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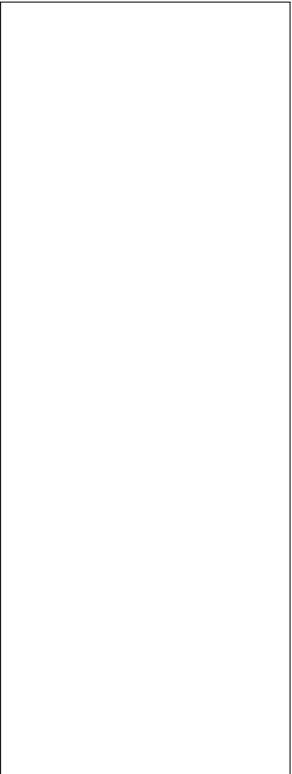


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That's Ricetastic!



Manzanita Elementary School students joined in Ricetastic Day at the Schohr Ranch in Gridley. Here they show off their complimentary T-shirts in Manzanita School blue and gold while rice is harvested in the background. Pictured from left in the front row are Maddux Zavala, Cashten Waller, Hadley Stowe, Isabel Alejo, Francesca Maciel and Mia Wilburn. In the back row are Mahtab Kular, Sohan Kalkat, Mae Povey, Evan Kullar and Michelle Cable.

Story and photos by Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Excited children could be seen pointing and exclaiming as they piled out of the buses onto the Schohr Ranch on Thursday, Sept. 19 for Ricetastic Day.

In 2023, the Schohr family reinvigorated Ricetastic Day after years of the educational event being on hiatus.

This year saw an expansion, with first-grade students from Biggs, Richvale and Manzanita elementary schools joining Gridley students to learn about rice harvesting, milling process, equipment and more.

After an introduction by Tracy Schohr and her brother, Ryan, Schohr, Tracy Schohr walked the students through the harvesting process. Gridley FFA students helped her by holding up images of each stage

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Amelia Mattos, Fiona Waterbury and Jacob Hale smile as they munch on rice cakes with peanut butter, one of the rice-based food products they taste-tested at Ricetastic Day.

Wheeler Ranch Wins Purina Recognition

By Connie Voss

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Wheeler Ranch and Feed has earned a special award from the Purina Company.

Kayla Wheeler-Dunlap made the decision to start carrying Purina feeds a year and a half ago. She reached out to Purina mainly because she needed the wider variety of feeds that the company offers. Customers wanted to be able to buy feed for all their stock and pets in one stop. Purina produces feed for smaller animals such as rats, tortoises and koi.

Since Wheeler-Dunlap started selling Purina products, the sales have steadily grown, which is a game-changer for the store. All the Wheeler Ranch employees worked hard to make this happen, according to Wheeler-Dunlap.

There are three tiers of the awards for growth: Gold, Silver and Bronze. The Chow Honor Council meets once a year to



Kayla Wheeler-Dunlap displays one of the many Purina products she carries. Photo by Connie Voss

determine which of the dealers have earned the award. Wheeler Ranch earned the silver level.

Wheeler-Dunlap's family was rewarded with an all-expense-paid celebration in Hawaii to receive the award as Purina's way of saying

thank you, according to Wheeler-Dunlap.

"As a dealer, you can only dream of hearing that from a company," Wheeler-Dunlap said. She interacted with many other dealers there and came back "with a ton of ideas" for the store. "I learned

something from everyone."

In addition to Purina, the store offers other feed brands, including some that are locally grown and milled: Nutrena, Cowboy's Choice, Bar ALE, Oakman and Kruse. Cowboy's Choice is especially

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Council May
Consider Dog
Park Updates

By Shaunna Boyd

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - During Public Comment at the Sept. 18 Live Oak City Council meeting, resident Eric Santos said he was concerned about new scooter enforcement by the Sheriff's Department. Santos wondered if it was due to student safety or if it was a push to generate revenue for the city from the fines. Santos suggested other safety measures be implemented to improve driver safety, rather than cracking down on youth riding scooters.

Resident Dale Carlson submitted a written comment stating, "Live Oak's underground infrastructure has many issues regarding maintenance and repairs... This town needs major maintenance on the entire water and sewer system or there are going to be major problems down the road."

City Council considered the annual tax collection schedule for the Live Oak Lighting and Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. These annual assessments help cover the cost of fire services and street lighting throughout the City, which reduces the burden on the General Fund.

The fire assessment is levied at a rate of 0.03 cents per square foot of each dwelling, for an estimated total annual collection of \$134,651. The street light assessment uses the distance from property line to nearest light pole to calculate the levy and the estimated total annual collection is \$54,464.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the annual assessments.

Sutter County Fire Department (SCFD) Battalion Chief Richard Epperson provided City Council with several updates, including the introduction of Carlos Delrio, a new battalion chief for Sutter County who will work with Epperson to serve Live Oak. Chief Del Rio lives in Live Oak and Epperson said having an additional chief will ensure faster response times.

The Sutter County Fire Department is expected to receive an award of \$62,000 from an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant, which will be used to purchase new electric tools for their engines. However, since the grant application was submitted in January, the cost for the tools has increased by about 3 percent, so Sutter County Fire Department would need an additional \$2,000 to cover the gap, which might be

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The New Pi-Line



By Josh F.W. Cook

The Board of Trustees of the Manzanita School District should be negotiating this very day for book and movie rights to the story of the theft and the return of the historic Manzanita School Bell through the coordinated efforts of more than five local law enforcement agencies. The Bell was heisted in 2021. Stories like this one, plastered upon the front page of the largest and most widely read local newspaper, make people want to live in this magical place—the confluence of Biggs, Gridley, and Live Oak. More good things

happen than bad, and community shines through. The timing of this heroic and unexpected success is spot on - as Sheriff Honea and Undersheriff Calkins are asking people to support Measure H to fund law enforcement in the current election. This fantastic caper of the stolen Manzanita Bell will stoke warm feelings of admiration and gratitude for the detectives from Sutter and Butte Counties who did not give up on returning the Bell to Manzanita.

You may have seen some bumper stickers around town last week that said ARNALDO IS MY PRESIDENT 89. This is not a statement about the weakness of the current candidates for election to the highest offices in the land; it was the Gridley High Class of 1989 convening for their 35th-year class reunion, and they are still loyal to their Class President. Attendees to the festivities included the

best and the brightest of the '80s (but with better haircuts): Joe Messick, Paul Casillas, Jeff Correa, Ross Hatamiya, Vicky Bird, Doug Reynolds, Casey Back, Damon Meyers, Guy Adams, Matt Jones, Sheila Cole, Aaron Dahl, Harji Chata, Kim Reynolds, Matt Jones, Julie Daddow, Joe Dunning, Carrie Farr gathered to reminisce. The consensus was that most of them would actually be writing in Arnaldo Avalos and Damon Meyers for the position of President and Vice President of the United States on this year's ballot. Matt Jones retains the title of most successful graduate of the class of '89. Most importantly, no one was arrested. Congratulations to them; Gridley was a great place to grow up.

Josh F.W. Cook is an administrator and educator. This column carries on the decades-long column of Herald Publisher W.D. Burleson.

Wheeler Ranch Wins Purina Recognition



Many tack items, pet and veterinary supplies, as well as clothing can be found in the ranch store. Photo by Connie Voss

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The store serves 40 to 50 customers a day. Wheeler Ranch has been in business for 25 years. It was started by Wheeler-Dunlap's parents, Kari and Doug Wheeler. They had the idea of starting a boarding stable and having a feed store there for convenience.

In addition to feed, part of the store is devoted to tack, pet and veterinary supplies and clothing. The Wheelers built the barn with stalls and outdoor paddocks. There's also a tack room, horse trailer parking and a lighted arena. The cost of boarding

is \$400 per month for the barn (with stall cleaning) and \$300 to \$375 for the paddocks.

When the weather is excessively hot, the employees "go above and beyond" by setting up sprinklers to cool off the horses.

"Not many places would do that," Wheeler-Dunlap said.

Events are held there such as roping and sorting cattle. The ranch also hosted a fundraiser for Avie's Place in Oroville.

Visitors will also see chickens, goats and some miniature horses. The hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays.

Wheeler Ranch and Feed is at 3247 Smith Ave., Biggs. The phone number is 530-868-1717.



Kayla Wheeler-Dunlap and her son, Davis, in Hawaii hold the Silver Award from Purina. Photo by Jacob Dunlap

A Breakfast for Jaime

Locals Fundraiser for Family of Lost GHS Alumni

By Seti Long

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On the weekend of Sept. 14, Gridley lost 19-year-old Jaime Alejo in a tragic accident.

His family, friends and many in the community are devastated.

Because Alejo was a Gridley High School alumni and former captain on the varsity football team, the Gridley High

School football team has made it a mission of theirs to help raise funds for the Alejo family.

A bake sale will be held at this Friday's Gridley High School football game.

In addition, a benefit breakfast has been planned from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Oct. 6 at the Gridley Mason Lodge. A meal of pancakes, sausage and eggs will be served for just \$10 a plate, with all proceeds

going to the Amezcua-Alejo family.

Donations of baked goods are still needed for the Friday, Sept. 27 bake sale.

For more information, to purchase tickets or to donate, contact Lydia Zumwalt at 530-720-2975 or Yolie Davis at 408-529-2783. You can also contact any Gridley High School football player for ticket sales.



Pictured here are outdoor paddocks for Wheeler Ranch boarders. Photo by Connie Voss



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Gridley Museum Chooses Officers



The new museum officers, from left, are Joe Viscusco, Vice-President; Michael Dahl, President; Ruth Ann King, Museum Director; and Pat Teague, Secretary Treasurer.

Story and photo by Mickey Mrakuzic

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Museum conducted its annual meeting on Sept. 18. President Michael Dahl brought the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was the election of officers. Nominations and voting were completed. The new officers for the next

year are President Dahl, Vice-President Joe Viscusco and Secretary Treasurer Pat Teague. The next item on the agenda was the appointment of new board members. Dahl asked if there are any new board members to be appointed. There were no new members to be appointed.

The annual meeting was then adjourned. Chocolate cake and homemade vanilla ice cream were served afterward. ★

Biggs Petitions to Stay Small or Grow Slow

By Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Biggs residents have drafted and begun circulating a petition asking residents of the small community to support their cause.

The petition comes as the City Council looks to approve the Hamman Subdivision Project, the development of a 7.55-acre lot on 6th Street that would bring 18 single-family homes and two apartment complexes, totaling 42-units to the town.

Amanda Mattos appears to have drafted the petition, which is found on Change.org and is circulating on social media. It is gaining momentum, with more than 100 signatures at press time.

The petition claims that Biggs’ “infrastructure is already on the back foot - we’re grappling with failing services, scant law enforcement, and strains on our electricity and sewerage systems. Furthermore, this development might lead to more students being added to our school district which is currently ill-equipped to handle a significant increase.”

It further claims that, “There is a serious lack of resources to accommodate such a transformative project without putting an undue burden on existing residents and services. Our town, no more than 1.6 square miles and home to only about 1,707 people (as per US Census data, 2020), is not ready to face a potential stress this would cause on our urban fabric.”

The topic has become a hot-button issue between residents Kory Hamman (project manager) and Biggs city officials. A

rebuttal to the concerns of the residents regarding Biggs’ infrastructure is that the project will provide the funds necessary to tackle those issues. With more money flowing to the city’s accounts from utilities and taxes, Biggs would be able to repair roads and more.

Other sources of contention are whether Biggs is beholden to Governor Gavin Newsom’s mandates on the development of affordable housing throughout the state, including rural communities, and if the appropriate studies have been done for the project and if they are still timely.

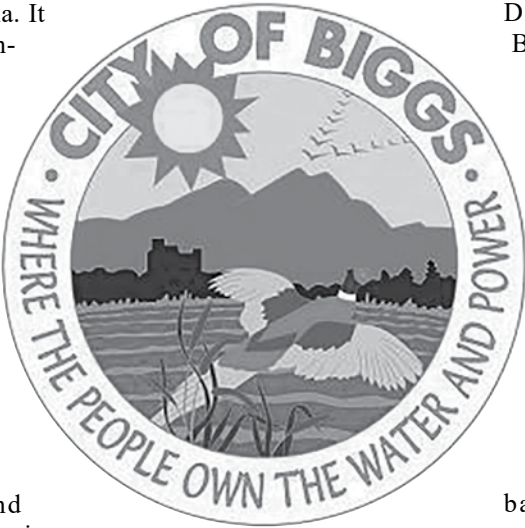
Despite Mayor Brian Bassett, City Administrator Josh Cook and others sharing articles from various publications with their constituents in attempts to explain the mandates they are up against, there has still been a lot of pushback from vocal community members.

The City of Biggs has held multiple City Council meetings on the topic to allow members of the public to voice concerns, ask questions or share information.

Hamman has also made himself available to answer public questions at meetings or on Facebook.

Locals have taken to social media, especially Biggs-based Facebook pages, expressing their strong opinions and frustrations.

The next City Council Meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 1 in Biggs City Hall. Agendas are posted to <https://www.biggs-ca.gov/Government/Agendas-Minutes/index.html>. ★



MEMORIAL

TERRY R. MCAFEE • 7/7/1987 - 9/15/2024

Terry R. McAfee, 37, passed away September 15, 2024, in Oroville, California. He was born July 7, 1987, in Arcata, CA, the youngest child of Terry L. and Karen McAfee.

He was a longtime resident of Gridley, and graduated Gridley High School class of 2005. He graduated from Chico State. He was active in the Upward Bound program during his High School and college years. He then went on to complete his education at North Carolina State University with a PHD. He was a senior scientific engineer at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkely, California. He enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Terry L. McAfee.

Terry is survived by his Mother Karen McAfee of

Oroville; siblings: Glenn Green (Katie) of Knoxville, TN, Stacy Penn of Chico, CA, and Chris Green of Sutter, CA; nephews: Johnathan (Kayla) Penn of Chico, Christopher Green of Sutter, Alex Green, and Ayden Green both of Knoxville, TN; his niece Hailey Green of

Sutter and one great-niece Nevaeh Penn of Chico.

A celebration of Terry's life will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to Chico State Upward Bound Program in Terry's honor.

Arrangements entrusted to Gridley-Block Funeral Chapel.

MEMORIAL

CARL OTTIS JOHNSON • 2/16/1940 - 9/7/2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Carl Ottis Johnson. Carl went home to heaven peacefully on Sept 7, 2024 at the age of 84. Carl was born on February 16, 1940, in Johnson City Texas.

Carl was the middle child of seven children born to Nolan and Esther Johnson. He was born into a share croppers family in Texas and as a child he picked cotton. He also would hunt to help feed the family.

Carl in his spare time played the guitar and would sing in church. Carl never learned to read music but mastered the guitar playing and always amazed others who played, with his

unique style.

At 17 Carl, enlisted in the army and volunteered for two tours in Vietnam and Germany where he met his true love Rosemarie in 1958. Together raising two children and retired from the Army in 1978. After retiring Carl and family moved

to Gridley where he opened a small business selling Satellite Dishes.

He is survived by his devoted wife Rosemarie of 63 years, son Bruce (Chrissy), Tammy (Ken). Carl's legacy also includes four grandchildren Chasity, Haiden, Ashly, and Abby. Carl also loved his six great grandchildren Nova, Kaylen, Rayley, Sutton, Emmitt and Sonny.

He will live on forever in the hearts of those who knew him for his kind heart, quick wit, and loving charm. Carl through his spirit will guide us forever. **A memorial service to honor Carls life will be held October 7th,10 am at Gridley Biggs Cemetery gazebo.**

MEMORIAL

LESTER J. SHUMAN • 8/21/1926 - 9/21/2024

Lester J. Shuman, aged 98, passed away on September 21, 2024 at his home in Biggs, CA. He was born August 21, 1926 in Butte City, CA to Alice (Spooner) Shuman, and Charles Shuman, and was the 9th of their 11 children.

He married Patricia Mae McElroy in July of 1945 and they had 4 children together.

He was preceded in death by Patricia in January 2024, and his son Gregory Eugene in June 1977. Lester was also the last of his siblings

to pass away.

He is survived by his children David of Orangevale, Dawn of Biggs, Doug of Oroville, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Lester enlisted in the Merchant Marines and

served in WWII. After his military service he drove a cement truck for Mathews Ready Mix for 24 years, and farmed walnuts and kiwis at his ranch in Biggs. He loved to hunt, fish, and go camping. During the winter months he and Patricia would become snowbirds and travel to Arizona.

Graveside service will be held for both Lester and Patricia at 2pm on Friday, September 27th, 2024 at the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery. Potluck to follow at the Colonia Inn in Biggs, CA.

Gold Country Casino Resort is Expanding

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OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - At 10 a.m. Oct. 5, Gold Country Casino Resort will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for their newest addition to the property, The Platinum Level.

The new expansion will be 25,000 square feet, and will feature more than 300 slot machines, an upscale casino bar (the Platinum Bar), a new Table Games section and a new High Limit section.

The High Limit exclusive section will offer a luxurious gaming experience, perfect for those looking to take their play to the next level and will include a variety of table games and slot machines. With higher stakes and top-tier service, Gold Country Casino Resort will provide a thrilling upscale atmosphere for guests seeking the ultimate gaming excitement.

On Oct. 16, Gold Country Casino Resort will have a second grand opening for their newest family-friendly restaurant, Wahlburgers. This will be the first full-service Wahlburgers in California, complete with sit down service and a full bar.

Gold Country Casino Resort celebrated its anniversary in September and has been a proud member of the community for the past 28 years.

“We are very excited to expand upon our Boutique Casino Concept with the opening of The Platinum Level. Gold Country Casino Resort focuses on unique experiences and the Platinum Level will be unlike anything else in Northern California. It truly is something folks are going to want to experience,” said Frank Oppenheim, general manager of Gold Country Casino Resort.

With 28 years of service to the Oroville community, Gold Country Casino Resort aims to continue elevating guest experiences with new attractions and dining. Located just an hour north of Sacramento, Gold Country offers a premiere gaming experience, live entertainment every weekend, and a relaxed place to stay close to the Lake Oroville Recreation Area. Gold Country Casino Resort has everything you need to relax like a VIP.

About Wahlburgers

Gold Country Casino Resort is thrilled to partner with Wahlburgers and be home to their first location north of Sacramento. Founded in 2011 by the Wahlberg brothers, Paul, Mark and Donnie, this new NorCal location will offer an elevated twist on burger classics. The menu will feature a variety of specialty and classic burgers, including Mark Wahlberg’s favorite Impossible Burger, robust entrée salads and sides and starters. ★

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Council May Consider Dog Park Updates

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requested from City Council.

Epperson reported that the new Fire Training Facility in Live Oak is completed and is “ready for us to go to work in there.” The new center will allow the department to train their crews with more practical skills, including confined space and high-angle rescues. A burn room accommodating live fires will demonstrate active fire behavior in a safe environment. Epperson said this facility will “give us better tools in our toolbox.” Additionally, the new facility could impact the Insurance Services Office’s rating for Live Oak, potentially reducing insurance rates for local homeowners and businesses.

Finally, Epperson said the green fire engine has arrived, purchased from California’s Office of Emergency Services. It needs some repairs and county striping before it goes

into service, according to Epperson.

Councilmember Bob Woten said the updates were “really exciting” for Live Oak.

“You guys work together so well with our community,” Woten said.

Interim City Manager Mark Scott briefly addressed the public comments from the beginning of the meeting to let the speakers know that City Council and staff are listening.

“The reason the Sheriff’s deputies are looking at scooter use is because there have been accidents in town,” Scott said. “In fact, the school district has also expressed concern about it.”

Scott said that it has just been warnings, and not citations, at this point. Any citations would be treated as a moving violation and the city does not receive any money from those fines.

“It’s being done solely because we want to keep people safe,”

Scott said. “Kids need to learn to use them safely.”

Scott said that Carlson is always “generous with his time, sharing how things can be improved. ... We appreciate him.”

Scott provided City Council with an update about the dog park, where weeds were recently removed, and said a long-term solution is needed. City Council’s initial plan was to leave the park with natural terrain. Vice-Mayor Nancy Santana previously stated that the weeds and bare dirt were not attractive or convenient for pet owners, so she asked for alternatives.

Staff have contacted experts in dog park design and landscaping and will put together a report with potential options. There is still at least \$20,000 available in the budget for the dog park but, Scott explained, most of the long-term solutions, such as putting in grass and landscaping,

would have to be implemented in the spring. Additionally, irrigation would need to be installed at the site, so a practical timeline is needed.

Parks and Recreation Director Luis Cibrian said that if City Council is looking for immediate fixes that could be done over the winter months, it could be hydro-seeding or installing several inches of wood chips. However, Cibrian said that weeds will still come up through the woodchips, making maintenance more difficult, and hydroseeding will still require irrigation to ensure the grass roots properly.

“Before we proceed with investing more into it, I think it would be great to get an expert review of it and some of those recommendations,” Councilmember Jeramy Chapdelaine said.

Mayor Ashley Hernandez agreed they should wait and hear from the experts “before

jumping in.” Although there is still money budgeted for the dog park, Hernandez said, “I think we need to be a little bit more prudent on spending. ... I don’t want to throw seed out there just hoping it will take and it just be a waste of time.”

Vice-Mayor Santana said, “I don’t think we should drag our feet on it any longer. We have the money sitting there.” She cautioned that if they wait until spring, the costs could increase. “I think we should do it sooner rather than sit and wait.”

Interim City Manager Scott said that “we need to be doing these things based on a plan by people who have done it before and know how to do it.” He recommended waiting to discuss possible options at the next meeting after expert reports are submitted.

The next Live Oak City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Oct. 2 at City Hall. ★



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The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Trade may have Hit the Rocks

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) trade may have hit the rocks. As detailed here in Money Matters a few weeks back, AI was all the rage the last few months when it came to trading stocks. I mentioned in my previous article the AI trade looked, felt and smelled like a mania. Like so many manias before it and throughout time, manias are times when everybody and their grandmother pile into the hottest stock sector like there’s no tomorrow.

But there always is a tomorrow, and that tomorrow began last month.

Stocks like NVDIA, AMD, and a handful of stocks that had anything to do with or even mentioned AI shot to the moon and appeared headed for Mars. Up and away many of these high flyers went, led by the stratospheric rise of NVDIA.

There is no doubt investors in stocks like these made money. And some, a lot of money. Such is always the case with stock manias. The age old game of “pile on” was played by many, and soon, common sense and historical precedent was tossed out the proverbial window. Investors and analysts alike knew it would end at some point, but like the CEO of Citibank Chuck Prince said in 2007 as it related to the real estate mania and the investments that fueled it, , “As long as the music is playing, you’ve got to get up and dance. (But) when the music stops, in terms of liquidity, things will be complicated”.

Complicated Mr. Prince?

How about catastrophic.

We all know what happened then. With the financial systems of the world in free fall, the central banks of the world embarked on one of the biggest bailouts in history. Well, that was until CoVid hit.

The mania in AI was obviously nothing like the 2008/09 fiasco, but only in degrees. This recent AI mania didn’t threaten to bring the world to an end, but AI stocks have suffered some setback in recent months. We can only guess if the fall out is over.

What is hitting the AI enthusiasm is stocks like NVDIA saw some stellar increases in revenue, and those increases were reflected in their stock prices. But

the other side of the equation is will these companies be able to continue to reap the rewards of AI revenue. Some analysts argue the return on investment is yet to be seen.

In other words, its true many companies are spending billions on AI infrastructure which has boosted sales to the AI stocks which make the microchips that are required for the advanced language comprehension. These advanced chips make up much of this AI infrastructure spending as they are quite pricey.

But what remains to be seen is are the companies that are spending billions buying these chips able to turn around and reap the massive profits needed to make the AI investment worth the money.

The answer to that question remains to be seen. We never know how the consumer will react to AI and whether the demand will be there and able to generate revenue for the companies that will use AI.

Maybe they will and maybe they won’t. But if AI turns out to be a pie in the sky pipedream that will fail to turn out the increased profit to justify the investment, it’s possible we could be looking at a very large balloon busting in a very large way.

Only time will tell of course and ain’t that what the stock market is all about?

For now however, AI stocks seem to be regaining a little ground from the recent hammering but the term caveat emptor is still in play.

In English, that’s buyer beware.

Tread lightly when it comes to stock manias. They always end in some way or another making fools of somebody.

“Watching the markets so you don’t have to”

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A Film and TV Review by Tim Riley

The military police procedural “NCIS,” starring Mark Harmon as the special agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs for nearly two decades, has been a mainstay on the CBS schedule now for over twenty years, and it will keep going into the new season.

The “NCIS” franchise has blossomed over the years. “NCIS: Los Angeles” had a fourteen-year run. The “New Orleans” version, starring Scott Bakula, notched seven years. “NCIS: Hawai’i” tapped out after three seasons.

To fill the void of disappearing “NCIS” franchises with the name of a city or state, the fall season brings “NCIS: Origins,” starring Austin Stowell as a young Leroy Jethro Gibbs and narrated by flagship “NCIS” series star Mark Harmon.

“NCIS: Origins” quite naturally, as implied by its title, brings us to the starting point of Harmon’s career, with a young Gibbs a newly minted special agent at the fledgling NCIS Camp Pendleton office where he forges his place on a gritty, rag-tag team led by NCIS legend Mike Franks (Kyle Schmid).

Young Leroy Gibbs will get an assist from Mariel Molino as Special Agent Lala Dominguez, Tyla Abercrombie as Field Operation Support Officer Mary Jo Sullivan, and Diany Rodriguez as Special Agent Vera Strickland.

“Matlock” is on the fall schedule, and other than being a legal drama, it seemingly bears little resemblance to Andy Griffith’s folksy and yet cantankerous barrister who had a knack for exposing actual perpetrators of crime.

The new “Matlock” stars Kathy Bates as the brilliant septuagenarian Madeline “Matty” Matlock, who, after achieving success in her younger years, decides to rejoin the workforce at a prestigious law firm where she uses her unassuming demeanor and wily tactics to win cases.

In watching the first episode, you may get the sense that this is a relatively slow-moving journey for Matty to ingratiate herself with superiors. A reveal at the end of the episode holds a surprise as to her true motives.

At the firm, Matty is assigned to Olympia (Skye P. Marshall), a senior attorney and key rainmaker with a thirst for justice, while Olympia’s ex-husband, Julian (Jason Ritter), the son of the head of the firm, is intrigued by Matty and her clever skills.

Matty works alongside the firm’s younger associates – the charismatic Billy (David Del Rio) and the uber ambitious Sarah (Leah Lewis) – as she endeavors to establish herself in her new high-stakes world.

Based on the first two episodes, “Matlock” takes time to build the intrigue of Matty’s quest to use her position to right

some wrongs and root out perceived corruption. Judging by the early going, some twists and turns inevitably lay ahead.

“Georgie & Mandy’s First Marriage,” the sequel to “Young Sheldon,” follows Georgie (Montana Jordan) and Mandy (Emily Osment) as they raise their young family in Texas while navigating the challenges of adulthood, parenting and marriage.

This new sitcom comes with a pedigree of being created by Chuck Lorre, the “King of Sitcoms,” and is the third television series in the “The Big Bang Theory” franchise. At the very least, it merits a look to see if it’s worthy of its comedic lineage.

“Poppa’s House,” starring Damon Wayans and Damon Wayans Jr., features Wayans Senior as legendary talk radio host and happily divorced “Poppa” who has his point of view challenged at work when a new female co-host (Essence Atkins) is hired.

At home, Wayans finds himself still parenting his adult son (Damon Wayans Jr.), a brilliant dreamer who is trying to pursue his passion while being a responsible father and husband.

The “Hollywood Squares” game show, which got its start in the mid-Sixties, featured many celebrities who became regulars. Paul Lynde was frequently asked questions to which he responded with outrageous jokes (which you can probably find on YouTube).

Come January, the revival of this classic game show will star actress and talk show host Drew Barrymore taking her place as the famed “center square” answering questions for the contestants.

Two contestants will play tic-tac-toe to win money and prizes. The “board” for the game is a vertical stack of open-faced cubes, each occupied by a celebrity seated at a desk and facing the contestants.

The celebrities are asked questions and the contestants judge the legitimacy of their answers to win the game. In the old days, you could mostly count on Paul Lynde to have playfully misdirected his answers.

One new mid-season drama waiting in the wings is “Watson,” which is set seven months after the death of the titular character’s friend and partner Sherlock Holmes at the hands of Moriarty.

Dr. John Watson (Morris Chestnut) resumes his medical career as the head of a clinic dedicated to treating rare disorders. Watson’s old life isn’t done with him – Moriarty and Watson are set to write their own chapter of a story that has fascinated audiences for more than a century.

“Watson” is a medical show with a strong investigative spine, featuring a modern version of one of history’s greatest detectives as he turns his attention from solving crimes to solving medical mysteries. ★



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Tiny Homes Big Topic at Rotary

By **Connie Voss**

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Alyssa Hofman, founder and executive director of Tiny Pine Foundation/Tiny Homes for Fire Survivors, based in Oroville, was the guest speaker at the weekly Sept. 19 Gridley Rotary Club meeting.

Before Hofman made her presentation, Gridley High School FFA officers Lina Jackson and Reagan Witt gave an update on the Gridley chapter activities. Sixty exhibitors won awards at the Butte County Fair in both Showmanship and Market Divisions, including Grand Champion Market Hog.

Earlier in August, chapter officers attended the Chapter Officer Leadership Conference (COLC). An Agricultural Showcase was held for new members.

Gridley High ASB officer Ryan Taranto recapped some school events and fundraisers. The kick-off event for the year was the Senior Sunrise at the football field. Fundraising has included raising \$1,600 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Raffle tickets were sold at a football game bringing in \$600.

On behalf of the Tiny Pine Foundation, Hofman explained how it all started. After losing her home in the Butte Lightning Complex Fire of 2008, Hofman said she was inspired to build tiny homes for fire victims. With no previous building experience, Hofman said, she watched YouTube videos to learn construction skills. The hard work paid off, as she recently became a licensed general contractor while raising seven children.

Tiny Pine Foundation/Tiny Homes is a nonprofit organization, operating almost entirely from donations and volunteer labor. Once the word went out online, the first tiny home was funded in less than 24 hours. In all, there have been 48 tiny homes on wheels and stationary homes built since the project started six years ago. Twelve of those are on permanent foundations.

Volunteers come from around the country to assist in the building process and all are welcome, whether experienced or not.

There is a current waiting list of about 250 to receive a home. Recipients are given priority on the basis of age, veteran status, disability, where the home will be placed and their present living conditions. Eligible families help build the homes and then receive the homes mortgage-free. There is a one-year residency commitment. The foundation only asks that the residents pay it forward by giving the home back when they are ready to move on. The first tiny



Here is one of the tiny homes on wheels built by the Tiny Pine Foundation/Tiny Homes. Courtesy photo



Tiny Pine Foundation/Tiny Homes Executive Director Alyssa Hofman inspires Rotary members with her presentation. Photo by Gridley Rotary

home built by the foundation has housed five families.

The smaller-wheeled homes are built on recycled trailer frames. Each has a full bathroom, electric hot water heater, mini-split heating and air conditioning, and is fully furnished. Kitchenware and bedding are also provided.

Fire survivors who have

their own land but lack funds to rebuild are candidates for the permanent structures.

Permitting for these buildings runs about \$3,200 per home, Hofman said.

For more immediate assistance to fire victims, disaster relief drive-thru events are held to distribute food, water, laundry soap and camping supplies. Gridley



FFA officers Lina Jackson and Reagan Witt give updates on FFA activities. Photo by Gridley Rotary

Rotary assisted with one such event last Saturday in Chico.

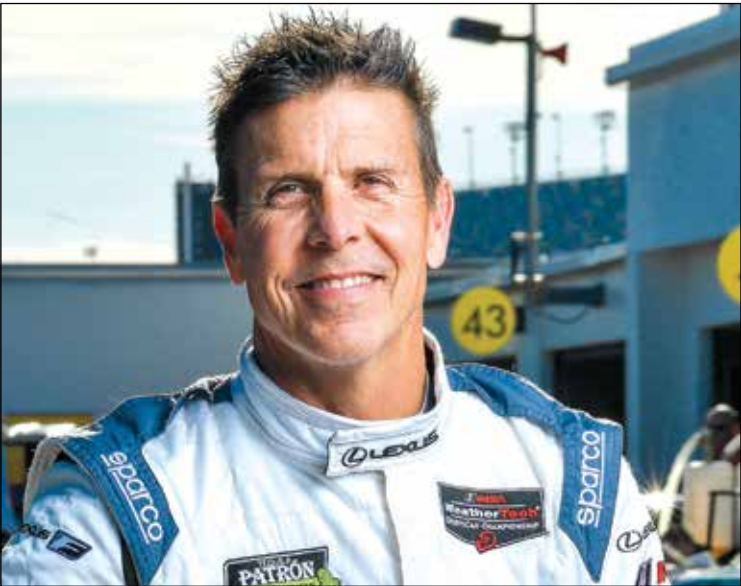
A major fundraiser, the Third Annual Gala, will be on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Oroville Convention Center. This will be a Monte Carlo-style gaming night using faux money with dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$65 per person.

The foundation also operates the

Tiny Pine Discount Warehouse, 2742 Feather River Blvd. in Oroville. The store is similar to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore. New and used building materials and other household items are offered at substantial savings.

For more information, the store has a Facebook page and the foundation's website is <http://www.tinypinefoundation.com>. ★

Race Car Legends Coming to Yuba City



Scott Pruett, a legendary race car driver, will be at the Sept. 28 event. Photo courtesy of John Rice

By **John Rice**

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - On Sept. 28, the Northern California Sports Association will celebrate its 50th anniversary by inducting 10 professional-level athletes into its Hall of Fame.

Five of the most successful race car drivers as well as five other professional athletes in their respective sports will be included.

Leading the race-car drivers are Scott Pruett (Indy Car, NASCAR, and 24-hour Endurance record-holder), Bill McNally (Napa Motor Racing Team Champions), Jerry Bartlett (local driver who holds most of the racing records at

Marysville Raceway), Mel Hall (posthumously, who made significant improvements to Marysville Raceway when he took it over) and Pat Clements.

Athletes in other sports include Pat Gillick (Oroville native who was the MLB general manager for two World Series teams), Bill Plummer (posthumously, who was in professional baseball for 52 years and known as the back-up catcher for Johnny Bench during the Reds World Series victories), Darryl Stephens (Major League Baseball), Larry Prewitt (MLB player from Auburn area and coach at Placer High), and Leon Donahue (posthumously played

for lineman for the 49ers during the '60s and eventually became athletic director at Shasta College).

The Hall of Fame event will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building located at 1425 Veterans Memorial Circle in Yuba City on Saturday, Sept. 28 (doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is served at 6 p.m.). Tickets cost \$40 each or reserved tables for eight for \$300.

This event generally will sell out, so tickets can be purchased by calling either Joel Guthrie at 530-329-5851 or John Rice at 916-296-1501 to secure your tickets for that evening. See you there! ★

That's Ricetastic!

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of harvest as she explained it to eager students.

Multiple booths run by teachers, community members and professionals from the UC Cooperative Extension provided demonstrations on rice, from milling to harvesting, tastings and more for the curious first-graders.

Groups of children cycled through stations where they were read “Daddy’s Got Dirt,” written by local rice farmer Matthew Sligar for his daughters so that they could understand his profession and what they saw him doing while in the fields.

Students learned about “rice babies” or young rice: the short, green carpet-like rice seen in the rice paddies during the summer. They also did the “Ricetastic workout,” colored pictures of farm equipment and made crafts out of rice.

Large harvesting equipment was on display. Volunteers explained how the gigantic combine machines harvest rice, separating it and sending the rice through the auger to the bank-out wagon while the spreader disposes of the excess organic material out the back.

After visiting each station, students ate lunch as the Schohrs fired up a combine that had been on site and took to the fields, harvesting rice during the event.

Since the Gridley community is so



Retired preschool teacher Tinker Storm helps at Ricetastic Day, showing students how rice and other organic material travel through a combine, with the excess rice material coming out the back after it is sorted.

ag-based, Ricetastic Day helps fill in the blanks for many children curious to know what is happening in the fields during the late summer/fall months.

“We live in a community that is very focused on agriculture,” said McKinley School Principal Rhiannon Treat.

Events such as Ricetastic Day help

students gain exposure to ag at a much earlier age than FFA programs, which are typically available at the high school level.

Ricetastic Day helps students get “a larger sense of what is happening in the community,” Treat said.

Gridley Unified School District Superintendent Justin Kern added, “This

is what our community is really all about.

It’s a rural farming community, and for the kids to be able to see it firsthand, this is a pretty cool idea.”

Students from all schools appeared to be having fun while educators and locals helped plant the seeds of ag knowledge in their young minds. ★




Retired preschool teacher Sue Orme reads a book written by local rice farmer Matthew Sligar to children as they move through the stations at Ricetastic Day. Here she acts out the movement of plane wings as she reads the page where the crop duster plants rice.



Zoe, a first-grader at McKinley Elementary School, smiles as she gets to touch the spikes of a combine on display. The spikes look like metal but are actually a hard plastic that is bendable.



Dominic gets a chance to climb up into the seat of the combine and see what it is like to drive the massive combine harvester after learning about its different parts and their functions.



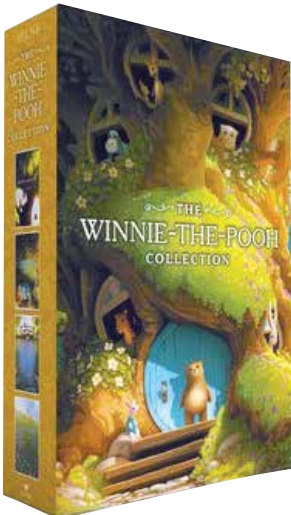
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Winnie-The-Pooh, The House At Pooh Corner, When We Were Very Young, Now We Are Six by A.A. Milne

Everyone’s favorite little bear is back in this delightful, newly redesigned box set. The stories many knew as children are here to entertain a whole new generation. The four-part series Winnie-the-Pooh, The House at Pooh Corner, When We Were Very Young, and Now We Are Six have all been beautifully reprinted in hardback with new cover art on the dust jacket, but with the same beloved story and original illustrations on the interior.

It is time to head back into the loo-head woods with a delightful bear named Pooh (even though he lives under the name of Sanders) and all his friends, Rabbit, Piglet, Eeyore, Owl, Kanga, Roo, and the boy he loves most of all, Christopher Robin. While Disney made this series a household name with the cartoon movies The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, the Tigger movie, Winnie the Pooh, and Christopher Robin, it all started with a beloved series written by A.A. Milne. Meet Christopher Robin and his beloved bear Winnie the Pooh and all their many adventures nestled within the 100-acre woods, starting with the series Winnie-the-Pooh.



- ◆ Publisher: Aladdin
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In the first book, Pooh gets stuck in a very precarious situation. Pooh and Piglet nearly catch a Woozle and meet a Heffalump, poor Eeyore loses his tail, and readers get to meet Kanga and Roo.

Then, it is off to The House at Pooh Corner, where all new adventures await. Tigger bounds into this story where the 100-acre Woods will never be the same, while Eeyore finally gets a home. Readers will finally meet the very busy Rabbit and see what Christopher Robin does in the mornings, and Heffalumps are again on the loose. Friendship and kindness are at the forefront of the

storytelling, while lessons about overexcitement and the consequences of not thinking before leaping are shared in delightful and exciting events. This series is not just entertaining, but also educational. And yes, of course, there are many sticky situations, especially when a honey-loving bear named Pooh is involved. Then, once again, it is time to say goodbye or just hello to new adventures.

To complete the collection are A.A. Milne’s beautiful children’s poems in When We Were Very Young, which capture a day at Buckingham Palace, a trip to the zoo, and many reimagined tales of famous nursery rhymes and curious afternoons. Knight in Shining armor and memorable friends’ revisit in Now We Are Six, making this last book in the series even more cherished.

Whether readers are fans of Winnie the Pooh from their own childhood or want to introduce a cherished gift to a new generation, this beloved series will continue to capture the hearts, minds, and imaginations of all who enter 100 Acre Woods. This enduring appeal makes this newly re-printed series a must-have for any collector’s shelf. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



For the true basketball fan this time of year is challenging. There are only so many reruns or NBA classics you can watch, and other sports can be a sober replacement if you're anticipating the upcoming Kings season.

With the acquisition of DeMar DeRozan, many fans are already drawing comparisons of this year's team from those of the past.

The 2001/2002 Sacramento Kings will never be forgotten, and many believe it was the best overall in Sacramento Kings history.

Names like Mike Bibby, Chris Webber and Vlade Divac come to mind and were the cornerstone players from a team that won a franchise record 61 games. Great players for sure, but how do the big three from that storied team compare with those from our current roster. Let's see if the stats can shed some light.

In the post, Vlade Divac, albeit a shade past his prime at age 32, turned in 30 minutes per game, scored 11.1 points, grabbed 8.3 rebounds and added 2.9 assists.

Our current big man is none other than Domantas Sabonis, in his prime at age 28. Domantas was on the hardwood for an average of 35 minutes per game, scored 19.4 points, led the NBA in rebounding with 13.7 boards per game, and added a team high 8.2 assists. All this is in addition to leading the league in double-double and triple-doubles for the season.

No comparison here. Sabonis wins in a landslide.

Chris Webber becomes the most difficult matchup for the current Kings as he represents the missing piece that the current team has been looking for, a true power forward.

Chris' stats are largely why the 2001/2002 team garnished 61 wins.

Chris was on the court each game for just over 38 minutes, scored 24.5 points, secured 10.1 rebounds, and added 4.8 assists. Seasons like this and gaudy stats like these would go on to put Chris Webber in the NBA hall of fame.

Without a true power forward, the current team would have to pose Keegan Murray as the comparison player.

In his second season Keegan logged just under 34 minutes per game. He averaged 15.2 points per game, 5.5 rebounds and 1.7 assists.

No contest here, Chris Webber wins

going away.

So, let's examine the point guards. From the past the 2001/2002 team was led by fan favorite Mike Bibby.

Mike turned in 33 minutes per game, scored 13.7 points on average each contest, secured 2.8 rebounds, and added five assists.

The current Sacramento Kings are led by De'Aaron Fox. Last season De'Aaron led the team in scoring with 26.6 points per game, pulled down a career high 4.6 rebounds, and dished out 5.6 assists per contest.

Not even close, and as much as I loved Mike Bibby, De'Aaron wins this comparison hands down.

It can be argued that the 2001/2002 team had one of the most potent benches of all-time, and few would argue that Bobby Jackson, Doug Christie and Scot Pollard represented a bench any coach would be proud of.

Their combined bench stats were 29.5 point per game, 14.8 rebounds, and 6.9 assists.

The current team would counter with Malik Monk, Trey Lyles, and Davion Mitchell.

The 2023/2024 team produced 27.9 points per game, 8.6 rebounds, and 8.2 assists per contest.

The edge goes to the 2001/2002 Kings team, but the stats were closer than I expected.

Last season Kevin Huerter was a starter, but with the addition of De'Mar De'Rozan, it is likely that Kevin will be relegated to the bench where I expect to see him add some scoring power that will undoubtedly strengthen the bench overall.

I hope you enjoyed this walk down memory lane and comparing stats.

As much as I thoroughly enjoyed the team from yesteryear, I am excited beyond measure for what the Kings are about to present this season. Just a few short weeks from pre-season games and then the real fun begins.

As with every season, health will be a key component, but as you consider what the 2001/2002 team did in winning 61 games, we should all be imagining what the win total will look like this year!

All the best Kings fans!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.



Disorganization, City-County Feuds Impede California's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

Over the last five years, the state government has spent some \$24 billion to ameliorate homelessness, which, according to polls, is California's most troublesome issue.

Despite that immense financial commitment — and billions more in spending by local governments and philanthropic organizations — the number of homeless people continues to grow.

The latest federal homelessness count found 186,000 Californians living on the streets or in shelters, up 5,000 from the previous year and 36,000 since 2019, the year Gavin Newsom became governor. California has the highest homelessness rate of any state and more than a quarter of the nation's homeless population.

Despite the crisis, we have no hard data telling us how the money was spent, much less which programs, if any, have been successful. Not surprisingly, given the evident lack of results, official and private agencies that administer the programs are reluctant to disclose such information.

In fact, Calmatters.org and other groups have resorted to lawsuits to compel homelessness agencies to release information on what they have done with the funds.

Despite the shameful secrecy, it's apparent that one factor in the expanding crisis

is a lack of coordination and cooperation among the public and private agencies.

Earlier this year, State Auditor Grant Parks issued a sharply worded critique of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, the Newsom administration's tool for coordinating homelessness programs.

"The state lacks current information on the ongoing costs and outcomes of its homelessness programs, because (the council) has not consistently tracked and evaluated the state's efforts to prevent and end homelessness," Parks wrote.

State-level disorganization is compounded by a structural choke point at the local level. Overwhelmingly, unsightly encampments of homeless people are located within cities, but the social and medical services central to closing those camps are administered by counties, and in highly politicized urban areas, city and county officials tend to be rivals rather than partners.

While Newsom periodically issues demands that local officials do a better job of eliminating the camps — notwithstanding disorganization in his own administration — the lack of local cooperation and coordination is a major impediment.

A situation in Sacramento, within earshot of the state Capitol and detailed by Sacramento Bee columnists Tom Philp and Robin Epley, illustrates the conflict.

Sacramento's city and county officials have feuded for years over homelessness, not only for the usual reasons but because the American River Parkway, which runs through the city and has been a favorite camping site for homeless people, is managed

by the county.

Two years ago, faced with a business-backed ballot measure to crack down on encampments, the city fashioned a less harsh alternative that anticipated an agreement with county officials to provide services for people losing their camping sites.

However, instead of joining the city, county officials banned camps in the parkway and ordered law enforcement to clear them.

City officials complained that people removed from the parkway simply set up new camps inside the city limits. When a local legislator, Assemblyman Kevin McCarty, obtained a \$25 million state grant to the county for homeless programs, county supervisors decided how to spend it, mostly on a few dozen shelter beds or housing slots, without agreement from city officials.

City Councilwoman Karina Talamantes showed up at a meeting of county supervisors to complain about their unilateral actions.

"All the people living on the American River Parkway moved across the street into our neighborhoods north of the river," Talamantes told the board. "I've been asking about these funds for the last two years."

Supervisors fired back in a press release accusing Talamantes of shading the facts about the situation. McCarty, now a candidate for mayor, is caught in the middle of the feud.

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.



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Alvarado to Alonzo Pladson and
Aliiah Alvarado to Aliiah Pladson
and Olivia Alvarado to Olivia
Pladson.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons 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 ob-
jecting 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 16, 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 22, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: Sept 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024
PLADSON 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV01846

Petitioner Virice Lee Alessio
filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing names as fol-
lows: Virice Lee Alessio to Vercie
Lee Alessio.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter
shall appear before this court at
the hearing indicated below to
show cause, if any, why the pe-
tition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person ob-
jecting to the name changes
described above must file written
objection that includes the rea-
sons 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
TBD, Room TBD, Superior Court
of California, County of Butte,
North County Courthouse 1775
Concord Avenue Chico, CA
95928
Filed on August 20, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: Sept 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2024
ALESSIO 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV02472

Petitioner Mayra Acosta filed a
petition with this court for a de-
cree changing names as follows:
Sophia Itzel Quintero-Sanchez to
Sophia Itzel Sanchez Acosta and
Claudia Ines Quintero-Sanchez to
Claudia Ines Sanchez Acosta.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons 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 ob-
jecting to the name changes described above

must file written objection that includes
the reasons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is sched-
uled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing October 30, 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 September 10, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
ACOSTA 10-11-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV02471

Petitioner Katherine Cecilia
Viamontes filed a petition with
this court for a decree changing
names as follows: Katherine
Cecilia Viamontes to Katherine
Cecilia Sanchez Acosta.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing in-
dicated below to show cause, if any,
why the petition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person objecting
to the name changes described above
must file written objection that includes
the reasons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is sched-
uled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing October 30, 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 September 10, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
VIAMONTES 10-11-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV02859

Petitioner David Emerson Hyde
filed a petition with this court for
a decree changing names as
follows: David Emerson Hyde to
David Vincent Hyde.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons interested in this matter shall
appear before this court at the hearing in-
dicated below to show cause, if any,
why the petition for change of name should
not be granted. Any person objecting
to the name changes described above
must file written objection that includes
the reasons for the objection at least two
court days before the matter is sched-
uled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing October 30, 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 September 5, 2024
Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
HYDE 10-18-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF BUTTE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE #24CV02818

Petitioner Sammantha Marie
Cowan filed a petition with this
court for a decree changing
names as follows: Sammantha
Marie Cowan to Sammantha
Marie Schut.

THE COURT ORDERS that all per-
sons 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 ob-
jecting 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 30, 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 September 6, 2024
Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the
Superior Court
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
COWAN 10-18-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
JOHN V. XIONG
CASE NO. 24PR00390

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be other-
wise interested in the will or es-
tate of John V. Xiong.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Danielle LeClerc Klein, in

the Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting
Danielle LeClerc Klein be ap-
pointed as personal representa-
tive(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, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent 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:
October 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
in Dept 1. Superior Court of
California, County of Butte, 1775
Concord Avenue, Chico, CA
95928.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy
to the personal representative
appointed by the court within
the later of either (1) four months
from the date of first issuance of
letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal deliv-
ery to you of a notice under
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 in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Attorney for
Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc,
P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA
95965; 530-533-5661
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, 2024
XIONG 9-27-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
STEVEN TITO SALGADO AKA
STEVEN T. SALGADO
CASE NO. 24PR00392

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be other-
wise interested in the will or es-
tate of Steven Tito Salgado aka
Steven T. Salgado.

A Petition for Probate has been
filed by Sandra Lois Salgado, in
the Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting
Sandra Lois Salgado be appoint-
ed 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, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent 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:
October 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
in Dept 1. Superior Court of
California, County of Butte, 1775
Concord Avenue, Chico, CA
95928.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-
ing of the petition, you should

appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written ob-
jections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may
be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy
to the personal representative
appointed by the court within
the later of either (1) four months
from the date of first issuance of
letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal deliv-
ery to you of a notice under
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 in-
terested in the estate, you may
file with the court a Request for
Special Notice (form DE-154) of
the filing of an inventory and ap-
praisal of estate assets or of any
petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form
is available from the court clerk.
The name, address and tele-
phone number of the Petitioner
is: Sandra Lois Salgado, 613
Park Meadow Drive, Modesto,
CA 95358; 209-346-2179
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, 2024
SALGADO 9-27-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
DENNIS DUANE DIVER
AKA DENNIS D. DIVER
CASE NO. 24PR00408

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-
tors, and contingent creditors of
and persons who may be other-
wise interested in the will or es-
tate of Dennis Duane Diver aka
Dennis D. Diver.

A Petition for Probate has
been filed by Daniel D. Diver, in
the Superior Court of California,
County of Butte, requesting
Daniel D. Diver be appointed as
personal representative(s) to ad-
minister the estate of the deced-
ent.

The petition requests the deced-
ent's will and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The will and
any codicils are available for ex-
amination in the file kept by the
court.

The petition requests authority
to administer the estate under
the Independent Administration
of Estates Act. (This authority will
allow the executor to take many
actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain
very important actions, howev-
er, the executor will be required
to give notice to interested per-
sons unless they have waived
notice or have consented to the
proposed action.) The indepen-
dent 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:
October 29, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
in Dept 1. Superior Court of
California, County of Butte, 1775
Concord Avenue, Chico, CA
95928.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or
a contingent creditor of the de-
ceased, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy
to the personal representative
appointed by the court within
the later of either (1) four months
from the date of first issuance of
letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal deliv-
ery to you of a notice under
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

BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **October 8, 2024, at 10:10 am**, or shortly thereafter, to consider an amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 2. The hearing will be open to the public and held at the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California.

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

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

The amendment is not considered a "project" and therefore not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The amendment summarized above is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965

Comments regarding the project may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above. Members of the public can submit public comments in the following ways: U.S. Mail to 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, ATTN: Clerk of the Board; voicemail at (530) 552.3366, or by email to: **ClerkoftheBoard@ButteCounty.net**. Please include the agenda item number when submitting public comments. If you have any questions, please contact Principal Planner Mark Michelena, at **mmichelena@buttecounty.net** or 530.552.3683.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact us at (530) 552.3300. Notification at least 72 hours before the hearing will enable staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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

The Gridley Herald 9-27-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Butte County. As the MPO, BCAG is required to prepare a long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) / Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) every four years. The RTP/SCS identifies the long-range transportation plans for specific funding programs by transportation mode through the year 2045. The Draft 2024 RTP/SCS, Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination and SEIR are complete and available for review and comment.

The 2024 RTP/SCS consists of the following:

- RTP/SCS Document – Includes Policy Element, Sustainable Communities Strategy, Action Element & Financial Element
- Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination – demonstrating that the projects in the RTP conform to the applicable federal air quality requirements.
- Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) – complying with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements

BCAG will be hosting a virtual workshop via Zoom to discuss the RTP/SCS and SEIR.

Virtual Zoom Workshop Date & Time:
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Zoom Address:
bit.ly/BCAG_Zoom_RTPSCSEIR

All documents are available for review on the Internet <https://www.bcag.org/PlansProgramsModel/RTP--SCS/2024-RTPSCS-Update/index.html> and hard copies at Chico, Gridley, Oroville and Paradise Public Libraries. Comments can be directed to Mr. Chris Devine, Planning Director for BCAG at 530-809-4616 or by email at cdevine@bcag.org. Comments can also be mailed to BCAG at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico CA 95928.

The public is also notified that a public hearing prior to approval is scheduled for December 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the BCAG Board of Directors Board Room located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100.

****Se Habla Español**** NOTICIA PUBLICA

Si Ud. esta interesado en participar en el proceso de transportacion de Butte County Association of Governments, esta invitado a asistir una junta para aprender de los actividades, documentos y proyectos en su comunidad. Sea parte de el proceso! Puede atender la junta de "zoom" y hacer sus comentarios o preguntas en español.

The Gridley Herald 9-27-2024

BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS –
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Butte County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on **October 8, 2024, at 11:30 am**, or shortly thereafter, to consider an amendment to Butte County Code Chapter 24 (Zoning Ordinance), Article II, Division 2, Table 24-16-1, and Article IV, Division 1, Section 24-172-Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units. The hearing will be open to the public and held at the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, located at 25 County Center Drive, Suite 205, Oroville, California.

Summary of Amendments to Butte County Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Division 1, Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units

A County-initiated Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA24-0002) to the Butte County Zoning Ordinance (Butte County Code Chapter 24, Article II, Division 2, Table 24-16-1, and Article IV, Division 1, Section 24-172, Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units) to clarify certain ADU/JADU regulations, update references to state legislation, permit the development of ADUs/JADUs in the TPZ (Timber Production Zone), TM (Timber Mountain), and RC (Resource Conservation) zoning districts, eliminate deed restriction requirements for ADUs/JADUs, and eliminate fire sprinkler requirements for ADUs/JADUs (unless required within the primary unit).

The zoning code amendment is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15268(a) as a ministerial projects exemption.

The amendment summarized above is on file and available for public viewing at the Butte County Department of Development Services, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965

Comments regarding the project may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearing or orally at the scheduled hearing listed above. Members of the public can submit public comments in the following ways: U.S. Mail to 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, ATTN: Clerk of the Board; voicemail at (530) 552.3366, or by email to: **ClerkoftheBoard@ButteCounty.net**. Please include the agenda item number when submitting public comments. If you have any questions, please contact Planning Manager Dan Breedon, at dbreedon@buttecounty.net or 530.552.3682.

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

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

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Toilet Paper and Flat Tires

The Strange Ways That Californians Ignite Wildfires

By Julie Cart
CALMatters.org

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - Of all the insidious threats faced by wildland firefighters — extreme heat, desiccated forests, unpredictable fire behavior and a nearly year-round fire season — what might be the most fearsome?

Humans. People do dangerous things, things that start wildfires. Pushing a burning car into a gully. Mowing the lawn on a hot summer day. Miswiring a hot tub. Driving cars with flat tires. Burning toilet paper rather than packing it out of a campsite. Setting off smoke bombs at gender reveal parties.

In hot, dry conditions already primed for fire, people’s actions can quickly escalate from a harmless mistake — such as hammering a metal stake into the parched ground — to igniting a blaze that kills a firefighter.

People — whether purposeful, reckless or simply careless — are responsible for about 95% of California’s wildfires. Last year alone, people caused more than 7,000 wildfires in California; nationally, it was more than 50,000.

“Humans are incredibly predictable,” said Cal Fire Battalion Chief David Acuna. “They drag chains, and they leave campfires to burn or they have a flat tire but think they can juuust make it to the next exit.

“It’s people not using appropriate judgment,” he added, “They are not looking at what they are doing and whether or not it’s going to start a fire. I believe in the ability of humans to recognize what is not in their best interest, but people constantly prove me wrong.”

Add to the list the Park Fire, a fierce fire raging across 600 square miles in four Sacramento Valley counties that is already the fifth largest in California history. Butte County authorities arrested a 42-year-old Chico man

suspected of pushing a burning vehicle into a ravine.

Human action, tragically, also may have caused the 57,300-acre Borel Fire in Kern County, which began last week on the side of Highway 178, possibly sparked when a vehicle crashed, killing the driver.

In a summer of severe fires, with dangerous lightning storms possible in coming weeks, authorities wish people would stop doing stupid stuff. Nature doesn’t need any help starting fires.

That would include the man accused of driving his truck for more than four miles, minus a front tire, in Sonoma County last week. The metal scraping on the road sparked the Flora Fire, a small blaze east of Healdsburg. The fire was contained last Sunday and a suspect is in custody. Cal Fire lists the cause as “vehicle.”

A similar maneuver started the 2018 Carr Fire near Redding. The fire, which killed three people fighting the fire and five civilians and burned nearly 230,000 acres, was ignited by a spark caused by someone driving a trailer with a flat tire.

Another major human cause is related to institutions — the power utilities — rather than reckless individuals. “Since 2015, power lines have caused six of the state’s 20 most destructive wildfires,” according to a 2022 report from the State Auditor’s office. California’s most-deadly fire, the 2018 Camp Fire, which killed 85 people, was started by arcing transmission lines whipped by high winds.

Natural causes still play a significant role, especially lightning, which could become even a bigger threat with climate change.

Intentional arson is rare in wildfires

Arsonists purposefully setting fires is not common, accounting for about 10% of California fires, depending on the year. Last year 111 people were arrested



People — whether purposeful, reckless or simply careless — are responsible for about 95% of California’s wildfires. Image by Ted Erski from Pixabay

for arson-caused fires in the state.

Thousands of human-caused fires fall into the unofficial category of people being knuckleheads: Folks doing something they think is safe or, absent any thinking, something they come to regret.

A few examples: A smoke bomb at a gender-reveal party sparked the deadly 2020 El Dorado Fire in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, which killed a firefighter and cost \$42 million to suppress.

A person using a lawnmower in Mariposa County caused the French Fire on July 4.

Starting a fire to signal for help, a hunter inadvertently started the 2003 Cedar Fire near San Diego, which burned 280,278 acres, destroyed 2,820 buildings and killed 15 people.

Faulty wiring on a hot tub in 2015 ignited a fire that burned for longer than a month in Lake County.

Weapons fired in backcountry started the 2017 Detwiler Fire, destroying 134 structures and threatening Yosemite National Park. The same cause in the same area sparked the Telegraph

Fire nine years earlier.

A homeowner attempting to install a shade cloth on his property used a hammer to drive a metal stake in the ground. The sparks set off the Ranch Fire, which killed a firefighter and burned more than 410,000 acres in Colusa, Glenn, Lake and Mendocino counties in 2018.

Throw into the mix: escaped Mylar balloons sparking utility lines, unattended campfires, weedwhackers, cigarette butts tossed out of car windows, trains, backyard fireworks. It’s a wonder that the state doesn’t burn down every year.

Dispatching crews to human-caused fires takes resources away from the fires that nature creates, said Adrienne Freeman, a spokesperson with the U.S. Forest Service.

“The answer is to use common sense,” she said. “It’s important not to place blame, but if you have a flat tire and you are 500 feet from the gas station, you may want to push (the car instead.) Think about it in the bigger picture.”

Freeman said a particular numbskull decision she’s seen is, evidently, common:

backcountry campers setting fire to used toilet paper so they don’t have to pack it out.

Vehicles, lawn equipment are leading causes of wildfires

“The unsung reason is parking on dry grass. It’s common,” she said. “People pull up to a river access and see all these cars parked on the same strip you are parked on. What do you do? You park there.”

California firefighters respond to countless brush fires every summer that were started from a hot tailpipe making contact with high and dry grasses next to a road. The flammability of grasses is so well known that even those in the fire service are on guard not to spark fires when they use or move equipment.

“You can actually start fires while fighting fires,” Freeman said, noting that heavy-duty fire engines and other fire vehicles can kick up rocks and cause sparks. “You are moving your dozers to respond to a fire, you have to be very careful.”

Dave Winnacker, fire chief of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District east of Berkeley, said human-caused fires commonly

involve using equipment outdoors unsafely and vehicle accidents. His department operates a rigorous fire awareness program but sometimes education and warnings are not enough. In June, the fire district instituted a near-total outdoor fire ban.

Many California counties suggest mowing grass early in the day or late afternoon, but it’s not mandatory.

“We rely on our education and spreading the word. At the end of the day, some people are going to get it and some are not,” said Andy VanSciver, public information officer for the Ventura County Fire Department.

Julie Cart is a projects reporter on CalMatters’ environment team who focuses on wildfires and natural resources. Julie’s work for CalMatters has received numerous national and regional journalism awards, including from Best of the West and the Society of Environmental Journalists. In addition, Julie and colleague Bettina Boxall won the Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting for their 2009 Los Angeles Times series on wildfires in the West. ★

Governor Newsom Signs Assembly Bill 3184 into Law

Butte County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Butte County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, Keaton Denlay, is disappointed with the passing of Assembly Bill 3184, signed into law Sept. 22.

Butte County Elections Division prides itself on providing secure, accurate and fast elections for its voters. Elections are made secure through voter role maintenance, signature verification and

ballot tracking tools for voters. Accuracy is assured through paper ballots, logic and accuracy testing and manual audits.

Butte County Elections Division strives to make elections as fast as possible. We work diligently to verify signatures and tabulate ballots efficiently. The Election Certification process has built in timeframes to allow for voters who forgot to sign their envelopes or whose signatures have changed to correct these errors. With all these steps, certification

used to be able to be completed, under California law, at the earliest, by Thanksgiving, or 17 days after the election. Butte County Elections Division has a long history of certifying as soon as possible in line with those laws.

However, with the passing of Assembly Bill 3184, all California counties will now be prohibited from certifying results in a timely manner. The new law, signed by Governor Newsom, requires all counties to wait 28 days before certifying their election results. ★

Even with this new law, we remain dedicated to providing the best voting experience for our voters and will continue to conduct our election canvas in a timely manner. However, we will not be permitted to make the results for the Nov. 5 Presidential Election official until Dec. 3.

We understand and share the frustration this will bring our voters.

Updated election results will be posted on the website at www.ButteVotes.net during the canvas period. ★

Live Oak Candidates Forum set for Oct. 3

By Mickey Mrakuzic

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - The Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce will present the Live Oak Candidates Forum on Oct. 3.

Join the chamber for an open-to-the-public Candidates Forum featuring Live Oak candidates.

Learn about their platforms and engage in community discussions.

The candidates forum will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at Live Oak City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak. Email for more information at info@yubasutterchamber.com or call 530-743-6501. ★

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SHARON LOUGHMILLER
CASE NO. 24PR00401
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate of Sharon Loughmiller, Sharon Lea Loughmiller.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Robert Charles Wall, in the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, requesting Robert Charles Wall be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
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: October 22, 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.
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PG&E Corporation Foundation Donates to North State Food Banks

PG&E News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The PG&E Corporation Foundation (PG&E Foundation) is providing \$1.3 million to local food banks, tribal food banks and senior meal programs to help feed individuals and families struggling with food insecurity, including \$150,300 in the inland North State.

The total contribution is the equivalent of approximately 2.67 million meals for individuals and families in need. The funding will support 52 food distribution organizations representing 45 counties in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) service area, including eight food banks and senior meal programs in the North State.

North State Food Bank, serving Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Plumas and Sierra counties, \$63,700.

Trinity County Food Bank, \$5,800

CalFoods Logistics/Food Bank of Northern Nevada (serving Lassen, Modoc counties), \$11,700

Mercy Foundation North (Shasta County), \$17,500

Tehama County Gleaners, \$13,000

Chico Area Council on Aging (Meals on Wheels), \$10,000

Yuba Sutter Gleaners Food Bank, Inc., \$18,600

Area Agency on Aging (Yuba-Sutter Meals on Wheels), \$10,000.

The contribution comes during Hunger Action Month, a nationwide effort to raise

awareness about hunger in America and inspire action to combat it. According to the California Association of Food Banks, while California produces nearly half of the nation's fruits and vegetables, on average, one in five residents do not know where their next meal will come from. Communities of color face even higher levels of hunger.

"PG&E has been a consistent major supporter of Community Action's North State Food Bank for the last half decade," said Timothy Hawkins, CEO of the Community Action Agency of Butte County. "Through their generous support, the North State Food Bank has increased its cold storage capacity and supply of fresh and shelf stable foods that are distributed throughout our 8,000 square mile service region. Their support has been great towards increasing the food bank's purchasing power and for the hundreds of families that receive food creating a greater collaborative impact for our communities."

"We're grateful for our ongoing partnership with food banks and meal distribution organizations that provide a critical safety net to families struggling to make ends meet. These local food support organizations fulfill a critical role in ensuring individuals and families are fed, can lead a healthy life and reach their full potential," Hawkins added.

Grant amounts consider county poverty and unemployment levels, using the

California Department of Social Services' formula, to promote equity among counties with higher need.

Supporting Emergency Preparedness

In addition to the support for local food banks throughout PG&E's service area, the company has agreements with 25 local food banks in high fire-risk areas to provide food replacement during and up to three days after a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). These Public Safety Power Shutoff events may be called when dry, windy weather is forecast, and PG&E may need to turn off power in certain areas to prevent wildfires and keep customers safe.

You can find a local food bank in your county here. Check with your local food bank to learn if they have income restrictions. Food is available why supplies last.

Meals on Wheels delivers meals to seniors enrolled in the program. Seniors who are enrolled and experience a Public Safety Power Shutoff will receive an extra meal for each day of a Public Safety Power Shutoff outage. You can enroll in a Meals on Wheels in your area.

PG&E also opens Community Resource Centers during PSPS events to provide basic supplies, charging stations and information to customers. Transportation support and hotel accommodations and discounts may also be available. ★

Gridley Man Pleads to Illegally Drowning a Deer, Forfeits Boat

Butte County District Attorney's Office News Release

BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG) - A Gridley man was in Butte County Superior Court Sept. 18 and admitted to using his boat to drown a deer in the Sacramento River. As a result of his plea, he was ordered by the judge to forfeit his expensive custom-built fishing boat and trailer as punishment.

Gregory Karl Dudley, 33, entered a plea of no-contest to violating the California Fish and Game Code for using his boat in August 2023 to drown a deer and then claim he legally shot the deer with an arrow.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said in August 2023 that California Fish and Wildlife wardens received a Caltip ("Californians Turn in Poachers," an anonymous phone line for citizens to report wildlife violations) of an individual who had drowned a deer in the Sacramento River in Butte County near Gridley. The witness stated they had been fishing with Dudley and others on Dudley's boat, when Dudley saw a buck deer swimming across the river.

According to the witness, Dudley, who had an archery tag to hunt deer, decided he would drown the deer instead of using a legal method to harvest the animal. Dudley drove his boat to where the deer was swimming and circled the animal for several minutes, preventing it from reaching land. The witness stated the deer appeared to be panicking and suffering, and it eventually drowned as a result of Dudley's actions.

Wardens learned Dudley then went back to the boat ramp and

left, later returning with a different, smaller boat, to avoid getting blood in his expensive fishing boat. When wardens contacted him, Dudley denied drowning the deer and claimed to have shot it with an arrow, which would have been legal because he possessed a hunting license and a tag.

Dudley showed the wardens the deer, which had a puncture wound that Dudley said came from his arrow. However, Ramsey said, local game wardens have extensive training in these types of investigations in addition to the normal police-academy training that all peace officers receive in California, and were able to conclude the puncture wound was made by pushing an arrow into an already dead animal. Over the course of the investigation, wardens executed a search warrant at Dudley's residence and located additional evidence.

Ramsey said that the law in California provides that when someone unlawfully takes a game animal, the method of the unlawful take gets forfeited upon conviction. As an example, if someone shoots an animal illegally, the firearm used would be seized and forfeited. In this case, because what was used to illegally kill the deer was the boat, wardens obtained a search warrant and seized Dudley's custom-made boat, motor and trailer.

The forfeited custom boat, motor and trailer were estimated to be valued at \$80,000. The boat will be pressed into service for Fish and Wildlife warden use.

Dudley was also sentenced to one year of probation, with an order prohibiting hunting for that time, as well as \$235 in fines payable to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. ★

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Did a Mysterious Stagecoach Robber Once Live in Marysville?

By John J. Raspanti

The stranger appeared like a ghost in the middle of the road, wearing a long, white, loose-fitting jacket with rags covering his shoes. A flour bag covered his face, with two holes for eyes. A black derby sat on his head, cocked at a slight angle.

His sudden appearance shocked the stagecoach driver. He stopped his coach.

The robber crouched down and pointed a double-barrel shotgun at the driver. Politely, he ordered the stage driver, “Please throw down the box.”

The box with the loot sat near the driver. As he reached for it, he saw the robber tilt his head and shout, “If he makes a move, give him a solid volley, boys.”

The stagecoach driver gazed into the surrounding brush and spotted several rifle barrels pointing in his direction. With no weapon, and concern for his passengers, he did as he was told.

One passenger, unnerved by the robbery, tossed her purse in the direction of the robber.

The ghost-like man picked it up and said, “No, Ma’am. I don’t want your money. Only the box and mail.”

Figuring there wasn’t anything else he could do, the driver led the coach forward a few hundred feet. After a spell, he stopped and returned to the scene of the crime, conscious of the guns pointed in his direction, convinced he’d be shot.

Instead, silence. He slowly moved closer, peering into the brush. What he saw shocked him. No desperados waited for his arrival. Or guns. Only sticks made to look like gun barrels. The masked bandit was gone as well.

All that was left was the express box and mail sack both empty.

The date was July 26, 1875 – the location Funk Hill near Copperopolis, CA.

Who was that masked man?

Not the Lone Ranger. It was long before his time.

Nobody knew for a while, but his behavior would create an enduring legend. This criminal was not the rowdy kind. He was well-read, didn’t curse, and preferred action stories and poetry.

He stole (fittingly) his criminal name from the novel, *The Case of Summerfield* by William Henry Rhodes, which was serialized in Northern California newspapers in the 1870s.

The hero of the novel robbed Wells Fargo stagecoaches.

His name?

Black Bart.

The man under the sack and derby perplexed the Wells Fargo agents. He likely enjoyed confusing them. Tracking him, a norm back then, was not feasible.

All the bad guys (and good ones) owned a horse.

Not Bart. He feared them.

He escaped on foot – his ability to travel long distances impressed and infuriated his pursuers.

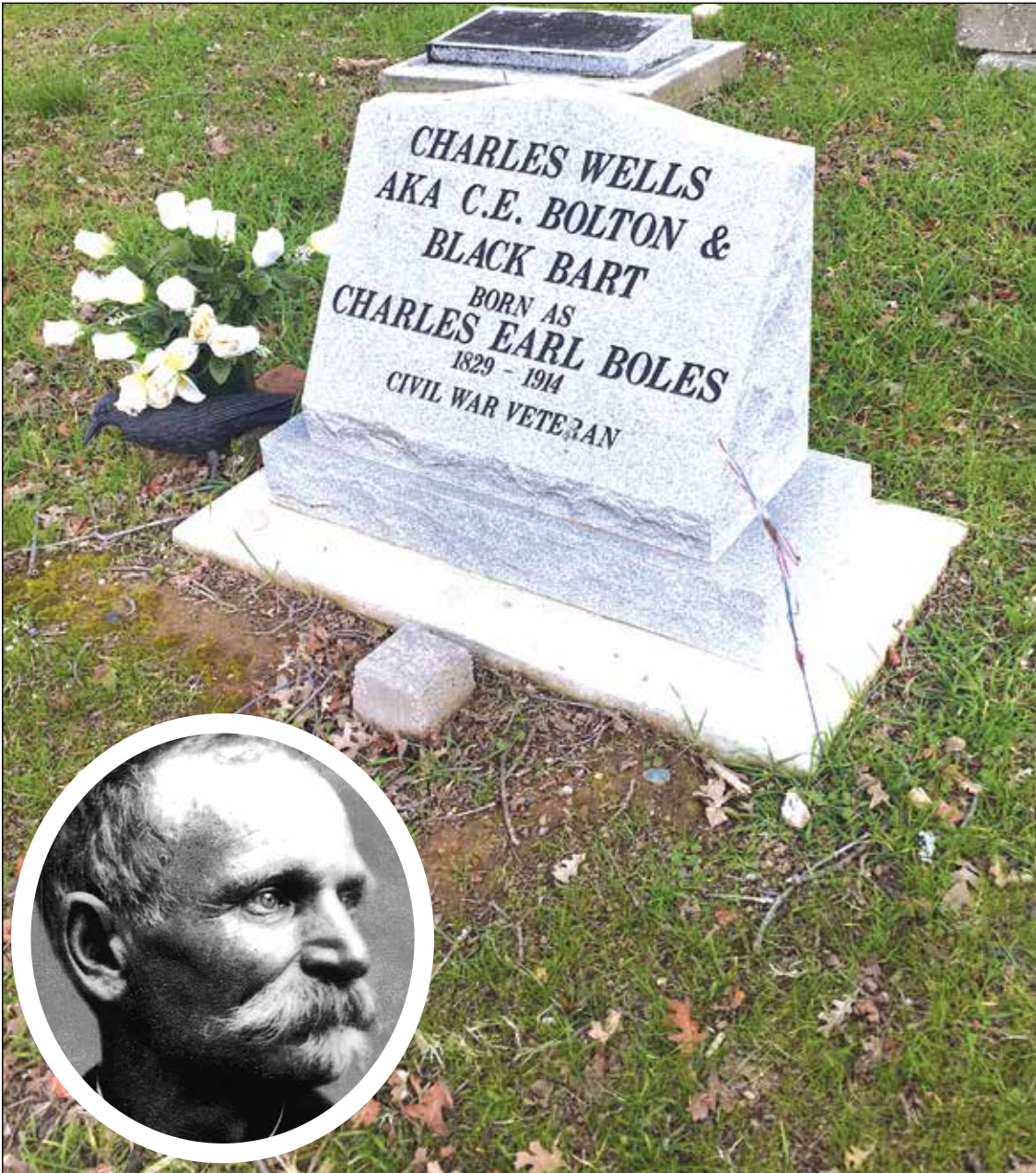
Instead of “Who are these guys?” the question became, “Who IS this guy?”

Bart, a Brit, was born Charles E. Boles in 1831. Two years later, his family immigrated to America. Boles grew up on a farm in Jefferson County, New York.

Gold fever struck Boles and a couple of his brothers in 1849. They traveled to California and prospected along the American River near Sacramento, seeking their fortune. The brothers were hopeful, but found no gold. Boles went home – and married a few years later. He’d try the regular life, laying down roots in Decatur, Illinois.

This life lasted for eight years. But Boles needed adventure and enlisted in the Civil War in 1862. His company participated in battles in Arkansas, Atlanta, Vicksburg and Chattanooga. Wounded severely in 1864, Boles mustered out of the army with the rank of first sergeant. No one questioned his commitment or bravery.

Boles returned to his family but left two years later. Gold



Is this cemetery in Marysville the final resting place of the infamous Black Bart? Local historians believe so. Photo courtesy of John Raspanti Inset: Charles Boles aka “Black Bart.” Photo from Wikipedia



Robber’s Rock circa 1870. The rock rumored to be used as a hiding place by Black Bart. Most historians disagree. Photo courtesy of John Raspanti



The cemetery some say is the resting place of Black Bart. Photo courtesy of John Raspanti

fever was back, he traveled to Montana to seek his riches in mining. He wrote letters to his wife, describing pockets of success. One letter described an incident with some agents from Wells Fargo. He wrote, “I’m going to take steps.” He said he’d be coming home soon.

He never did. No new letters arrived. His wife feared he had been ambushed and killed.

Not so. Boles resurfaced in San Francisco, now calling himself Charles Bolton. His occupation was a mining engineer. People liked him – describing him as quiet and dignified, but the incident with Wells Fargo burned inside him. He would wait for the right time.

That time was July 25, 1875. Boles, AKA Bolton, AKA Black Bart, netted 160 dollars.

Black Bart would engage in 27 robberies over the next eight years, including a stage from North San Juan to Marysville, CA.

After his fourth robbery, he left behind a note that read:

I’ve labored long and hard for bread, for honor, and from riches.

But on my corns too long you’ve tread, you fine-haired sons of bitches.

Black Bart, 1877

A second poem was left a year later:

Here I lay me down to sleep.

To await the coming morrow, perhaps success, perhaps defeat.

And everlasting sorrow.

Let come what will, I’ll try it on.

My condition can’t be worse.

And if there’s money in that box

“Tis munny in my purse.

Life was smooth for the poet-robber until 1883. He lived well in the city, sticking to his gentlemanly disguise. Nobody doubted the sturdy, well-dressed man with a thick white mustache.

His last robbery occurred at the site of his first. One wonders if Bart considered the return as something of an arc. Or maybe an end. Escaping as always on foot, Bart was wounded for the first time and dropped a handkerchief that detectives used to track him down in San Francisco.

For reasons only they knew, Wells Fargo charged Bart with only his last robbery. They sentenced him to six years at San Quentin penitentiary, but served four, being released early for good behavior. Bart told the reporters who gathered at San Quentin on the day of his release that he was done with crime.

But was he?

Wells Fargo didn’t buy it. They dogged Bart’s every step until he seemed to vanish in 1888. A rumor persists that Wells Fargo paid Bart a pension of \$200 dollars a month to NOT rob their stagecoaches. One agent was sure he escaped to Japan.

Some say he lived, died, and is buried in Knights Landing Cemetery in Knights Landing, CA. An apparition, dressed in a long coat and derby hat has been seen wandering the grounds at night.

A body rests under a headstone in Marysville Cemetery with the name, Charles Wells, AKA C.E. Bolton @ Black Bart. Local historians are convinced Bart lived in Marysville and worked at a downtown pharmacy.

When he died in 1914, the sum of \$24,000 was attached to his name. Problem was, nobody knew where it was, so it, like the identity of Black Bart, will live in infamy.

I like this one. The fact that Bolton, if he was Black Bart, adopted the name of Wells during the last years of his life signifies his last act of contempt and defiance.

Sticking it to the man, in a classy way, that was Black Bart.

Special thanks goes out to Victoria Tudor and Sue of the Yuba County Historical Commission for proving information.

Books: Black Bart: Elusive Highwayman-Poet, by Laika Dajani

Blue Zones Project Seeks to Improve Community Health

Story and photos by
Jordonna Lobese

YUBA CITY, CA (MPG) - Behind the clear glass doors of downtown Yuba City’s Blue Zones Project is a group discussing business strategies around a large table.

Blue Zones Project Executive Director Marni Sanders took time away from the meetings to talk about the group’s work.

Blue Zones Project is based on research by Dan Buettner, author, explorer and longevity researcher, along with a National Geographic team that set out to find places where people were living longer lives. The researchers found five locations where there were many centenarians who lived a better quality of life by following nine principles, which contributed to their long life spans.

“The Danish Twin Study established that only about 20 percent of how long the average person lives is dictated by genes, while about 80 percent is influenced by lifestyle and environment,” said Buettner, founder of the Blue Zones concept.



Pictured here are Yuba City’s Blue Zones Project offices.

In 2009, Buettner took his findings to the city of Albert Lea, Minnesota to start a Blue Zone community and improve life longevity by implementing Power 9 principles. Buettner partnered with community leaders to help residents feel younger, lose weight and maximize mental sharpness. Albert Lea’s Blue Zones Project saved \$8.6 million in healthcare costs, added 2.9 years to participants’ lifespans, reduced smoking and

revitalized the downtown areas by adding walkways, according to representatives.

Today, there are more than 70 communities incorporating the work of Blue Zones Project.

In 2020, Adventist Health acquired Blue Zones, a pioneer in focusing on implementing a comprehensive and environmental approach to improving community health. Now, Yuba Sutter Blue Zones Project on Plumas Street is an arm of



Blue Zones Project staff pose for a photo.

Adventist Health. Blue Zones partners with local work sites, restaurants, grocery stores, schools and other approved organizations by taking a community-wide approach. Blue Zones works with these organizations to promote healthier eating habits, create tobacco-free policies and provide easier access to healthy foods. They also work with cities and counties to add and provide walkways, community gardens

and create healthy worksites so employees feel better, which can lower healthcare costs.

Are the Yuba Sutter Blue Zones Project participants showing progress?

“While we have some successes that we could share anecdotally, it is a little early to show any marked changes in the data,” Sanders said.

To learn more about this program, visit <https://yubasutter.bluezonesproject.com>. ★

“American Pickers” to Film in California

Cineflix Productions
News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - The American Pickers are excited to return to California! They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout your area in November 2024.

“American Pickers” is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking” on The History

Channel. The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable characters and their collections.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet

characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell...we would love to hear from you! Please note, the Pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public. If interested, please send us your name, phone number,



The American Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Photo courtesy of Cineflix Productions

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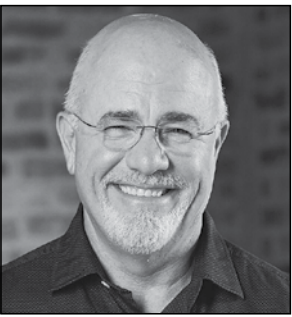
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Thank You, and Be Safe!!

Sparky the Dog
Gridley Fire Station 74





Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

We’ve been following your plan for a while. We’re debt-free, except for our home, and we have six months of expenses set aside in our emergency fund. Recently, I lost my job. I’m luckier than some, because received a generous severance package from my previous employer, plus my wife still has a good job. My parents always raised me to take care of things myself and not rely on others. I suppose it’s because of this I feel a little guilty about filing for unemployment compensation. Do you think there’s anything morally wrong with accepting unemployment benefits?

– Brandt

Dear Brandt,

I really appreciate your self-sufficient attitude. I don’t know what happened at your last job, but I’ve got a feeling you’re a hard worker and a decent guy. I’m sorry you

Dave Ramsey Says You’ve Already Paid for It

and your wife are having to deal with this kind of situation.

The Social Security system in this country is a mathematical failure. But that doesn’t mean I’m not going to take my money when I deserve it. The government took it from me in the first place, so I don’t have a problem with accepting something I’ve already paid into.

Now, I’ll throw out a warning here. Sometimes when people start receiving unemployment benefits, it causes them to take their foot off the gas. The idea that “free” money is coming in can help them rationalize sitting at home on the couch, instead of working hard to find another job and being extra careful with their finances. I’m not hearing that kind of mentality from you, though. And it’s obvious you and your wife have been pretty smart with your finances.

One more thing I’d suggest is making sure you look at your severance package as survival money only. Make a strict budget and stick to it. Cut out all excess spending. That means no eating out, vacations or anything like

that until you’re working again and everything’s back on solid ground. Right now, focus on covering your Four Walls. By that, I mean food, utilities, shelter and transportation. Feed your family, keep the electricity on, pay the mortgage and put enough gas in the car to get where you need to go.

Everyone hits a rough stretch of road in life from time to time, Brandt. But you two are in a position to handle it better than most. Just remember what got you to such a good place with your finances in the first place. The discipline muscle is already there, and it’s strong. Just flex it, and it’ll help get you through this and back on your feet again!

– 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

The weatherperson is threatening more warmer to hot weather. I know we have this pattern of temperatures in California until around October. We are a Mediterranean climate. This means we are in a natural drought cycle of hot dry summers starting in March/April to September. Then we experience rainy Winters /Autumns starting in October. Lately there

have been a lot of dry Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter months. So, to have clouds and cooler weather in September is wonderful after a hot summer. To go to the cool side and back to the hot side does not appeal to me at this time. I like working outside in the low 80s and 70s. Since I am not the Boss of the World, I can complain all I want and the weather patterns will do as they will. Our need to know about weather is taking interesting turns. On a day with 2% chance of rain there is a flood warning for Gridley. I’m guessing there is a lot more rain predicted in the mountains and the Feather River is expected to rise. That or the weather app

on my phone is a drama queen.

The milder weather and a less painful back have let me get some work done in the front yard. I did have to ask for help from my husband. Thank goodness he is willing to help out and is thrilled that I’m clearing out some of the plants in the front. He really would prefer our yard look like our neighbor’s yards. I wants lawn, the shade tree and nothing else. So, he is eager to pick up debris for me. I’m going to break his hopeful heart when I put low growing plants back in. Since I collected some of the raked-out plants to propagate, he might be suspicious. Happy Autumn Equinox. ★



State Date Farmers Eye Better Year After Losses From Tropical Storm

Fresh California dates are hitting shelves again this month after some suppliers ran short following a crop disaster last year. Farms in the Coachella Valley, where most U.S.-produced dates are grown, began harvesting Medjool dates within the past couple weeks, with other varieties harvested from July through November. Last August, Tropical Storm Hilary devastated the Riverside County crop, causing some producers to deplete their supply months ago. This year, growers in the region are hoping to rebound with a strong harvest.

Kings County Judge Blocks State Enforcement as Groundwater Lawsuit Continues

A Kings County judge has ruled that the California State Water Resources Control Board violated rulemaking laws and exceeded its authority by making unachievable demands of water managers in the Tulare Lake Subbasin when it placed the subbasin on probation in April. On Sept. 13, Kings County Superior Court Judge Kathy Ciuffini issued a preliminary injunction in the case, which stems from a lawsuit brought by the Kings County Farm Bureau against the water board. The ruling extends a pause on probation requirements, which were put on hold in July.

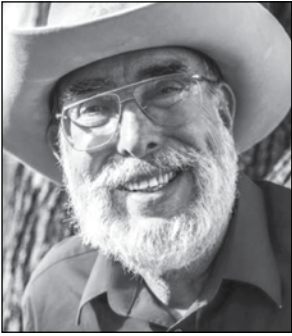
Dairy Farmer Advances Proposal to Reform State Quota Implementation Plan

In a virtual hearing held by the California Department of Food and Agriculture last week, dairy farmers were asked to consider a proposal to modify certain aspects of the state quota implementation plan, or QIP. The controversial program has divided the industry for years, with some saying it creates frictions between the haves and the have-nots, or dairy farmers who own quota and those who don’t. San Diego County dairy farmer Frank Konyn, said his proposal provides a compromise and would bring quota “back in line with how it was historically designed.”

Avian Flu Cases Increase at California Dairies

Highly pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed in five new Central Valley dairies, with two more presumptive positive cases pending, the California Department of Food and Agriculture reported last week. If the presumptive positive cases are confirmed, it moves the total tally from eight to 10 dairies that have tested positive for the disease, also referred to as HPAI. Another 15 dairies tested negative. California confirmed its first three cases of HPAI in dairy cows on Aug. 30. All the cases so far have been in the Central Valley. ★

Slim Randles’ HOME COUNTRY



Slim Randles

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

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

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

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

‘Quitcher.’ See?

words we don’t know, can’t say, and don’t need.”

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

“Ya see, Doc,” said Windy, “ever since I found my ownself approachin’ middle age ...”

“Yeah, Windy, but from which end?”

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

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

Windy looked around. “So I’m gonna fix that.

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

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

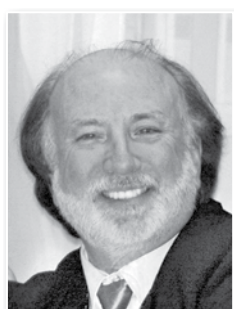
Sometimes science can be amazing.

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



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CLUES

ACROSS

1. Port city in Japan

6. *Team ride

9. Nordic native

13. Equipped with feathers

14. Cigarette deposit

15. *Arena, e.g.

16. Not odds

17. Hawaiian welcome wreath

18. Bone hollows

19. *NBA headquarters location

21. *Bill _____ NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award

23. "Roses _____ red ..."

24. *NBA centers typically have long ones

25. Tarzan the _____ Man

28. Cry like a baby

30. 3.26 light-years

35. "Off The Wall" shoe

37. Living quarters

39. Shop _____ slogan

40. "I'm _____ you!"

41. Got some shuteye

43. Comme ci, comme ça

44. Brandish

46. Ski hill ride

47. Contractor's work order

48. *Basketball blocking move

50. Swedish shag rugs

52. Member of a "benevolent and protective order"

53. Kind of cola

55. Thrice-repeated dance step

57. *Power _____ position

61. *NBA team with most championships

65. Deprive of armor

66. Genetic acronym

68. Plural of ostium

69. Junk yard stuff

70. Geisha's sash

71. *Nickname for 61

Across

72. Ooze

73. *NBA Sixth _____ of the Year Award

74. Type of leaf cabbage, pl.

DOWN

1. Bun baker

2. "_____ me a seat"

3. From square one

4. Tanzania's northern neighbor

5. Not absorb, nor repel

6. Refuse to comply

7. Wear and tear

8. Bake an egg

9. Sunglasses "glass"

10. Casino chip

11. Not knit

12. Church sound

15. Lord's subordinate

20. Good _____, book lovers' app

22. Strike caller

24. High school math class

25. Declares to be true

26. Sweat-inducing attack

27. Come in!

29. *The Stilt's first name

31. David Schwimmer on "Friends"

32. Breadth

33. Art support

34. *Shot _____, NBA

countdown timer

36. Cobbler's concern

38. Fix a dog

42. Vanish without this?

45. Abscond

49. Conjunction that joins alternatives and negatives

51. Inferior goods

54. Read-only disc

56. Away from port

57. Much ado

58. One time

59. Like pink steak

60. Sandwich alternative

61. Abel's big brother

62. It will

63. Give a ticket

64. Fresh talk

67. *Commissioned by Adam Silver

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GRIDLEY TITANS



8U Captains for Saturday's game, Weston Parker (8), Anthony Luquin (3), Tommi Howard (14) and Sebastian Quiroz (63), link arms before the game. Photo by Emily Jacquot

Titans 8U

By Randall Huff, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) -The Last Saturday Titans 8U played the Anderson Jr Cubs. The Titans didn't have the best game, but did end up getting the victory. Titans won 7-0 with Morgan Ruggirello scoring the only touchdowns, and Ryker Huff converting on the extra point. Our captains for last week were Weston Parker, AJ Luquin, Tommi Howard and Sebastian Quiroz. The Titans 8U look forward to getting better this week as they prepare for a road game against the Yreka Jr Minors. ★

Football Coaches

Randall Huff (Head)
Miguel Lopez
Nick Thao
Jeremey Buzzard

Ryan Burns
Dustin Terrell
Emily Jacquot

Football Players

1 Dean Lumsden	22 Bennett Tuttle
2 Ace Lopez	28 Jeremiah Enriquez
3 Anthony Luquin	32 Connor Mell
4 Jase Tuma	45 Dominic Castillo
5 Cason Gutierrez	47 Blake Pratt
7 Ryker Huff	53 Daniel Cantieri
8 Weston Parker	55 Emmett Burns
9 Kanon Buzzard	56 Rhett Moffitt
11 Bentley Howard	57 Christopher Bannister
14 Tommi Howard	63 Sebastian Quiroz
15 Julian Camargo	69 Xander Beum
16 Morgan Ruggirello	77 Micah Mullins
19 Jax Terrell	87 Adrian Thao
20 Macen Shubert	99 Valentino Guillen
21 Mateo Thao Flosi	

Cheer Coaches

Julia Martinez (Head)
Melanie Gardiner
Yamileth Martinez
Natalie Gardiner

Cheer Team

Paige Battaglia
Aurora Brewer
Delilah Carter
Emilia Chavira
Jianna Delgado
Paisley Duarte
Kylie Elrich
Mia Felkins
Isabella Gallardo
Hannah Gardiner
Tatum Gil
Brylee Howard
Yaretzi Martinez
Kya Verar
Harlow Wilkerson
Saylor Wilkerson

Titans 10U

By Jason Davis Sr., Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Titans 10U traveled to Anderson Saturday to take on the Jr. Cubs. The Titans defense started off hot on the first play from scrimmage, when Jesse Delgado stripped the ball causing a fumble that was recovered by Boss Davis. On offense the Titans scored early and often. Boss Davis threw the first touchdown to Levi Mowles for Levi's first touchdown of his young career. The Titans followed that up with rushing touchdowns from Boss Davis, Deandre Carothers,

Madden Jackson and Esaias Valdez. The Titans also kicked their first extra point of the season, it was kicked by Israel Hernandez. It was his first ever extra point kick. The Titans also had two onside kicks recovered by Deandre Carothers and Tyler Smith, both kicked by Jaxson Dewhurst. The Titans defense kept the Jr. Cubs off the scoreboard with big plays by Esaias Valdez (forced fumble) Nash Benson (fumble recovery) and Boss Davis (interception). The final score was 32-0 Titans. The Titans travel to Yreka this weekend to take on the Jr. Minors on 9/28 after press time. ★



10U Titans offense approaches the line of scrimmage. Photo by Rhonda Andoe



10U Extra point kick made my Israel Hernandez. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Football Coaches

Jason Davis Sr. (Head)	Grant Benson	Billy Jackson
Sean Neal	Francisco Guillen II	Jason Davis Jr.
Drake Carter	Shawn Carter	Yolie Davis

Football Players

1 Israel Hernandez	17 Michael Zaragoza	70 Zachary Alejo
2 Ashton Hospers	19 Boss Davis	71 Jase Lowry
3 Reymundo Solorio	20 Adam Hudson	72 Sebastian Kneeland
4 Jesse Delgado	21 Jorge Rosas	74 Julian Gonzalez
5 Madden Jackson	23 Damon Reeder	77 Kai Carter
6 Jesse Hudson	24 Isaiah Andrews	80 Jace Ponce
8 Kaiden McDonald-Hughes	33 Liam Huffstickler	81 Esaias Valdes
10 Casen Gruber	34 Bladen Thomas	85 Raylan Carter
11 Tyler Smith	42 Dante Reeder	92 Ezra Medina
12 Jaxson Dewhurst	47 Cash Hudson	94 Willy Iuli
13 DeAndre Carothers	49 Weston Pequette	98 Francisco Guillen III
14 Levi Mowles	52 Nash Benson	99 Quinton Ontiveros
	56 Xavier Lasker	
	58 Crash Davis	



10U Titans take the field. Photo by Rhonda Andoe

Cheer Coaches

Angie Cote (Head)
Linda Lafnear
Teanna Snyder
Sienna Davis
Lucia Lopez
Kari Owen
Kortni Mullinnix

Cheer Team

Juliana Aguirre
Ashlynn Bandy
Aubree Battaglia
Sofia Cote
Gianna Cote
Yazleemar Garcia
Raidyn Gil
Lucero Gil
Jenna Jimenez
Skylar Keoppel
Leora Kuipers
Maelani Lafnear
Katalina Lawrence
Eliana McClellan
Autumn Mullinnix-Patrick
Adeline Navarro
Ashlynn Owen
Lilianna Smith
Gracie Snyder
Elin Wasser
Kiara Williams

Titans 12U

By Brandon Oakley, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, the Gridley Titans 12U football team took on the Anderson Jr. Cubs, in Anderson. The Titans struck first with a touchdown pass by quarterback Nickolas Kent to running back Adrian Fuentes. Titans' kicker Yoshimar Martinez sealed the first score with a successful extra-point kick. The Jr. Cubs answered back with a touchdown and a successful extra point kick of their own. The Titans offensive line drove the Jr. Cubs' defense up and down the field which resulted in two

additional touchdowns with successful extra-point kicks. Quarterback Cannon Sannar scored the second touchdown and Knox Buzzard scored the third touchdown for the Titans. On the defensive side of the ball, Adrian Fuentes led the team with several sacks. Vitcor Guillen had an interception followed by a long run. In the fourth quarter, the score was tied 24 to 24. With only a few minutes left on the clock, the Jr. Cubs were able to score another touchdown which resulted in a victory for the Jr. Cubs. The final score of the game was 32-24. This brings the 12U Titans' record to three wins and two losses. ★

Football Coaches

Brandon Oakley (Head)
Jeff Vines
Aaron Lumsden
Matt Solander
Bethany Oakley
Gladys Diaz
Jose Guillen
Robert Bowling
William Lasker

Football Players

1 Calhoun Lumsden-Pratt
2 Knox Buzzard
3 William Tolman
5 Isaiyah Flores
6 Shawn Smith
8 Alan Jimenez
10 Victor Guillen
11 Logan Carpenter

Football Players (continued)

14 Kayla Teruel
15 Canon Sannar
16 Antonio Corona
20 Kayson Carpenter
22 Yoshimar Martinez
24 Gunnar Farley
32 Brayden Herd
35 Lane Mowles
42 Adrian Fuentes
44 Paul Pino
56 Mateo Campos
61 Andrew Deagen Orme
65 Izayah Curiel
70 Easton Vines
71 Mason Sisk
72 Aleeah Garcia
73 Anthony Flores-Hernandez
79 Frank Butler

85 Levi Bowling
89 Nickolas Kent
98 Bentley Hagberg
99 Caleb Oakley

Cheer Coaches

Shelby Jackson (Head)
Maria Aguilar

Cheer Team

Emma Bassett
Avalina Cote
Deserae Pureco
Leilani Ramirez
Patricia Ramirez
Lauriah Storm
Lilly Zaragoza

Titans 14U

By Tony Luquin, Head Coach

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - The Gridley Titans 14U kept rolling as they faced off against the Anderson 14U Jr Cubs. The Titans defense took the field first, Carson Cornell came up with an interception to get the game started. The Titans offense started off a little shaky not scoring on its first possession, but after getting focused they couldn't be stopped. Alec Luquin threw for two touchdown passes, a 24-yard TD to Hudson Oakley and a 34-yard TD to Jaiden Bandy. The running game for the Titans couldn't be stopped thanks to Benny Zumwalt rushing for 62 yards and Aiden Girardot rushing for 22 yards and

two touchdowns. Zay Juarez also contributed to the rushing total with a 50-yard rushing TD. None of this was possible without the stellar offensive line consisting of Hunter Jacobs, Aaron Quist, Liam Ayers, Rayden Vaughn and Jayden Dingman. The Titans defense had another great showing, allowing Anderson to only have six offensive possessions. Defensively, the team collected one interception, one safety, four sacks and numerous tackles in the back field. The final score of the game was 40-0, with eight of those points being scored by Titan kickers Talon Sannar and Jose Brisenio. The Titans 14U team stays on the road this week facing Yreka after press time. ★



14U Touchdown run by Isaiah Juarez. Photo by Rhonda Andoe



14U Ben Zumwalt runs with the ball. Photo by Rhonda Andoe



14U Titans Cheer squad performs. photo by Rhonda Andoe

Football Coaches

Tony Luquin (Head)
Dillon Longmire
Daniel Zumwalt
Christopher Oakley
Heather Luquin

Football Players

3 Talan Sannar
4 Maximiliano Topete
5 Carson Schaaf
7 Elijah Broughton
8 Aiden Girardot
10 Alec Luquin
11 Jose Hernandez
18 Isaias Juarez
19 Carson Cornell
20 Benjamin Zumwalt
21 Chandler Dixon
27 Hunter Manes
28 Dean Little
32 Jaiden Bandy
56 Liam Ayers
59 Aiden Rickson
60 Rayden Vaughn

Players (continued)

63 Aaron Quist
64 Rodolfo Martinez
71 Victor Vazquez
81 Frederick Ruiz
85 Hudson Oakley
88 Harlan Sherrick
90 Hunter Jacobs
92 Jayden Dingman
98 Mason Battaglia

Cheer Coaches

Shelby Jackson (Head)
Katharine Quist

Cheer Team

Olivia Caratachea
Bri Carter
Chanel Castaneda
Aurelia Gil
Shay Jackson
Melissa Lafnear
Tatum Quist
Aylin Ramos
Arianna Rosales

Patriotic Wolverines

Story and photos
by Seti Long

BIGGS, CA (MPG) - Del Kalbach Stadium was lined with stars and stripes as the Biggs Wolverines kicked off their first home game of the 2024 football season on Friday Sept. 20.

Spirits were high as the student section rallied fans, waved green and black flags in the air and rooted players on with the help of Wolverine cheerleaders.

Biggs JV team would play a nail-biter game, coming out victorious with a win of 22-21 over the Durham Trojans.

Soon after, the Varsity boys would take the field, followed by a gorgeous patriotic display honoring the United States which included a giant American flag unfurled at the 50-yard line and the Beal Air Force Base Color Guard.

Biggs quickly got to work, putting the first numbers on the board with a touchdown in the first quarter. The Wolverines would go for the two-point conversion, and get it, pushing the score to 8-0.



Biggs paid tribute to our great nation with a patriotic themed first home game.

Throughout the game, Biggs would dominate and then allow little room for Durham to score. Powerhouse Davis Long would run up the middle of the field on multiple plays, pushing through defenders for hard earned yardage. Ball carrier Logan Harrison, another favorite target of quarterback Skylar Long, also ate up yardage on the field.

Before the half, the Trojans would return a punt for a touchdown, putting a little pressure on Biggs. Thanks to a flag on the field, the penalty would negate

the TD. Biggs remained in the lead and widened the point deficit during the third quarter.

Biggs would play a strong game, working the field and running the ball. It would pay off with a win of 30-15 over the Trojans.

MaxPreps lists Davis Long, senior, as leading in touchdowns at three total and 94.3 rushing yards per game. Hunter Siepert, junior, leads with three interceptions for the season and Skyler Long, junior, leads the Wolverines with two sacks.



The student cheering section made a ton of noise, encouraging fans to root for both JV and Varsity Biggs football teams.



The Biggs varsity football team powers onto the field, flanked by JV players and Wolverine cheerleaders.

Logan Harrison, senior, averages 9.3 tackles per game and senior Brady Smith leads the teams with 43 receiving yards per game.

MaxPreps Players of the game for the Sept. 20 game are as follows: Davis Long -overall player of the game, Eddie Ayala

-offensive player of the game, Solomon Melendez -defensive player of the game, and Hunter Siepert - special teams' player of the game.

The Wolverines hit the road for their next matchup with Maxwell, Sept. 27 after press time. ★

Butte College Prepares for 2024 Bountiful Butte Harvest Festival

Butte Glenn Community College District News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG) - Butte College is gearing up to host its second annual Bountiful Butte Harvest Festival, a vibrant day filled with family-friendly activities and community celebration.

This year's event is set for Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Butte College Farm at 3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville.

The Bountiful Butte Harvest Festival offers a unique chance

for families and individuals to gather, enjoy the spirit of community, and experience the beauty of the Butte College Farm. Admission is free, making the event accessible to everyone, with donations appreciated to support this community-driven initiative.

The festival will feature a wide range of activities designed for all ages. Highlights include wildlife refuge and farm tours, picnic games, face painting, hair tinsel braiding, (remove) nail art, and shopping at our pumpkin patch.

Visitors can also explore

the horticulture department's plant sale, where various plants will be available for purchase. Additionally, for football fans, the day doesn't have to end with the festival; attendees are encouraged to go to the Butte College football game at 1 p.m., where the Roadrunners will face off against the College of the Sequoias.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase at the designated picnic area. Guests are encouraged to bring water bottles to stay hydrated throughout the day. For those looking to bring

home some seasonal decor or produce, a market area will offer pumpkins, gourds, and corn for sale—perfect for adding a touch of the harvest season to your home.

The event will also include informational booths showcasing a variety of Butte College programs, providing attendees the chance to learn about the educational opportunities and resources available at the college.

“We envision the harvest festival as a way to bring our communities together and share all that Butte College has to offer,” said Dr. Jennifer

Charles-Tollerup, a committee member and agriculture production instructor. “We hope you’ll join us down on the farm to celebrate this special day.”

Students are equally excited about the event.

“I’m most looking forward to the opportunity to create memories and bring joy to others through our amazing fall garden,” said Saydee Runkey, an agriculture business student.

Don't miss out on this festive occasion that brings together the best of fall, farming, and community spirit! ★

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