to Title 11 (Building and Construction) of the Biggs Municipal Code pertaining to consistency with the current California Building Code and with current zoning processes provided in Title 14 of the Biggs Municipal Code. The proposed amendments (project) are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed code amendments would have a significant effect on the environment.

As a courtesy to the public, the meeting will be broadcast free via the internet - no comments will be allowed remotely. The zoom link to watch the meeting is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5308680100>.

Public comments on agenda items are welcomed and encouraged in advance and will be accepted until 4 p.m. on September 10, by emailing the City Clerk at [cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@biggs-ca.gov) or via the drop box at 465 C Street. Comments will be conveyed to the Council for consideration.

If any person(s) challenges the action of the City on the above-described project 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 comments delivered to the City of Biggs, 465 C Street, either at the public hearing or prior to the public hearing.

If you have any questions, comments, or wish to review the project file, please contact Roben Benish, City Clerk, Biggs City Hall, 465 C Street, Biggs, CA 95917, (530) 868-5493, or email comments to planning staff at: [Planning@Biggs-ca.gov](mailto:Planning@Biggs-ca.gov).

Roben Benish, City Clerk, City of Biggs

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## NOTICE OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS

Reclamation District No. 833  
1643 W. Biggs-Gridley Road, Post Office Box 247  
Gridley, California 95948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on June 26, 2024, an operation and maintenance assessment was ordered paid for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024, and terminating June 30, 2025, which operation and maintenance assessment will be Twenty Dollars and 00/100 (\$20.00) for each parcel that is one (1.00) acre or less in size. For every parcel which is 1.01 acres or more, the charge will be Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$5.00) per acre. The assessment shall be payable in installments or in one payment as determined by the Tax Collector of the County of Butte and shall be payable concurrent with the installment, or if no installment payment is permitted, with the first installment of the taxes of the County of Butte. This payment, if not made as a part of the County tax billing, shall be subject to the same penalties and interest as are levied upon delinquent payments of County taxes and assessments, and which amount of penalties and interest will be added thereto and collected for the use of the District if delinquency in payment occurs.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if any landowner objects to the valuation of their land, which valuations are set at \$2,500 per acre for parcels one acre and larger in size, and \$10,000 per parcel for parcels one acre or less in size, they may file a written objection with the District on or before November 1, 2024 and are entitled to a hearing before an impartial body upon their objection.

Dated: June 26, 2024

RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 833:

SHANNON FONTAINE  
Secretary

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# Council Approves Plan for Policy Decisions Postings

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when she sees inaccurate posts on social media:

“We need to set the record straight,” Santana said.

In order for website posts to be effective, Santana said, they should be short and to the point to maintain public attention.

Scott said it would be “a mistake” for public officials to start engaging directly on social media. He suggested it would be best to keep the information on the website and let others link to it in their own social media interactions.

Mayor Ashley Hernandez agreed they

should not get into back-and-forth conversations on social media and that it would be best to stick to the unbiased factual report. She said “it is essential” for the city to engage with the public online, since that is the most common way to communicate but that the interactions should not be conducted on social media. Hernandez supported moving forward with the plan to post updates to the website.

With City Council consensus in support of the plan, Scott said he would finalize the first post and get it ready for council review to be posted on the website.

City Council then heard a summary of current city-owned real estate holdings, in response to a previous council request. Scott said that the city owns 57 properties, which generally fall into two categories: properties with a clear city purpose (such as parks, trails, government buildings, wells and stormwater retention facilities, public parking and other city facilities) and small property slivers that were acquired for right-of-way purposes along roadways.

Nine city-owned parcels (obtained from Caltrans when a proposed bypass was abandoned) do not

currently have identified uses: two large parcels on West Pennington Road, six contiguous parcels east of Richards Road and a single parcel on Larkin Road at the southern edge of the city boundary.

The city doesn’t have any immediate or specific plans for these properties. While some of the properties do have potential sale value, the sale of surplus government property must follow particular guidelines and staff do not recommend any action at this time.

“There is some long-term potential but nothing in the short term that would need any action

by the council right now,” Scott said.

Parks and Recreation Director Luis Cibrian updated City Council about the Live Oak Fall Festival, which is now hosted by the City of Live Oak. This year, the family-friendly event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7 at Live Oak Memorial Park (101134 O St.). The event will kick off with a Superheroes versus Villains Parade at noon along Broadway, and kids and adults are encouraged to dress up and join in the parade. The festivities in the park will start at 1 p.m., featuring food, crafts, cornhole tournament, car

show, circus, pie-eating contest and more.

City Council discussed the possibility of changing the festival name for next year, since it doesn’t take place in the fall, but in the late summer. Some council members mentioned that years ago, it was called the Peach Festival but now Marysville holds a popular peach festival each year. Vice-Mayor Santana suggested that Live Oak focus on local crops to draw interest, such as holding a walnut or prune festival.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 4 at City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd. ★

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**SUMMONS (PARENTAGE)**

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

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ORDEN DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTANDAR (Paternidad – Custodia y Manutención)

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## Dave Ramsey Says What's Best for Me?

simple will is all you need to establish a solid estate plan that protects your family if something happens to you.

Trusts tend to be geared toward people with more assets and unique or complex estate issues. They also come in lots of different forms like, living trusts, revocable and irrevocable trusts and special needs trusts, just to name a few. In my mind, if you have less than \$1 million in assets—and your financial world is pretty simple and straightforward—a will gets the job done just fine.

One of the most important differences between wills and trusts is the ability to name a guardian for your minor children. You *can* name a legal guardian in your will, but you *can't* in a trust. So, even if you have a trust, you'll still need a will to make sure your kids are taken care of after you die.

Another important distinction between the two is that a trust lets you skip probate court—a will doesn't. Probate court cases can drag on forever. Plus, they can be expensive. If your estate gets mixed up in probate court because someone challenges the will, it could mean your family has to spend months in court while grieving. No one wants to go through that.

While we're on the subject of probate court, let's talk about another sticky subject.

There's a little bit of crazy in every family. You probably know who they are in your family, but if you don't, it might be you. Seriously, though, we all know some families that seem to have more than their fair share of crazy and drama, and wills are best for families that struggle with these issues and tension between family members. Probate court can resolve those problems. On the other hand, families who can handle healthy conflict, and who trust each other, are better off with a trust, since they don't need a probate court to babysit them.

And if you're wondering if you can have both a trust and a will, the answer is yes. In fact, most people who have a trust have a will, too.

I hope this little bit helps

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. 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.* ★

## Gridley Thumbs and Roots



By Barbara Ott

Second update on the Toad front. The day of the Toad safari I remembered I can't get down on the ground at this time. I called the person waiting for toad removal and said, I could not do this job because I realized I could not grub around in the burrow. I was so sad. This person called later and triumphantly said, "I

have the toads and can deliver them." This person and her sister had the brilliant idea to fill the burrow with water and out came TEN toads. An entire family. The sister scooped them up and into a bucket they went. These upset toads came to my house, making sad moaning noises. I prepared a larger toad area with an old broken clay pot. I upended the bucket into the pot. Most scrambled to the back. Two escaped. They both changed their color and stopped hopping and I could no longer see them. I wished them happiness either with a new independent life OR the instinct to find their family once I was gone. I haven't gone out at night yet to see if I can see them.

I resisted looking into the pot during the day. I'm letting them acclimate or move if they need to. If they move, they have many great places in the flower gardens to find and make great burrows. Keeping my fingers crossed. I'm greedily hoping that I now have sixteen toads. I know I have plenty of food for them. Makes my heart sing.

The winter vegetables are showing up in the stores. Now is the time to plant them so you can have cauliflower or broccoli by Thanksgiving. Snow peas will get going now and if protected from the bugs they will produce peas once it cools even more. Heading out of mid-summer to the fall equinox! ★



### Climate Concerns are Inspiring Innovation in California Wine Regions

Winegrape growers are embracing innovations to monitor vineyard conditions amid California's hotter, drier climate. In Napa Valley, growers are testing sensor technology designed by Agrology, a company that promotes regenerative farming and data tools to help farmers reduce their carbon footprint. Growers are also partnering with researchers working on developing new rootstocks and scions for warmer conditions. And the Sonoma County Winegrowers group is deploying a greenhouse emissions and carbon-sequestration accounting system.

### Farmers Evaluate Demands, Benefits of Organic Certification

With assumptions about high fees and onerous paperwork and inspections, some farmers have eschewed becoming certified organic even though they may already be farming organically or want to transition to earn higher prices. But those who have gone through the process suggest such perceptions may be overblown, with some saying the benefits of certification are worth the extra cost and work. Vasken Hauri of Country Nerd Farm in Mariposa County, said being able to label his specialty mushrooms with the certified organic logo is "a huge trust builder."

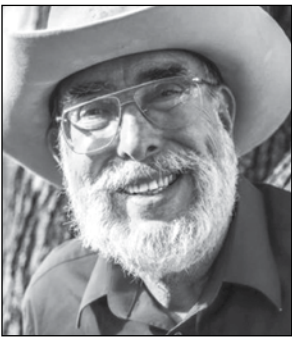
### Rare Tomato Disease Detected in Sacramento Valley Fields

Spurred by moisture and warm soil temperatures, the fungal disease southern blight is typically a perennial problem of processing tomatoes in the southern San Joaquin Valley. But for the past two years, growers and pest control advisors have seen it in scattered Sacramento Valley fields where it's been rare historically. Kurt Richter, who grows processing tomatoes, rice and other row crops in Colusa County, is among those who found southern blight in tomato fields for the first time this season. "It's been tough this year," he said.

### Research on Wild Carrots Seeks to Improve Stress Tolerance in Commercial Varieties

Researchers at University of California, Davis, have received \$1 million in funding to study the genetic diversity of wild carrots in hopes of breeding resistance in commercial carrots to a fungal disease, *Alternaria*, and enhance farmers' ability to grow carrots in water-deficient conditions. The Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research awarded a \$500,000 grant for the research, and the FFAR's Crops of the Future Collaborative partners, Bayer, Bejo Zaden, Enza Zaden, Rijk Zwaan, Takii Seed, and Vilmorin Mikado, are providing \$500,000 in matching funds. ★

## Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

### Just Smile at the Sound of the Creek Chuckling By

lifetime, I imagine. At least I can't remember the first time I discovered this place. It is walled off from the world by the rocks, protected from the sun by the cottonwoods. There is a blackened part of one overhanging rock where I've built a good many small cooking and "friendly" fires over the decades.

I've fished from there, swum from there, and ... back when the fires of spring were still racing, shared this special spot with a girl or two. But mostly it has been a private place. Everyone needs one. It's been a place to come, alone, for special times. When my dog died, when I was just a youngster, it was a place to shed private tears and remember the times the two of us had there. When the scholarship came, it

was a place to come and sit by the small fire at night, a place where the noise of the water flowing by would drown out about 82 percent of my shouts of exaltation.

Years later, when my grandson's cancer went into remission, it became a very private personal church for giving thanks.

Today, it's a part of my very being ... the home place ... what Spanish-speakers would call the *querencia* ... the place of the heart. If someday my ashes could come to rest here, I wouldn't complain at all, but just smile at the sound of the creek chuckling by.

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Everyone has his own favorite spot on Lewis Creek, I guess. Some of us favor the swimming hole below Miller's old place, with its rope swing and the kids who frolic there on hot summer days.

For Doc and Dud, it's the big race below the rocks where the huge lunker trout lives. All our efforts to catch him have so far gone unrewarded, and he keeps getting bigger each year.

But for me, there's a little cove downstream from there, shaded by huge cottonwoods and flanked in by car-sized rocks the color of wet cement. I found it sometime during a previous

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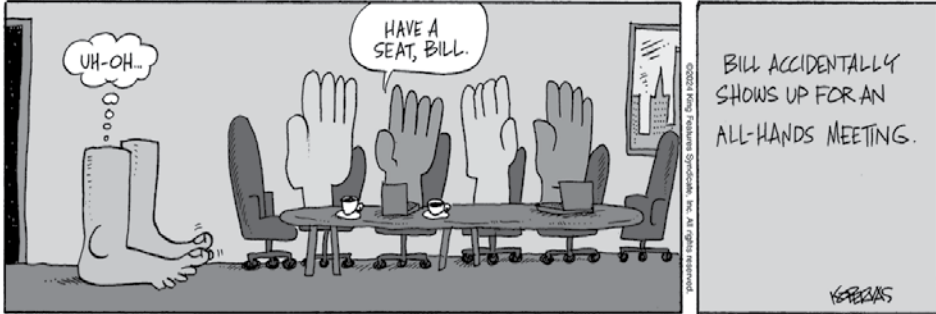
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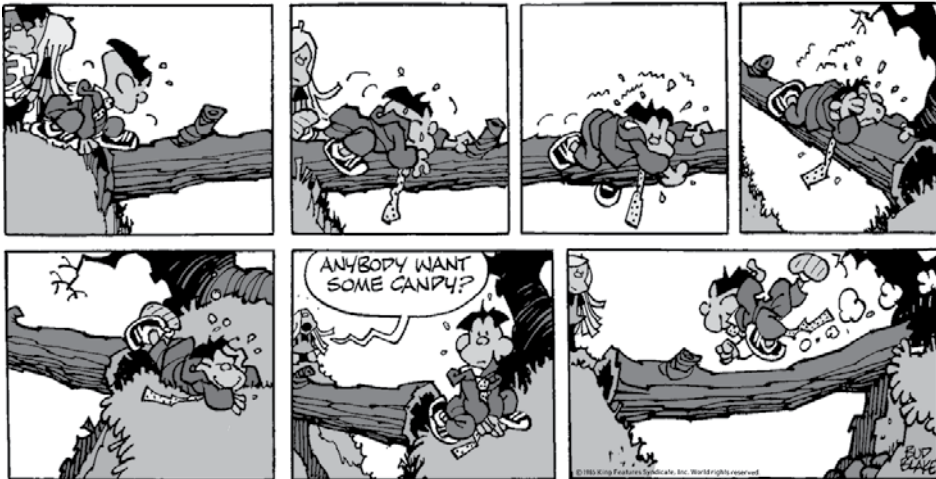
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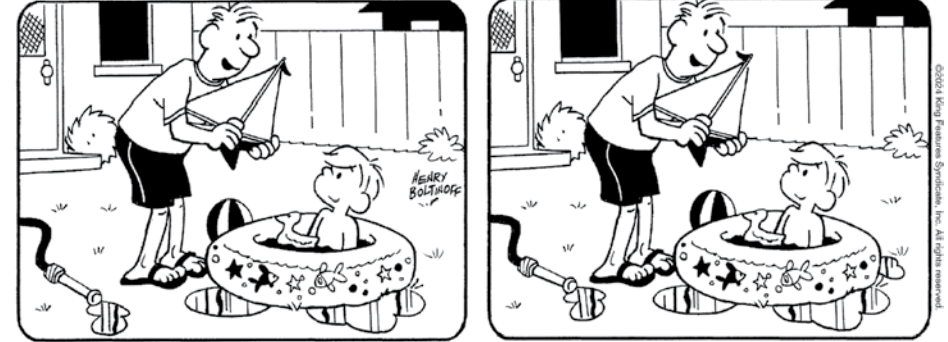
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# What to Know About Valley Fever

*A Soil Fungus That Can Kill is on The Rise in California:*



Valley fever cases are on the rise in California, especially in Kern County. Several infections were traced to an outdoor music festival there. Photo by Julie Leopo for CalMatters

By Ana B. Ibarra  
CALMatters.org

It's shaping up to be a bad year — possibly the worst yet — when it comes to Valley fever, a fungal disease marked by cough and fevers. More than 5,300 cases have been reported in California through June, that's 63% more infections than the same period last year.

Valley fever is caused when people inhale microscopic spores of a fungus found in soil. This fungus typically affects the lungs. Many cases are mild and resolve on their own, but the infections, which are not contagious, can become serious enough to require hospitalization. About 80 Californians die every year from it. Moderate cases may last months and require antifungal medication.

Earlier this week the California Department of Public Health announced that at least a handful of people became sick with Valley fever after traveling to Kern County for an outdoor music festival at Buena Vista Lake in May. Three attendees were hospitalized, the department said. Health officials are encouraging people who attended the Lightning in a Bottle festival to contact their medical provider if they have been feeling sick and not improving.

Historically, the majority of

Valley fever cases have been reported in Kern County, but a significant number have also been identified in Los Angeles, Fresno and in Central Coast counties.

As cases rise across the state, here are four things to know about Valley fever.

#### Valley fever fungus can travel long distances

A fungus known as *Coccidioides* is responsible for Valley fever. Fungus spores can be rustled from the soil and into the air by activities such as farming and construction, but winds also stir them. In rare cases, infection can spread from the lungs to other parts of the body, including the heart and brain.

Valley fever is most common in the dry, hot southwestern U.S. and northern Mexico. In California, the majority of cases have been concentrated in the San Joaquin Valley — in fact, the region is the disease's namesake. However, cases have been reported throughout the state.

The fungus can travel quite far in the air. "So even if you don't live in the region, you still might be exposed," said Katrina Hoyer, an immunologist and professor at UC Merced.

Avoiding dust is the best protection, said Kimberly Hernandez, an epidemiologist and division director of health

services with the Kern County Public Health Department. That means avoiding going outside on especially windy days, if possible. People who have to be outdoors on a dusty day could benefit from wearing an N95 facemask.

#### Valley fever cases in California tripled over the last 10 years

Just over 2,300 people were diagnosed with Valley fever in 2014, according to the state's data. By 2023, annual cases had more than tripled to more than 9,000. And in just the first six months of this year, 5,370 people were reported to have contracted Valley fever. About a third of this year's cases have been reported in Kern County.

This growing number of reported infections could be attributed to a few different factors, experts say.

"There's a lot more construction happening up and down the San Joaquin Valley, as we continue to grow in this region. More roads, more solar panels, more homes, all of that is disturbing the soil," Hoyer said.

Also, more providers and patients are becoming aware of the disease and testing for it.

"We are hopeful in Kern County, given our history of having lots of Valley fever, that our health care providers are really good at looking for it," Hernandez said. "That's sort of

the bright spot, even though we do have a lot of cases. We want people with Valley fever to get diagnosed, because if they need medication, we want them to be on that medication and to be monitored by their healthcare provider."

#### Symptoms may resemble COVID-19

Some people may never develop symptoms, but those who do may experience a cough, fever, chest pain, headaches and fatigue. A rash and night sweats also may develop.

Valley fever symptoms typically show up one to three weeks after exposure and may last for a month or more.

Because it shares many of the same signs as COVID-19, health officials recommend that people first test for COVID-19. If COVID is ruled out, a blood test can check for antibodies to the fungus that causes Valley fever. Unlike COVID-19, Valley fever is not contagious.

In Kern County, the disease has hit close to home for public officials. Last week, the county's own public health director, Brynn Carrigan, shared her own struggles with Valley fever. The Bakersfield Californian reported that Carrigan's case developed into meningitis, a swelling of the tissue surrounding the spinal cord and brain, that can be fatal if left untreated.

"I knew I was sick, but I was shocked to hear how sick I really was," Carrigan told the newspaper.

#### Climate change plays a role

Research has shown that cases of Valley fever tend to go up during dry seasons following a rainy period. "They call this the grow-and-blow hypothesis," Hernandez said. "As a fungus, it likes moisture, and when it's dark and it's moist, that's when it grows."

"And then when we get the next summer months, when it's dry, there is more Valley fever fungus that can go into the air."

Hernandez said *Coccidioides* is a hardy fungus that can survive even in severe droughts.

Some research has linked the increasing number of cases to the growing incidence of dust storms in the southwest. As the Earth warms, the region is becoming drier and that means more dust storms blowing fungal spores into the air.

Ana B. Ibarra covers health care for CalMatters. Her reporting largely focuses on issues around access to care and affordability. She played a leading role in CalMatters' coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic. She was part of a CalMatters team whose pandemic coverage was recognized by the California News Publishers Association in 2021. ★

## California Aims to Improve Ability to Measure How Much Water Is Flowing Throughout the State

California Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Aug. 15, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced a new partnership opportunity to support the state's ability to measure stream and river flows through the California Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) as climate extremes continue to impact the state's water supply.

As part of the approximately \$7 million program, the Department of Water Resources is seeking to partner with public agencies to install, upgrade and/or reactivate existing stream gage stations. This effort will expand California's ability to access critical data

that can inform important water management decisions during both flood and drought conditions.

"California can't manage what we don't measure. Expanding our network of gages in rivers and streams helps us all make better decisions about managing our precious water supply while protecting vulnerable communities from flooding and drought," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth.

"It also benefits our natural environment, improving our understanding of the needs of salmon and other native fish especially during drought conditions."

A stream gage is a set of instruments installed along a river or stream that measures, records,

and transmits data on flow, water temperature, and dissolved oxygen levels. Water agencies and the public rely on the essential information these gages provide for multiple purposes including:

- Planning, forecasting, and warning about floods and drought conditions

- Managing and informing reservoir operations

- Monitoring environmental conditions to protect aquatic habitats

- Planning for safe and enjoyable recreational activities

- Assessing groundwater and surface water interaction

- Monitoring stream flow impacts due to long-term changes in weather patterns

- While there are approximately 1,000 active stream

gages across the state sharing information publicly, many watersheds lack vital information on their surface water resources. Users of this data include emergency responders, water managers, environmental and transportation agencies, universities, utilities, recreators, researchers, and Tribes.

"Filling gaps in our stream gage network is essential for protecting life and property from flooding, improving water supply forecasting now and into the future amidst an ever-changing climate, and enhancing recreational opportunities like rafting and fishing," said Teresa Connor, the California Stream Gage Improvement program manager with the Department of Water Resources.

The Department of Water Resources is now accepting interest forms, which will be reviewed and evaluated monthly to identify eligible projects through Dec. 31. The funding will allow approved entities to purchase and install stream gage equipment as well as operate and maintain stations through June 30, 2027. Local entities will need to operate and maintain the gage and can elect to perform the operations either with staff or hire an experienced consultant to perform the installation and operations of the gage if the operation is consistent with industry standards. Real-time stream data transmitted from these gages will then be publicly shared on the California Data Exchange Center website at <https://>

[cdcc.water.ca.gov](https://cdcc.water.ca.gov).

Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Additional information on eligible agencies, how to apply, and application deadlines can be found in the program guidelines.

This work is funded by the Budget Act of 2023 and is part of a larger effort authorized by Senate Bill 19 to address gaging information gaps in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the California Department of Conservation.

For more information about the program and how to apply for technical assistance, visit the California Stream Gage Improvement Program webpage. ★

# CA State Regulators Force Solar Provider Under: SunPower Announces Bankruptcy

‘It was California’s regulatory environment that was the main cause for the company’s demise’ SunPower Announces Bankruptcy

By Thomas Buckley, Aug. 6, 2024

On the one hand, the state of California has decided that it shall become an all-electric, all-renewable power state by, well, for practical purposes, next Thursday (Aug. 15).

On the other hand, the state gives utilities a massive break on how much they pay home solar generators for their excess power, leading to the just announced bankruptcy of California-based solar system installer SunPower.

Welcome to schizophrenic Sacramento.

Monday (Aug. 5), former industry leader SunPower filed Chapter 11 and said its remaining assets will be purchased by Complete Solaria for \$45 million. Complete will also take over an undisclosed amount of SunPower liabilities as part of the deal.

“For nearly 40 years, SunPower has made solar energy more accessible to Americans, driven by our mission to change the way our world is powered,” said Tom Werner, Executive Chairman at SunPower. “In light of the challenges SunPower has faced, the proposed transaction offers a significant opportunity for key parts of our business to continue our legacy under new ownership. We are working to secure long-term solutions for the remaining areas of our business, while maintaining our focus on supporting our valued employees, customers, dealers, builders, and partners.”

The failure of SunPower, say industry experts, is directly related to the changes made by the California Public Utilities Commission in December, 2022. Those changes involved, in part, cutting the rate new home solar system owners would be paid for their excess power by 75%, completely eliminating the financial incentive to install new systems (much of the industry’s appeal was the ability to say that household solar would eventually pay



Rooftop solar. Photo provided by www.energy.gov

for itself.)

That is no longer the case. Bernadette Del Chiaro, Executive Director of the California Solar & Storage Association, acknowledged that heightened competition and internal SunPower issues played a role in the bankruptcy but that it was California’s regulatory environment that was the main cause for the company’s demise.

The CPUC has “policies that disproportionately favor monopoly utilities like PG&E at the expense of solar businesses, consumers and the environment,” Del Chiaro said.

“SunPower is the largest solar company to fall in the past year, but it is far from the only casualty.

Dozens of companies have gone bankrupt or left California since the start of the “net billing tariff” in April 2023,” Del Chiaro said. “In total, 17,000 jobs have been lost, sales are down 60%, and 81% of California solar companies remain concerned about their ability to stay in business.”

The reduction in the reimbursement was made, in theory, to maintain grid reliability as homes with solar, the utilities claim, do not pay their fair share to cover the “fixed costs” of operating the statewide grid.

“All this (was) in the name of a utility lie about a so-called ‘solar cost-shift’ which scapegoats California families and businesses who embrace energy independence and clean energy,” Del Chiaro said. “The truth is, PG&E, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric allow their spending to get out of control, ballooning their profits, and driving up electric rates.”

The utilities’ argument was similar to “why give electric cars a tax break when they use the roads as much as regular cars and don’t pay fuel taxes?”

But there is a difference – a big difference: cars do not generate power for the utility to then use and sell – solar systems do.

What the decision was

actually like, though, is the incident in late 2022 which involved the state announcing its mandate that every new car sold in the state must be electric by 2025 and then – literally a few days later – asked electric car owners to not charge them because the power grid was too strained.

The millions of rooftop solar systems (including larger systems on commercial buildings and such) in the state provide about 10% of the total electricity used in California.

Considering the various electric/renewable energy mandates the state has imposed, the buckling of SunPower and the wobbliness of the entire industry could make reaching those already absurd goals impossible.

It took ten years to install the first million, five years to install the second million, and now installations are at a ten-year low,” Del Chiaro said.

It should be noted that the execrable Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) – even more so than the other utilities – has a

direct pipeline into Sacramento regulators – some even used to work for the company – and politicians – it doles out millions, including money directly to people like First Partner Jennifer Seibel Newsom for her “films.”

PG&E (remember – the company pleaded guilty to actually killing people) to purposefully kick an evil but sadly not dead horse, has been expertly manipulating the levers of power in the capitol for more than a century (too bad they are better at that than manipulating actual power). And they – short of the Second Coming or the actual revolution – are primed to continue to do so for the next 100 years.

“Yes – A convicted felon dictates energy policy for California,” acridly noted Del Chiaro.

So, Go Electric! says the state...just don’t cost the utilities any money or any Sacramento leverage.

We’ll see how that works out. ★

## Governor Newsom’s Executive Order Leads to FAIR Plan Reforms

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara announced a modernization of the state’s FAIR Plan, also known as the “insurer of last resort,” to strengthen the program for those who depend on this system for affordable and reliable coverage.

This follows Governor Newsom’s call for swift regulatory action to build a stronger FAIR Plan, strengthen and stabilize California’s marketplace with a focus on creating a better rate approval process, and accelerating the implementation of regulations.

“California’s all-of-the-above strategy is addressing this decades-old crisis to get people the reliable and affordable insurance they need. Strengthening the state’s FAIR Plan has been a key priority, and these upgrades will help stabilize the entire market while providing more stability for those who already depend on it,” said Governor Newsom.

Modernizing the FAIR Plan

The FAIR Plan has agreed in a binding legal stipulation to issue a new Plan of Operation within 30 days that will implement Commissioner Lara’s plan to offer homeowners, consumers, and business owners:

Expanded Coverage: Establishing a new “high-value” commercial coverage option with limits up to \$20 million per building, along with past increases for residential policies.

Financial Stability: Creating a sound financial formula to protect the market in extreme loss scenarios.

Improved Transparency: Requiring increased public reporting on FAIR Plan

activity and customer service metrics.

This is part of the Commissioner’s Sustainable Insurance Strategy, a package of reforms to strengthen California’s marketplace and maintain strong consumer protections.

The California FAIR Plan Association was established in statute in 1968 to meet the needs of California homeowners unable to find insurance in the traditional marketplace. The FAIR Plan is not a state agency, nor is it a public entity. There is no public or taxpayer funding. The FAIR Plan is a syndicated fire insurance pool comprised of all insurers licensed to conduct property/casualty business in California.

How we got here

In September of last year, Governor Newsom signed an executive order urging Insurance Commissioner Lara to take swift action to address issues with the insurance market and expand coverage options for consumers, while maintaining strong consumer protections and keeping plans affordable.

In May, the Newsom Administration released a proposal to increase the transparency and speed of rate change application approval timelines, while remaining consistent with Proposition 103’s consumer protections from excessive, inadequate, and unfairly discriminatory insurance rates.

Insurance rates nationwide have been on the rise due to the impacts of the climate crisis. California rates have been below the national average and significantly less than some other states, with the average yearly cost for \$300,000 homes at:

- California – \$1,405
- National – \$2,601
- Texas – \$3,851
- Florida – \$4,419

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## SB 549 Heats Up

Elevate Public Affairs News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The California Gaming Association, California Cardroom Alliance and Communities for California Cardrooms announce growing opposition with many labor unions joining in opposition to Senate Bill 549 by Senator Josh Newman as it could have a “devastating impact on public sector jobs.”

Joining in opposition to SB 549 includes the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), California Professional Firefighters, and SEIU California and Teamsters Local 630 as well as a growing number of locals such as AFSCME District Council 36, AFSCME District Council 57, AFSCME Local 101, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades DC 36, Los Angeles County Firefighters Local 1014 and the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association.

They join a growing number of cities that have filed letters in opposition including California Contract Cities Association, California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority, California Cities Gaming Authority, City of Bell Gardens, Town of Colma, City of Chula Vista, City of Citrus Heights, City of Commerce, City of Compton, City of Emeryville, City of Gardena, City of Hawaiian Gardens, City of Inglewood, City of Oceanside, City of San Jose and City of Tracy.

SB 549 will create a PAGA-like law for gaming tribes to be able to sue their competitors – the cardrooms. This would usurp state regulators and the Attorney General which oversee the legality and permissibility of cardroom games. It would also permit for the first time ever a one-sided injustice as cardrooms would not be allowed to sue

tribal casinos. The joint letter opposing SB 549 by these labor unions state: “SB 549 Could Have a Devastating Impact on Public Sector Jobs: SB 549 is an attack on local cardrooms, which are a significant source of revenue for general funds in many cities across California... Many have revenue sharing agreements with municipalities providing a significant amount of funding for essential public services like police, fire, parks and recreation, etc. The measure could easily force cardrooms out of business and result in a loss of \$500 million in tax revenue statewide — meaning less revenue for public safety, public health, homelessness services and infrastructure.

The loss of local tax revenue could spell devastation for many cities across California. For example, approximately 78% of the City of Hawaiian Gardens’ general fund comes from cardroom revenues. Similarly, 50% of the City of Commerce’s general fund comes from cardroom revenues. Larger cities like San Jose and Fresno would also be seriously impacted. This bill will destabilize essential services.

If signed into law, cities who depend on this revenue stream could be forced into municipal bankruptcy or even disincorporation. This could have potentially devastating impacts that puts jobs, pensions and the financial wellbeing of working families at risk. We have seen this happen before: the Orange County Bankruptcy.”

“SB 549 Puts Workers in the Middle: The mere cost of litigation alone could lead to lower wages, loss of jobs or cardroom closures. And cardroom closures could devastate some cities who may have to file for municipal bankruptcy or disincorporate.”

For more information about why SB 549 is bad for California, go to BadBetforCA.com. ★



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# What You (and Your Child) Should Know for Kindergarten and Beyond

By Family Features

**CALIFORNIA (MPG)** - Starting kindergarten is a major milestone, one that sets the stage for future learning. Ensuring children are well-equipped to enter kindergarten sets them up for a successful school year in the short term and academic career in the long term.

Kindergarten readiness encompasses a wide range of skills, including academic, social, and physical abilities. Yet while many parents think of kindergarten as the formal start of their children's learning, 90% of children's brain development occurs during the first five years of life.

The brain is incredibly receptive during these formative years, making it a critical time for children to receive exposure and guidance in diverse areas. Enrolling them in a quality preschool or pre-K program is one way you can ensure they're creating building blocks for the future, but there are also steps you can take at home.

Try implementing these simple habits, recommended by Primrose Schools Chief Early Learning Officer Dr. Amy Jackson, into your family's day-to-day routine:

#### Read to your children daily to build early literacy skills.

This is a good habit to begin as early as infancy because it promotes language development, literacy and understanding of others. Make library



Playdates, physical activity and reading are all good ways to get your children ready for Kindergarten. Image by Oleksandr Pidvalnyi from Pixabay

trips and story times a special treat for toddlers and encourage preschoolers to read to you by describing what is happening in the pictures or making up their own stories. Keep books in the car so you have a fun way to pass the time on long trips or while waiting for appointments.

#### Schedule playdates for social development.

Once babies are able to sit independently, they'll likely enjoy playdates. At this age, playdates should

be closely monitored since babies explore with their hands and mouths. At ages 1 and 2, young children tend to engage in parallel play rather than interacting, but organizing small groups of toddlers can continue to promote social development. Older toddlers enjoy more interactive play and begin to learn concepts like sharing.

#### Practice counting objects to 10 or more together.

It's easy to make "math talk" part of your everyday

experience in other ways, too. When reading a story, ask children to count the objects on each page. When eating, encourage math connections by having children count the items on their plates. Children can also explore math through common toys and games, like shape sorters, knob puzzles and nesting cups for infants and toddlers; and large puzzles, sand or water tables and card games for preschoolers.

#### Encourage physical activities like playing on the playground.

Play isn't just for entertainment; it's a building block for healthy growth. It helps children learn from the world around them and develop traits like generosity and honesty. Because it helps children release their full range of emotions and has therapeutic benefits, play also has positive effects on mental health. In addition to supporting their social-emotional

well-being, children learn to navigate the world and practice motor skills while at play.

#### Establish routines at home.

A structured school day is filled with routines that provide familiarity and comfort. Routines can serve similar benefits at home by helping children clearly understand what is expected of them and when. A morning routine makes it easy to check the boxes as you prepare for the day and work to get out the door on time. An evening routine helps everyone settle down and prepare for a good night's sleep.

#### Encourage self-regulation and social skills.

Self-regulation is the ability to understand and manage your own behavior and reactions, often displayed during actions like taking turns, transitioning from one activity to another or cleaning up for dinner. Social skills include interaction and communication abilities like speech, body language and facial expressions, as well as the ability to play with others and make friends. As a parent, you can model these skills and play games that involve taking turns and cooperation. Playdates also help facilitate positive social experiences for children.

Learn more about preparing your child for success in kindergarten and beyond at [PrimroseSchools.com/education](http://PrimroseSchools.com/education). ★

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### Child Car Seat Safety

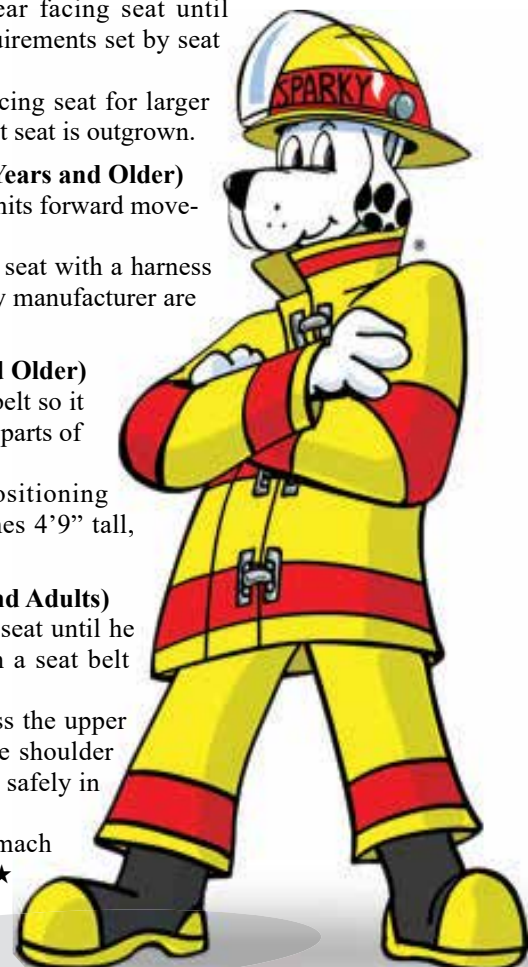
One of the most important jobs you have as a parent is keeping your child safe when riding in a vehicle. Each year, thousands of young children are killed or injured in car crashes. Proper use of car seats helps keep children safe. But with so many different seats on the market, many parents find this overwhelming.

If you are expectant parents, give yourself enough time to learn how to properly install the car seat in your car before your baby is born to ensure a safe ride home from the hospital.

The type of seat your child needs depends on several things, including your child's age and size and the type of vehicle you have. For more information, check the Butte County Department of Public Health website at [www.buttecounty.net/publichealth](http://www.buttecounty.net/publichealth) or call (530) 895-4035.

#### Here are Some Car Seat Safety Tips

- Rear Facing Seat (Birth to Two Years)**
  - Best seat for child to use has a harness that moves with your child in an accident to cradle your child's head and neck
  - All children must ride in rear facing seat until child reaches size or age requirements set by seat manufacturer.
  - Switch to convertible rear-facing seat for larger infants when rear-facing infant seat is outgrown.
- Forward Facing Seat (Two Years and Older)**
  - Has harness and tether that limits forward movement during an accident
  - Keep child in forward-facing seat with a harness until age and size limits set by manufacturer are exceeded.
- Booster Seat (Five Years and Older)**
  - A booster seat positions seat belt so it fits properly over the stronger parts of the child's body.
  - Use forward-facing belt positioning booster seat until child reaches 4'9" tall, typically at age 12.
- Seat Belt (Older Children and Adults)**
  - Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly.
  - The seat belt should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain the child safely in a crash.
  - It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck or face. ★



# SOLD! On Family Fun

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 already moved into their stalls. Weigh-ins and showing would take place throughout the week, leading up to the buyer's breakfast and auction on Aug. 24.  
 The Aug. 24 morning was a flurry of activity as both youth and animals prepared to shine in the spotlight. This year, presenters represented clubs from Gridley FFA, West Gridley 4-H, Biggs 4-H, Biggs FFA, Manzanita 4-H, Las Plumas FFA, Palermo 4-H, Palermo FFA, Durham/Parkview 4-H, Durham FFA, Wyandotte Grange, Manzanita Grange, Durham Grange, Core Butte FFA, Chico Grange, Chico FFA, Pine Ridge 4-H and independent presenters.

## Butte County Fair auction materials listed 289 participants in the Jr. Livestock Auction for 2024.

Presenters could be seen brushing and grooming their animals before entering the ring to sell their market animal by category. As the morning progressed, the time drew near for the Sale of Champions.  
 The Sale of Champions held in McClanahan Pavilion features the top-winning animals from each category shown at the Butte County Fair for sale; it is the cream of the crop.  
 Youth are rewarded for their months of hard work, selling their animals to the top-bidder and earning up to thousands of dollars and school/club credits for their animal projects.

The Herald has listed the names of the Sale of Champion participants and Champion animals below:  
 Butte County Fair Jr. Livestock Champion winners by project  
 Ag Mechanics: Austin Lafayette (Las Plumas FFA) - Grand Champion, David Salazar (Las Plumas FFA) - Reserve Champion, Blake Earley (Las Plumas FFA) - Grand Exhibitor.  
 Market Swine: Gracie Abruzzini-yost (Gridley FFA) - Grand Champion, Myli Benedict (Las Plumas FFA) - Grand Champion, Kyler Storey (Palermo Grange) - Champion, Levi Abruzzini (Manzanita 4-H) Reserve Champion.  
 Market Lambs: Aiden Amator (Independent) - Grand Champion, Raegan Johnson (Wyandotte Grange) - Reserve Grand Champion, Lily Vaughan (Las Plumas FFA) - Reserve Champion, Maclin Aschenbrener (Durham Grange) - Reserve Champion,  
 Market Goat: Marli Benedict (Wyandotte Grange) - Grand Champion, Harper Johnson

(Wyandotte Grange) - Reserve Grand Champion, Arianna Jensen (Las Plumas FFA)- Champion, Cale Wasilchen (Core Butte FFA) - Reserve Champion.  
 Market Steer: Saige Hutchison (Wyandotte Grange) - Grand Champion, Jaeda Flores (Las Plumas FFA) - Grand Champion, Ava Thompson (Palermo Grange) - Reserve Champion, Glory Richter (Las Plumas FFA) - Champion.  
 Market Turkey: Ryley Vanella (Durham FFA) - Grand Champion, Jonathon Gore (Durham FFA) - Reserve Grand Champion.  
 Market Rabbit: Aubrey Mangan (Gridley FFA) - Grand Champion, Sofia Perkins (Biggs 4-H) - Reserve Grand Champion, Reagan Witt (Gridley FFA) - Reserve Champion, Olivia Mattos (Manzanita Grange) - Reserve Champion.  
 Market Poultry: Rowan Turnquist (Durham FFA) - Grand Champion, Emily Hysmith (Independent) - Reserve Grand Champion. ★



Local Hilary Bastiani beams standing next to her award-winning photography featured in the stills department. This was Bastiani's first time entering her work in the fair and she was delighted to come away with Grand Exhibit Third Place and multiple other ribbons. Photo provided by Kevin Bastiani



Gridley Lions Club hosted a beer garden, setting up outside the animal barns to help auction attendees keep their bidding voices in check. From left are Groves and Mike Dahl, and Vern Hartman. Photo by Seti Long



The midway lit up the night as hundreds of patrons lined up for rides, games and food over the four-day fair weekend. Photo by Hilary Bastiani



Grand Champion Market Steer winner, Saige Hutchison, readies her prize cow for auction before entering the ring for the Sale of Champions. Photo by Seti Long



Members of W. Gridley 4-H pass out complimentary waters at the Sale of Champions during the Butte County Fair's Livestock Auction, held Saturday, Aug. 24. Left to right: Sisters Jazlyn, Alyssa and AnnaLee Zarate. Photo by Seti Long



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