

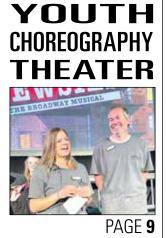
Lake Oroville Update PAGE 4

Gridley Tops at Colusa's Raczniak *Tourney* **PAGE 10**





Donated Quilts Benefit Gridley Post Acute Residents



NSIDE

SDD

CHICO STATE SENIOR EARNS ALL-AMERICAN STATUS



PAGE 10





Connie Voss and other volunteers make lap quilts and donate them to the residents of Gridley Post Acute. From left are Connie Voss; Sarah Boesen, marketing director; and Sharla Ehorn, activities director. Photo by Cindy Scott

By Cindy Scott

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Residents at Gridley Post Acute, the assisted-living facility behind Orchard Hospital, have benefitted from the generosity of the community this holiday season. They have received a variety of donations that allowed Sharla Ehorn, activities director, to create Christmas gift bags for each of the residents.

Camp Fire distribution center led by Lynne Spencer and also to other charities.

That first Christmas after her husband's passing, she and her family completed a quilt and delivered it to the care facility on Christmas Day. Voss and her family said that if they couldn't give presents to Grandpa, they would give a gift to someone else's grandpa. Covid restrictions were still in place at that time, so they weren't able to meet with the quilt recipient. Later, they heard from staff that he enjoyed the quilt.

at the weekly quilting sessions. For upcoming quilts, they will use Valentine and spring-themed fabrics. They donate the quilts to Gridley Post Acute, Children's Hope and Caring for Women. Voss collects fabric and other donations and, with the help of volunteers, makes a variety of quilts for Post Acute residents. She also finds fabric at local and area thrift stores. Voss uses quilt batting, and crochet thread size 3 for tying the quilts. She is grateful for past donations. Anyone interested in donating materials to the project can contact her at 530-353-5349.

Stiffened **Penalties** for Theft

By Cayla Mihalovich, CalMatters.org

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Californians accused of certain drug and retail theft crimes may already be facing stiffer penalties under an initiative voters passed this year, alongside related bills Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law.

Voters this November overwhelmingly approved Proposition 36, which both modifies and adds key changes to California law.

That includes prosecutors being able to charge people convicted of various third-time drug offenses with a so-called treatment-mandated felony, which would direct them to substance use disorder or mental health treatment in lieu of up to three years in jail or prison.

Under the new law, courts are also obligated to warn people convicted of selling or providing certain drugs, such as fentanyl, that they could face murder charges for later distributing illegal drugs that kill someone.



1031 Tax Exchange Expert Specializing in seamless & profitable 1031 exchanges for Ag & Commercial property. Over 1/2 Billion in Sales!!! (530) 228-1940



Scan our OR Code for a direct link to our online edition!

PRSRTD STD. U.S. POSTAGE PAID CARMICHAEL, CA PERMIT NO. 350 **OR CURRENT** POSTAL CUSTOMER



Among those donations were lap quilts, an on-going project led by Connie Voss. Voss began making quilts after her husband died in 2020, and donated the quilts to the local

Voss welcomes volunteers who would like to help make the quilts

And heavier consequences may also extend to petty theft and shoplifting offenses, including the possibility of up to three years in jail or prison if a person has already been twice convicted for certain theft offenses.

Several district attorneys and police departments announced arrests this month that they planned to charge under the new law, including in San Francisco, Solano and Shasta counties.

The measure partially reversed a different initiative voters approved a decade ago, which reduced penalties for certain lower-level drug and petty theft offenses from felonies to misdemeanors. The initiative, Proposition 47, was intended to develop new public safety strategies and reduce incarceration after the state's prison population exploded due to tough-oncrime policies dating back to the 1980s.

But prosecutors, law enforcement and large retailers who rallied in favor of Prop. 36 said those sentencing reforms went too far and created a revolving door for people to repeatedly commit crimes without being held accountable.

"It's a clear mandate from the public that we need to take a new approach on public safety issues, specifically hard drugs, retail theft and

Continued on page 2

Gridley Post Acute Earns Five Stars

Story and photos by Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Gridley Post Acute Skilled Nursing (formerly Hovlid) is now a five-star facility, granted by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

This makes it the only five-star skilled nursing facility in both Butte and Yuba counties.

There are currently 72 patients at the facility, with a capacity of 82. Both longand short-term patients are treated. Hovlid was purchased and renamed three years ago by West Harbor Health Care, when it had a one-star rating, according to marketing director Sarah Boesen.

"They (Western Harbor Health Care) own a line of other skilled nursing facilities around California in Carlsbad, Petaluma and Redding," said Boesen.

"We don't have any travelling employees; they are all here (all the time),"



The brightly-decorated Gridley Post Acute nurses station is "where all of the magic happens."

said Boesen, who has been with this facility for a year. "They speak eight languages, so languages aren't a barrier to your health. I had my mother-in-law here at our facility for a while.

She was Spanish speaking only... she had the best experience. She went home after two weeks, with no home-health care, at age 85."

When asked about the

criteria for the rating, Boesen responded, "The quality measures, the staffto-patient ratio, being able to meet their needs, health inspections, safety of

Continued on page 3

Four More Years for Farr and Johnson





Incumbent Mayor Mike Farr was unanimously The incumbent, Vice-Mayor Bruce Johnson, reappointed to continue serving as mayor. was given the nod to continue. Courtesy photo Courtesy photo

By Connie Voss

GRIDLEY, CA (MPG) - Current Mayor Mike Farr and Vice Mayor Bruce Johnson were both reappointed to continue for another four-year term at the Dec. 16 Gridley City Council meeting. Voting by the City Council was unanimous.

The appointment came after newly-reelected councilmembers J. Angel Calderon, Catalina Sanchez and Farr were sworn in.

The councilmembers swore to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and California "against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

Newly-hired Public Safety dispatcher Lauren Boone was also introduced to City Council.

Continuing the meeting, city Finance Director Martin Pineda presented an informational Power-Point on CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL). Pineda defined the unfunded accrued liability as the difference between

retirement system assets (resources

with economic value) and the

value of benefits already accrued.

The condition exists when a pen-

sion plan's liabilities (pay-outs

accrued liability payment is

\$846,621. However, because the

city is able to pay in one lump sum,

there is a 3.4% discount, with a

total savings of \$27,396. The pay-

ment is expected to increase and

Pineda presented some options for

Some concern was expressed by

councilmembers about when action

would be needed. Pineda empha-

sized that no action was necessary

at this time, since the presentation

Going forward, there was a

request for a four-year extension

to the Eagle Meadows expansion

called "The Village." Matt Stapley

of S&S Construction had submit-

ted a written request with reasons

to support the extension, including

was only informational.

managing that.

Currently, Gridley's unfunded

owed) are greater than its assets.

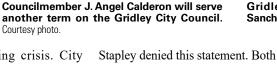
the current housing crisis. City Administrator Elisa Arteaga stated that the building code does allow for an extension of up to six years.

Steve Stapley fielded some questions from the council about completion of the subdivision. Stapley indicated that the investor for the project had withdrawn and efforts were being made to secure a different one.

"We're still optimistic about getting this project built and sold," Stapley said.

Vice-Mayor Johnson questioned if the 500 foot rule would create a conflict of interest since his property is close by. Arteaga had someone check during the meeting and the property in question is 1,000 feet from the new development.

Councilmember Calderon inquired as to why the investor for the project withdrew. Discussion with Stapley ensued, with Calderon indicating prior statements from Stapley had discouraged investors.



men agreed that cooperation was needed to bring more housing into Gridley.

Realtor Teri Garcia was in attendance and echoed the need for housing in Gridley, pointing to the fact that she has no homes to offer many of her clients.

"We need growth. We need the revenue," Garcia said.

Mayor Farr and Councilmember Sanchez requested a progress report from S&S Construction in two years.

With the newly-reelected council, committee appointments were revisited. The only changes were: 1) Mayor Farr and Councilmember Sanchez switched places on the Northern California Power Agency committee. 2) Vice-Mayor Johnson and Councilmember Sanchez were appointed to a new Utility and Public Works Committee. 3) Farr and Johnson were designated for Development and Collaboration, another new committee.



Gridley City Councilmember Catalina Sanchez was also reelected. Courtesy photo.

Finance Director Pineda then gave an update on the Chart of Accounts. Upon completion of recent audits, some of the inactive accounts needed to be cleared. This action was approved.

Councilmembers then voted to abandon the right of way on the Vermont Street property that has been blocked off for school safety purposes. The city will retain access to the sewer line there.

Gridley Police Chief Todd Farr requested five new ergonomic office chairs and a one-year extension regarding the AT&T maintenance agreement for the 911 system. AT&T will upgrade from the slower copper lines to fiber optics. Both items were approved.

Committee reports included the Association of Governments, Behavioral Health Advisory Board, Winter Wonderland, NCPA, Moose Lodge, Butte County Disaster Control, Planning, Finance, Gridley Police, and Parks and Recreation.

Stiffened Penalties for Theft

Continued from page 1 fentanyl," said Jeff Reisig, Yolo County District Attorney.

people who are struggling," said Cristine Soto laws go into effect on DeBerry, executive direc-

supportive services for easier to prosecute retail and vehicle theft. Those Jan. 1.



Those who opposed the measure warned that it will worsen homelessness, drug use and crime by cutting funding for treatment programs and increasing court and prison costs in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Behavioral health experts across the state have voiced concern over the efficacy of a treatment-mandated felony, given that most California counties lack the resources needed to provide 'mass treatment' that has been promised by the measure's proponents.

"I believe that (proponents) have also received a mandate to embrace problem solving and tor of the Prosecutors Alliance of California, a nonprofit organization that opposed Prop. 36.

"I don't believe the mandate was (to) put more people in prison. It was not what people believed they were voting for. I hope that people with the discretion to enforce this law will think very carefully about the communities they serve and what they were asking for in this moment." she said.

Gov. Gavin Newsom tried to keep Prop. 36 off of the fall ballot and for a time considered putting a competing crime measure before voters. Instead, he signed a package of 10 bills in August that will make it

Although Gov. Newsom didn't put any money into fighting Prop. 36, he referred to the initiative as an "unfunded mandate" that will take California back to the war on drugs. Indeed, the measure included no new funding streams. But supporters like Reisig voiced optimism that funding opportunities already exist in the law, pointing to a \$6.4 billion from the mental health bond voters approved in March.

"I hope that lawmakers and the governor embrace the mandate and work collaboratively to make sure that we're successful in delivering the promise of Prop. 36," Reisig said. ★



ATTENTION ALL HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS SONS AND DAUGHTERS

WE NEED YOU!











American legion Post 210 • SAL Squadron 210 Auxiliary Unit 210 • Post 210 Legion Riders

> Meeting at 6:00 pm Last Wednesday of the Month **Biggs Community Hall** (530) 306-4588

Home Heating Expenditures **Projected to Increase by 8.7%**



Home heating costs this winter will remain unaffordable for millions of lower income families. Courtesy photo

National Energy Assistance **Directors Association** News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Home heating costs this winter will remain unaffordable for millions of lower income families, according to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association.

The National Energy Assistance Directors Association, representing the state directors of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, released its end-of-the-year projections of home heating costs for the winter heating season. Prices for home heating this winter on average are estimated to increase by about 8.7% to \$941 from last year's winter heating season average of \$866, due to expected colder winter weather in the Northeast and Midwest states.

The largest change is for families using electricity to heat their homes increasing by 14.2% from \$1,040 to \$1,189. Electric prices are increasing due to continued high cost of maintaining and upgrading the grid and colder weather leading to increased consumption. In fact, electricity as reported by the November 2024 Consumer Price Index is rising faster than the overall rate of inflation.

In addition, the National Energy Assistance Directors Association predicts higher prices for natural gas, one of the main fuels used in electricity production, primarily due to increased exports of liquified natural gas with the average cost increasing from \$615 to \$634.

For those using heating oil, expenditures are estimated to decrease by 2.7% from \$1,560 to \$1,518. Households heating with propane can expect a 4.4 % increase in expenditures, from \$1,179 last winter to \$1,231 this year due to colder temperatures forecasted in the Midwest and Northeast.

Gridley Post Acute Earns Five Stars

Continued from page 1

patients, and the overall cleanliness of the facility are all factors."

Gridley Post Acute gets referrals from many areas such as Ukiah and UC Davis, as well as Oroville and Enloe hospitals. The cases are evaluated to see if the patient's needs can be met and then transportation is arranged to Gridley.

The Gridley Herald was given a tour of the facility. The Rehabilitation Room was the first stop. All different skill levels are accommodated there, from activities for patients in wheelchairs and on up.

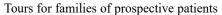
Next came the nurse's station "where all of the magic happens," Boesen said.

Plenty of Christmas decorations were displayed and a special celebration was held on Dec. 24. All 72 patients received candy, clothing and blankets, thanks to the donors who supported the Amazon wish list. So many clothing items arrived that some will be saved for new, incoming patients, according to activities director Sharla Ehorn. Special consideration was also given to those patients who do not celebrate Christmas.

are always welcomed. Contact Boesen at 530-380-3112.



The Rehabilitation room at Gridley Post Acute provides for patients of many different skill levels.





Breakfast at 9am Bingo at 9:30 am.

Visit the center Mondays and Wednesdays for **Cards & Games from** 9:00 am -2:00 pm. Coffee and snacks provided!

For more information call (530) 846-3264

Edward Jones

> edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

Time for New Year's financial resolutions



194 Washington Street, Gridley CA 95948

Have you made New Year's resolutions, such as exercising more or learning a new skill? These are good objectives, but why not add some financial resolutions?

For starters, try to reduce your debt load. You'll improve your cash flow and have more to invest.

And speaking of investing, see whether you can boost your pre-tax contributions to your traditional IRA and 401(k). Once you're 50, you can even make catchup contributions. If you have an education goal, consider investing in a taxadvantaged 529 education savings plan.

Also, try to build an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of

living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, lowrisk account.

Finally, even if you're relatively young, it's good to have your estate plans in order. And if you've already created these plans, you may want to review them, especially if you've had changes in your family situation involving marriage, divorce or birth of children or grandchildren.

You may not be able to tackle all these resolutions in 2025. But by addressing as many of them as possible, you can make progress toward your goals and set yourself on a positive course for the future.

Call or visit your local financial advisor today.



Joe Cunha, CFP **Financial Advisor** 505 Spruce St. Gridley, CA 5948 530-846-2894 joe.cunha@edwardjones.com www.edwardjones.com/joe-cur



Sammantha Schut Associate Financial Advisor 505 Spruce St. Gridley, CA 5948 530-846-2894 sammantha.schut@edwardjones.com

Serving Gridley for over 20 years

BIG CITY INVENTORY • SMALL TOWN SERVICE



100,000 MILE POWER TRAIN

WARRANTY **INCLUDED IN THE PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLES* *SEE DEALER FOR DETAILS**

Proudly Located in Gridley for Over 50 Years!

Gridley Country Ford 99 E. and Spruce Street • Gridley (530)846-4724 Toll Free: 1-800-660-4724

Lake Oroville Update

California Department of Water Resources News Release

OROVILLE, CA (MPG)

Salmon Spawning Operations

Annual Chinook salmon spawning activities at the Feather River Fish Hatchery in Oroville have been completed. The Hatchery collected enough eggs to meet its normal production goal of 2 million spring-run fingerlings and 6 million fall-run fingerlings, with additional eggs collected to increase production this year. Another 1 million spring-run and 6 million fall-run Chinook salmon will be produced to address declines in Central Valley Chinook salmon populations during recent years.

The hatchery's spawning process collects eggs from returning adult females and milt (sperm) from returning adult male Chinook salmon to fertilize the eggs. After fertilization, the eggs are placed in incubators to develop for approximately 85 days. Once they reach the fry stage and can consume food, they will either be released into the Feather River or transferred to long ponds called raceways at the facility to grow into fingerlings. Chinook salmon fingerlings raised at the Hatchery will be released in the Feather River and San Francisco Bay between March and June to support inland and ocean populations. In addition, California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife continued thiamine treatments to combat B1 vitamin deficiencies. This treatment improves the health of the fish, increasing the survival of Chinook salmon from egg to juvenile.

The Feather River Fish Hatchery is a California State Water Project (SWP)



Here is a view of the salmon spawning operations, where personnel harvest and fertilize eggs at the Feather Ricer Fish Hatchery in Oroville. The facility was built between 1966 and 1967 by the California Department of Water Resources and operated by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to compensate for spawning grounds lost to returning salmon and steelhead trout with the construction of Oroville Dam. Each year, between 9,000 and 18,000 salmon and 2,000 steelhead are spawned and raised at the hatchery. Courtesy photo

various branches of Lake Oroville to capture floating woody debris before it reaches the main body of the lake. With the rainy season underway, inflows into Lake Oroville are expected to increase with strong storms from atmospheric rivers. These higher inflows wash woody debris into the reservoir, which can impact water infrastructure and present a hazard to boaters. Over the next few months, Department of Water crews will be collecting, containing, and pulling larger pieces of wood out of the lake and away from shoreline areas using boom lines.

Department of Water crews spent a significant Visit the Lake Oroville Visitor Center.

Staffed by knowledgeable guides, the Lake Oroville Visitor Center features interpretive displays on Oroville Dam, area geology, wildlife and habitat, hydroelectric power, and cultural and historical artifacts. View videos in the theater about the construction of Oroville Dam, walk or hike along nearby trails, and visit the 47-foot-tall observation tower that provides unsurpassed panoramic views of surrounding areas. Free guided tours for school and community groups are available by reservation. hours per day and do not entail CHP inspections: Bidwell Canyon, Loafer Point, and Lime Saddle.

Oroville Recreation

Lake Oroville is one of the State Water Project's premier recreational destinations and one of California's best fishing spots. The lake provides both warm-water and cold-water fisheries, with excellent bass fishing opportunities during the fall and winter months. Be sure to check California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) fishing regulations before fishing. The marinas at Bidwell Canyon and Lime Saddle are open daily and provide a variety of services including a convenience store, gas, boat rentals, and more.

Department of Water Resources, the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife maintain over 92 miles of trails in the Oroville area. An interactive map of recreation facilities, including open trails and their permitted uses (hike, bike, horse, multi), is available on Department of Water's Lake Oroville Recreation webpage. A paper trail map is available at various locations, including most entrance kiosks and the Lake Oroville Visitor Center.

Upstream migrating fish totals through the Feather River Fish Monitoring Station between Jan. 1 and Nov. 24 are:

Spring-run Chinook salmon (March 1 through June 30): 7,152

Fall-run Chinook salmon (July 1 through present): 39,846

Steelhead: 1,710.

Current Lake Operations

Lake Oroville is at 785 feet elevation and storage is approximately 1.94 million acre-feet (MAF), which is 57 percent of its total capacity and 108 percent of the historical average.

Feather River flows

are at 800 cubic feet per second (cfs) through the City of Oroville with 950 cfs being released from the Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet (Outlet) for a total Feather River release of 1,750 cfs downstream. The Department of Water Resources continues to assess Feather River releases daily.

In November a series of atmospheric rivers brought heavy rainfall to Northern California, with Lake Oroville experiencing an approximate 26-foot rise in elevation between Nov. 19 and Nov. 30 due to runoff. Incoming weekend storms are expected to further raise water levels at Lake Oroville, but with the reservoir currently at 56 percent of its total capacity, there is still ample storage to capture storm runoff while providing flood control protection for the Feather River and downstream communities. Water inflows to the reservoir during November storms were as high as 64,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) while outflows in the Feather River through Oroville remained at a minimum of 800 cfs. Department of Water Resources took advantage of the recent storm systems to capture as much water as possible in Lake Oroville, while continuing to support environmental and water delivery needs to 27 million Californians.

The public can track precipitation, snow, reservoir levels, and more at the California Data Exchange Center. The Lake Oroville gage station is identified as "ORO. ★



facility built in the late 1960s by the California Department of Water Resources to mitigate impacts on fish migration resulting from the construction of Oroville Dam. Department of Water Resources owns and maintains the facility and provides funding to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to perform spawning, rearing, and stocking operations.

Driftwood Abatement at Lake Oroville

Department of Water's civil maintenance crews will begin deploying log booms within the next few weeks throughout the

amount of time collecting woody debris in Lake Oroville in 2023 and 2024 following heavy storms and high reservoir levels with over 19,000 cubic yards of woody vegetation collected. Floating debris removal ensures continued infrastructure operations and the safety of the recreating public on Lake Oroville. However, boaters and other water recreationists should take precautions when operating watercrafts on Lake Oroville and should remain alert for floating debris.

Snow-Cember at the Visitor Center Parking and admission to the Visitor Center are free.

Lakeside Access Road Closed

Rising reservoir levels at Lake Oroville from recent storms have required the closure of Lakeside Access Road at Oroville Dam. While Lakeside Access Road is closed, vehicle access to the Spillway Boat Ramp and Day Use Area is available daily between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., with all vehicles and trailers subject to inspection by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for security purposes. There are three other boat ramps at Lake Oroville that are open 24



Ask for Jake!



Ford

Come see *Jake Richins* at Gridley Country Ford for all your new or used car or truck needs.

Ask me about our 20 year or 200,000 miles Power Train Warranty!

See me today for the Best Deal! Office: 530-846-4724 Cell: 530-433-8959 99E and Spruce Street • Gridley

Residential Commercial Service PLUMBER Russ Scott Lic. 401493 530.682.7384 GridleyPB@gmail.com

Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for your Business Marketing (Chico)

Butte College SBDC

Business Trainings

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become increasingly beneficial to businesses and communities. However, very few business owners understand how to

use AI to help them in their marketing and other business strategies. We will take a deep dive into using AI to develop marketing strategies, and contents, and will take a step-by-step approach to developing an AI generated marketing strategy for your business. **Date:** Wednesday, January 8, 2025 | **Time:** 8:30am – 10:30am **Cert**: First - Learning Print Callons RPDC, 2400 Nates Dame Pind, China

Cost: Free | Location: Butte College SBDC, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

Introduction to Digital/Online Marketing (Colusa)

This workshop will focus on discussing introductory methods of digital and online marketing. You will learn the basics about Search Engine Optimization (SEO), Search Engine Marketing (SEM), Social Media Marketing (SMM), as well as mobile, affiliate, and online Ad marketing. You will be provided real-world examples of which type of marketing best fit your marketing goals, as well as ideas for your future marketing needs. This training is perfect for individuals who are either first getting started in digital/online marketing, or those who would like a little more information on how to develop their current digital/online marketing.

Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025 | Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Cost: Free | Location: Colusa City Hall, 425 Webster St, Colusa

How to Use Facebook & Instagram Ads to Grow Your Business (Red Bluff)

In this 2-hour presentation, we will dig into what makes advertising profitable OR a money pit and how to best avoid the pitfalls that many businesses make. Training will include:

- The Do's and Don'ts about your Pricing Model, and how to use it for effective Ads
- The ONE THING that does not show up on Facebook or Instagram but is the secret to Profitable Ads
- The FOUR numbers you must track to make or break your profitability when advertising on Facebook and Instagram
- How to KNOW exactly how much money you are making from your Ads and avoid the guessing game.
- Understanding profit strategies for brick and mortar and service businesses
- Learning the types of business that SHOULD NOT be advertising online
- Sharing information on Ads and online copy that are leads and sales generators
- How to identify the correct target market for your Ads
- A step-by-step planner for orderly planning to ensure your online campaign has the biggest chance for success
- Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025 | Time: 9:00am 11:00am
- Cost: Free | Location: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2810 Main St., Red Bluff

Delivering Outstanding Customer Service in a Retail Business (Red Bluff)

Excellent customer service is critical for increasing sales and profit, employee and customer retention, and sustaining any type of business success. Understanding the nuances of customer service that result in outstanding customer experience is a strategy for success in any business. You will learn the tools to a properly trained team and or staff, improve your customer's experience, and create a more pleasant environment for everyone. Training topics include: Advantages of outstanding customer service (i.e., increase sales, customer retention, theft reduction, client expectations); How to create outstanding customer service (i.e., phone, in-person, virtually); Understanding your customers' wants and expectations; How Outstanding Customer Service leads to improved business bottom line, and Examples of Modeling Practices & Behaviors (i.e., scripts, observation, feedback, reward), and more.

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 | Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Cost: Free | Location: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2810 Main St., Red Bluff



Funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and a grant with the California Office of the Small Business Advocate. All opinions, conclusions and/or recommendations expressed herein are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the SBA, California Office of the Small Business Advocate, or Cal Poly Humboldt Sponsored Programs Foundation.

SBDC programs are nondiscriminatory and available to individuals with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least 72 hours in advance. Contact Sophie Konuwa, director, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico, CA 95928. KonuwaSo@butte.edu. [530] 895-9017





MoneyManagementRadio.com (((BECAUSE MONEY MATTERS!))) Marc Cuniberti hosts "Money Matters" on KVMR 89.5 FM Thursdays at Noon. Visit his website at www.moneymanagementradio.com

Online Versus in Person Shopping

I have penned a few Money Matters articles on those big box stores and the little mom and pop local stores we all like to support and how they coexist with each other.

The first article centered on the idea the big box stores like Costco, Walmart, Home Depot and Lowes were killing the small local stores in neighborhoods around the country. The reasons were lower overhead cost per sale, better selection, ease of access (the one stop shopping experience), of course, price.

The subsequent article a few years later turned the tide on the big box stores with the subject being that the box stores themselves were now dealing with their own threat of existence because of the online retailers like Amazon.

Some big box stores were slow to react while others like Walmart, Target, and others took a quick lesson from Amazon and started their own online services.

The big box stores did have an advantage over Amazon. Buyers could actually view the item at the store. When shopping online, this was not possible.

Amazon countered that issue by implementing a no-questions asked, super easy return policy.

When CoVid arrived and the governments of the world decided to implement shutdowns of just about everything, this further exasperated the plight of the in-person shopping experience and put even more pressure on local establishments. As the shopping environment has progressed, the mom and pop stores, those that survived that is, did have a leg to stand on, albeit a wobbly one.

We discovered that people care about their local stores and many didn't mind paying a few pennies extra for the local experience. Many mom and pops met their shoppers half way with price concessions making sure the "few extra pennies" didn't turn into "many extra dollars" as people still have to watch their budgets. The severe inflationary pressures of the last few years obviously hasn't help local stores to keep the doors open but they are a stubborn bunch as well as many of their local supporters are fortunately a compassionate bunch.

That being as it may, some local vendors resist dropping prices and rely on the local shopping experience as something no online retailer or big box store can compete with.

shopping area in an historic old building. The area also contained a Persian Rug outlet, a gourmet chocolatier as well as a few other specialty shops. The historic building environment and the tucked away shops offered a somewhat magical experience. I frequented a small gift boutique there during birthdays, Valentine's Day, and Christmas. The store was very small, had a very limited selection and the prices were high, but I liked the owner, wanted to support the shop and was always warmly welcomed.

After shopping there three or four times a year for more than a decade, I bought my wife a blouse and when her birthday arrived, the wife tried it on. Me, being a clueless husband when it came to sizing, had of course bought the wrong size. I should have known better than to try and buy clothes for the opposite sex but I felt brave that day so what the heck.

In any case, the blouse didn't fit so I went back to my little boutique and asked if the owner had a larger size. The owner said no and when I asked for a refund, she said the store policy was credit only. Yea, I know this is the policy of many a store but seeing as I went out of my way to shop there and support her, a I was a little perturbed that she refused to refund my money and stuck to the credit only offer.

Seeing nothing else I liked, I gently reminded her that I would of course be back but would prefer the refund.

She stuck to her guns so I thanked her and left the store. I never returned.

In conclusion, our local shops are a great place to engage with our neighbors, enjoy a pleasant day of shopping and walking the town and support our small town purveyors.

But there is a give and take that should be considered by the small shop owner. Don't act like a big box or mega store with stringent policies that can't be bent because you're too focused on the almighty buck. We shop there because we're neighbors, so treat us as such.

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

This article expresses the opinion of Marc Cuniberti and is not meant as investment advice, or a recommendation to buy or sell any securities, nor represents the opinion of any bank, investment firm or RIA, nor this media outlet, its staff, members or underwriters. Mr. Cuniberti holds a B.A. in Economics with honors, 1979, and California Insurance License #0L34249 His insurance agency is BAP INC. insurance services. Email: news@moneymanagementradio.com *



BOOK REVIEW & SPECIAL EVENTS EDITOR • 🖸 amy-shane@att.net • 🖸 amy_fortheloveofbooks

Ring in the New Year With These Cozy Winter Reads



Snow Is...,

by Laura Gehl, Illustrated

Sonia Sanchez, Simon and Schuster

because snow is here. Snow is all the feel-

ings and moments that make you excited and

happy. It's the joy of building a snowman, the

thrill of sledding down a hill, and the warmth

Celebrate the changing of the season with

a fresh blanket of snow and pure excitement

from the eye of a child. Experience snow

through the awe and wonder of snowflakes

landing on your tongue, the plop and squish

of walking in the snow, and snuggling up

Angelina Ice Skates

by Katharine Holabird,

illustrated by Helen Craig, Little Simon

in the village is getting ready for the special

ice-skating show. Angelina, of course, can't

wait. As Angelina and her friends begin to

practice, they face numerous challenges. A

group of boys are intent on teasing Angelina

and her friends, but they don't give up.

Despite the setbacks, they continue to practice

and their determination leads to a heartwarm-

Fans of Angelina will adore this new

Angelina story while also celebrating the pure

Lily's Dream: A Fairy Friendship

by Bea Jackson, Aladdin

even though she tried with all her might, she

just couldn't find her wings. One day, as she

walked off in despair, Lily discovered the

Lily has always dreamed of flying, but

ing surprise at the New Year's Eve show.

joy of celebrating a New Year.

It's almost New Year's Eve and everyone

warm and tight after a fun-filled day.

of a cozy fire after a day of winter fun.

Look out the window, step out the door





most beautiful fairy house. Lily was absolutely delighted until she heard a quiet human voice. When Lily went back the next day, the human girl was waiting to help her. Soon, Lily and Willow forged a friendship where Lily worked on learning to fly every day, quickly learning that friendship is the best magic of all.

Celebrate the magic of friendship with Lily and Willow. This enchanting tale celebrates the joy and wonder of discovering your own magic. Lily's Dream is a stunning array of artistic talent that lifts right off the pages. Each page will take readers straight into a fairytale world of wonder and discovery, encouraging little readers to find their own special magic. The beginning of a new series, this fairy friendship is one to watch.

Drawn Onward

by Daniel Naveri, pictures by Matt Rockefeller, Harper Alley

A little boy lost in heartache and loss, enters a journey to see if all is really lost.

A beautiful, lush, fanciful world opens up to a story about a little boy looking for answers in the form of a journey. The little boy goes deeper into the woods than he has ever gone before, where great obstacles challenge him to his very core. Is he brave enough? Will he learn the answers his heart is yearning to know?

Heartbreaks turn into anger and then adventure in this illustrated masterpiece, a storybook graphic novel. With just one sentence per page, the illustrations burst through the pages, opening up the readers to heartfelt thought and imagination.

Tax Loopholes Cost California and its **Cities \$107 Billion but Get Little Scrutiny**



governments \$119 million lost in antiquity. a year in lost revenue, but it exemplifies the narrow focus of many exemptions. The software loophole estimate comes from an annual report issued by the state Department of Finance that gets scant public, media and political attention even though, as this year's version confirms, the accumulated effect on state and local government revenues is \$107 billion, counting only exemptions of \$5 million or more. "The result: California's \$204 billion of estimated General Fund revenues (excluding transfers) in 2024-25 would be roughly 45% greater if there were no personal income, sales and use, or corporate income tax expenditures in state law," Jason Sisney, a fiscal consultant for the Legislature, says in an analysis of the data. Over time, the number and size of tax expenditures has tended to increase because they often enjoy political support from their beneficiaries, while there's little or no pressure on governors or legislators to reduce or eliminate those with little or no rational basis, such as the custom software exemption. The legislation creating it was carried by a Silicon Valley legislator, now deceased, known for his laments about the state's parsimonious attitudes toward vital education, health and social services. What happened a couple of decades ago in the state Board of Equalization, which was then the collector of sales taxes, is another illustration. State law taxes hot prepared foods, such as those served in restaurants, or offered by delis, but exempts cold prepared foods - for reasons

of a theater

For some store owners however, how to compete with the large corporate outlets still eludes them.

I used to shop at a small store in my local township Nevada City that was tucked away in a quaint hallway like





Publisher, Paul V. Scholl

The Gridley Herald is a member of Messenger **Publishing Group**

To submit your articles, information, announcements or letters to the editor, please email a Microsoft Word file to: TheGridleyHerald@MPG8.com Be sure to place in the subject field "Attention to Publisher". If you do not have email access, please call us at (530) 846-3661 or (916) 773-1111 www.gridleyherald.com



Published Every Friday • USPS Permit 245

Postmaster send address changes to:

The Gridley Herald 300 Spruce St., Ste. C, Gridley, California 95948

Periodicals postage paid at Gridley, CA, 95948 under the Act of Congress March 3, 1880. Court Decree Number 27207. The Gridley Herald is an adjudicated newspaper for all legal advertising in Butte and Sutter Counties.

Single Copy 75 cents. Subscription rates in Gridley \$52 per year. In Live Oak and Biggs - \$62 year (Mail only) In rural Butte or Sutter County - \$72 year (Mail only)

> **Deadline for all advertising** is Friday noon for the next week's issue.

We are proud members of these newspaper associations.

CIRCULATION

VERIFICATION





By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Among the hundreds of bills introduced in every session of the California Legislature, a few deal with what state officials term "tax expenditures," which requires some explanation.

The term refers to provisions in personal and corporate income taxes and sales taxes that exempt specific financial transactions from levies that otherwise would be applied. They have exactly the same fiscal effect as direct appropriations in the budget, which is why they are dubbed "expenditures."

While many loopholes reflect a broad public and political consensus that they serve positive purposes such as making prescriptions drugs and most grocery store foods tax-free - others provide subsidies to special interests with political clout.

My personal favorite among the latter was enacted about 35 years ago at the behest of Silicon Valley interests. It exempted custom computer programs from sales taxes, generally benefiting corporations willing to pay millions of dollars for such software, while continuing to tax off-the-shelf programs such as Quicken or TurboTax purchased by ordinary consumers.

It's certainly not California's largest tax loophole, costing state and local

chain asked the board to exempt popcorn from the hot food tax, arguing that while it may be warm when purchased, it's cold by the time theater patrons return to their seats. The board granted the exemption.

The new report lists the income tax exemptions for employer-provided medical care and pension contributions, totaling \$29 billion in reduced revenues, as California's two largest tax expenditures. Other personal income tax biggies are exemption of some Social Security benefits (\$5.5 billion) and capital gains on inherited properties (\$5 billion).

The largest corporate income tax provision, valued at \$3.1 billion, limits taxation on the revenues of multinational corporations, an issue that has kicked around the Capitol for at least 50 years with several iterations.

Among the newer items on the list are income and sales tax credits for motion picture and video production (\$213 million) and a sales tax exemption for menstrual products (\$28 million) and children's diapers (\$81 million).

Each year, the governor and the Legislature spend months negotiating thousands of items in the state budget. With \$107 billion at stake, perhaps they should spend some of that time reviewing off-budget tax expenditures.

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.

Legal Advertising Hotline 916-483-2299 Legal Advertising Fax 916-773-2999

LEGAL ADVERTISING The Gridley Herald Adjudicated For and By the County of Butte, Adjudication No. 27207-October 29, 1951

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000945 The following person(s) are doing business as: Lineage Construction, 5336 Becky Lane, Oroville, CA 95966

David A Rindlisbacher, 5336 Becky Lane, Oroville, CA 95966 Date filed in Butte County: December 4, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025 1-3-25 LINEAGE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000937 The following person(s) are doing business as: JS Landscaping, 1102 Locust Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Joseph Woods II, 1102 Locust Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: December 2, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025

JS 1-3-25 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000838 The following person(s) are doing business as: Katies Grooming, 742 West 5th Street, Chico, CA 95928

Thomas Vincent Miller and Katie Lyn McAfee, 1438 Laurel Street, Chiao CA 95028

Chico, CA 95928 Date filed in Butte County: 18, The October 2024. Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 27, 2021 This Business is conducted by: A Married Couple. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ.,

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was in the office of the County filed Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025 HONEY 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000967 The following person(s) are doing business as: Trippy Delights/ Jazzys Oasis, 1891 Auburn Oaks Way, Chico, CA 95928 Jasmine A Dotson, 1891 Auburn Oaks Way, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: December 11, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: December 11, 2024

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fic-titious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ.. Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025 JAZZYS 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000949 The following person(s) are doing business as: Babes and Bubbles, 3261 Canyon Oaks Terrace, Chico, CA 95928 Piper A Gibson, 3261 Canyon Oaks Terrace, Chico, CA 95928 Date filed in Butte County: December 5, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: August 1, 2024

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025 1-10-25 BABES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000985 The following person(s) are doing business as: It's All Good Hauling, 413 Little Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Aaron D Osburg and Jean M Simpson, 413 Little Avenue, Gridley, CA 95948

Date filed in Butte County: December 18, 2024. The strant commenced to trans act business under the above business name on: December 18.2024 This Business is conducted by: A General Partnership. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., **Business and Professions Code** Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025 GOOD 1-17-25 Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025 CHAMPION 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000974 The following person(s) are doing business as: Angels Little Child Care, 2480 A Street, Oroville, CA 95966

Maria M Felix Padilla, 2480 A Street, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: December 13, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: November 21, 2024

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025

ANGELS 1-17-25 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000984 The following person(s) are doing business as: The Mental Wellness Pivot, 287 Rio Lindo Avenue, Chico, CA 95926 Robyn C McCarthy, 279 Rio Lindo Avenue, Apt 25, Chico, CA 95926

Date filed in Butte County: December 18, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025 PIVOT 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000913 The following person(s) are doing business as: Apollos Codex

Notary Service/Bioharmonic Wellness, 527 Flume Street, Unit 12, Chico, CA 95928 Bioharmonic Enterprises LLC,

527 Flume Street, Unit 12, Chico, CA 95928 Date filed in Butte County:

November 18, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violarights of an federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025 1-17-25 APOLLOS

to Leilani Kealoha Martinez-Lincoln.

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 objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing January 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m. Department 6, Room TBA, Superior Court of California, County of Butte, North County Courthouse 1775 Concord Avenue Chico, CA 95928

Filed on December 3, 2024 Stephen E. Benson, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025 LINCOLN 1-3-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE

OF NAME

CASE #24CV04030 Petitioner Ryeon Cook filed

a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ryeon Eric Cook to Nazeo Ryeon Spavone.

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 objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing January 29, 2025, 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 December 9, 2024

Tamara L Mosbarger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025 RYEON 1-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE AMENDED

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV03952

Petitioner Leighanne Herndon Williams filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Leighanne Herndon Williams to Cherry Veritas Williams.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing February 12, 2025, 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 December 23, 2024 Tamara L. Mosbarger, Judge of

the Superior Court

ASPHALTUM GAS. AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES, WITH PROVISION THAT ANY AND ALL MINING OPERATIONS BE DONE FROM ES OUTSIDE THE SHALL ORIFICES SURFACE AREA OFTHE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND THAT NO DAMAGE SHALL BE DONE TO THESURFACE OF SAID LAND. PARCEL NON-EXCLUSIVE 11: Α EASEMENT OVER LOTS A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, LAND M (THE COMMON AREA) OF SAID PARADISE PINES COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES UNIT NO. 4. AND THE LOTS DESIGNATED FOR COMMON RECREATIONAL AND AREAS AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION OF ANNEXANON FOR UNITS IV. VI, VIII, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV AND PARADISE PINES COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES UNIT NOS.1, 2, 3 AND 4. The sale is subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions, restrictions. reservations. rights. rights of way, and easements of record, any encumbrances of record to be satisfied out of the purchase price. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis except as to title. The conservator of the estate has an exclusive listing with Century 21 Select. Interested parties may contact Sheerene Mehrizi, Realtor at (530) 774-3377. The terms and conditions of the sale are: cash sale, taxes, rents, operating, and maintenance expenses, premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be pro-rated as the date of confirmation of sale. Escrow charges, examination of title, recording of conveyance, any title insurance policy shall be paid 1/2 by Buyer and 1/2 by Seller. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids prior to entry of an order confirming the sale. BŎSTON, Public SHELBY Guardian Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025 **GRIDLEY HERALD** 1-10-25

TRUSTEE SALE

APN: 104-430-025-000 TS No.: 24-08101CA TSG Order No.: 240362332 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED AUGUST 26, 2014. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT LAWYER Α Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded August 28, 2014 as Document No.: 2014-0005109 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Plumas County, California, executed by: Charles W. House, an unmarried man, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: January 14, 2025 Sale Time: 11:00 AM Sale Location: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse located at 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971 2 File No.:24-08101CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 61 Lakeside Dr, Lake Almanor, CA 96137. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed implied, or regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$264,420.68 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total Legal Advertising 300 Spruce Street, Ste C Gridley, CA 95948

NOTICE indebtedness due. TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on property itself. Placing the the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE PROPERTY OWNER: TO The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (916) 939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assig to this case, T.S.# assigned 24-08101CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buver." you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, vou can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website www. nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-08101CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential 3 File right to purchase. If the No.:24-08101CA Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. For Pre Sale Information Log On To: www. nationwideposting.com or Call: (916) 939-0772. For Post Sale Results please visit www. affiniadefault.com or Call (866) 932-0360 Dated: December 6, 2024 By: Omar Solorzano Foreclosure Associate Affinia Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 (833) 290-7452 NPP0468493 To: GRIDLEY HERALD - PLUMAS NPP0468493 To: 12/20/2024, 12/27/2024, Publish 01/03/2025 GRIDLEY HERALD 1-3-25

Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025 KATIES 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000953 The following person(s) are doing business as: VMG Construction Incorporated, 2825 Louis Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

VMG Construction Incorporated, 2825 Louis Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

Date filed in Butte County: December 6, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: July 9, 2024 This Business is conducted by: A Corporation, NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025 VMG 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000941 The following person(s) are doing business as: Honey B Organizing, 216 W 21st Street, Chico, CA 95928

Lisa M Boice, 216 W 21st Street, Chico, CA 95928

Date filed in Butte County: December 3, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000975 The following person(s) are doing business as: Champion Pool Care, 1674 Pendant Place, Chico, CA 95973

Joshua I Gulbrandsen, P.O. Box 3214, Chico, CA 95927 Date filed in Butte County:

December 13, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-0000991 The following person(s) are doing business as: Bangor Feed, 5690 La Porte Road, Bangor, CA 95914

Samantha Beers, PO Box 57, Bangor, CA 95914

Date filed in Butte County: December 19, 2024. The Registrant commenced to transact business under the above business name on: N/A

This Business is conducted by: An Individual. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new fictitious business statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400, ET SEQ., Business and Professions Code. Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025 BANGOR 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME CASE #24CV03384

Petitioner Ethyn Alek Mana Lincoln and Evangeline Martinez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Destiny Diane Auman

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice for abandoned mobile home. If the legal owner of the home at Grande MHP #7. Gridley CA 95948 does not claim it by January 22, 2025, it will be auctioned on e-bay.com for 10 days starting January 22, 2025. Contact BGMHP@OUTLOOK.COM HL Angel LLC 9009 Chaff Ct. Elk Grove CA 95758

The Gridley Herald - 1-3, 1-10, 1-17-2025

Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025 WILLIAMS 1-24-25

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT A PRIVATE SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF BUTTE CASE NO: 22PR00124 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AT A PRIVATE SALE

In the Conservatorship of the Person and Estate of BOBBY **RAY BRADLEY Conservatee** NOTICE is hereby given that, subject to confirmation by the above entitled Court, on January 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter within the time allowed by law, the undersigned, as conservator of the person and estate of BOBBY RAY BRADLEY, will sell at private sale to the highest and best net bidder on the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, all right, title and interest of conservatee and subsequently all right, title and interest of the estate in real property thereon located in the County of Butte, State of California, and more particularly described as follows: A lot located at 13517 South Park Drive, Magalia, California,95954, previously contained a mobile home prior to the Camp Fire in 2018. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: AP#: 066-210-051 All that certain real property situated in the unincorporated area of the County of Butte, State of California, described as follows: PARCEL I: LOT 290, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED. "PARADISE PINES COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES UNIT NO. 4 "; WHICH MAP WAS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE. OF CALIFORNIA, STATE OCTOBER 27, 1971 IN BOOK 38 OF MAPS, AT PAGE(S) 69,70,77,72 AND 73.EXCEPTING THEREFROM MINERALS. ALL OIL.





Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave.

- Rae

process.

Dear Rea,

Do you have any advice for sticking with your goals and New Year's resolutions? I always have great things in mind to shoot for in December, but then they always seem to fall by the wayside before spring.

Believe it or not, setting

goals and making them

happen is easier than most

people think. You just need

to keep a few guidelines in

mind at the beginning of the

The first guideline is to

be specific. What do you

want to achieve? And be

super specific when you an-

swer that question. Things

like "eat healthier" or "read

more" are too vague. In-

stead, try something like

"cut eating out to twice a

week" or "read for at least

30 minutes every night be-

fore bed." Also, look out for

any roadblocks that could

keep you from reaching your

goal, and make a plan to

knock them out of the way.

Number two, make your

goals measurable. A goal

Your Goals Means **Planning Your Goals** like "lose weight" has no target attached to it. But

Dave Ramsey Says

"lose 20 pounds" has a clear finish line. You can also break your goal setting into bite-size chunks. Give yourself daily, weekly and monthly steps to take. Focus on those, and when you accomplish one, tackle the next.

Three, set a time limit. You need a finish line, so take your goal, create a plan and break it all the way down into daily activities. Then, give yourself a deadline. You might say, "I want to lose 25 pounds by December 31, 2025." To lose those 25 pounds by your deadline, figure out things like how many times you need to work out each week and how many calories to eat in a day.

Number four, make sure the goals are yours. Trying to achieve someone else's goals for your life never works. Why? Because working hard is hard work. You won't have the drive to stick with it if it's something you aren't not passionate about.

Finally, set your goals down in writing. Something special happens when you write down specific

goals. Seeing them plainly in front of you hammers it home in a way nothing else will. There's a reason God said, "Write the vision, and make it plain," in Habakkuk 2:2 (KJV). Get those goals down on paper, along with all the steps it'll take to make them happen.

And hey, don't beat yourself up if you get a little off track, Rae. Keep your chin up and your eyes on the prize. As long as you stay focused on the end goal and keep taking stepseven small ones in the right direction-you'll eventually turn those goals into reality!

- 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. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. \star

Serial Christmas Thief Introduced to Prop 36

Butte County District Attorney News Release

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A Red Bluff man was caught on Dec. 20, stealing from several Chico stores and was introduced to the hard realities of the recently passed Proposition 36 provisions that elevated his petty thefts to felonies.

Mark Belisle Jr., 30, was captured by Chico Police driving a box truck filled with stolen goods from various Chico stores after a report came in that he had just fled from Dick's Sporting Goods with many stolen sports clothes. Patrol officers spotted him a few minutes later driving his truck through the Chico Wal-Mart store parking lot and stopped him.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Chico officers looked in the truck and found approximately 80 items still in original packaging with price tags from Old Navy, Best Buy, Target, and Boot Barn.

Ramsey noted Belisle kept his thefts at the various individual stores below the felony grand theft limit of \$950. Before the passage of Proposition 36 which became effective on December 18, Ramsey said Belisle would have only been liable for a series of petty thefts. However, with Proposition 36 now in effect, prosecutors are now able to "aggregate" or add up all his individual thefts to over the \$950 felony limit and charge him with felony grand theft.

Additionally, Ramsey said, Belisle's record showed he had five prior theft-related convictions in Tehama County that triggered another new provision of Proposition 36 that allowed prosecutors to now charge him with the new felony of petty theft with two or more prior theft convictions.

Belisle also has been charged with committing his Chico thefts while on bail for pending theft and drug-related crimes in Tehama. He had outstanding warrants for those crimes when he failed to appear in Tehama County Superior Court.

Belisle was arraigned on his multiple charges in Butte County Superior Court on Dec. 24 and was remanded to Butte County Jail in lieu of \$140, 000 bail to appear with a public defender on Dec. 31 to set the preliminary hearing on his charges.

Chico Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Sexual Assault

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

CHICO, CA (MPG) - A Chico man was sentenced last Thursday, Dec. 5, to a term of 189 years to life in prison for sexually assaulting the mother of his child.

Ou Nai Saetern, 38, was sentenced to life in prison by Butte County Superior Court Judge Kristen Lucena after being found guilty by a jury last month following a five-day trial on two counts of forcible rape, one count of forcible oral copulation and one count of attempted forcible sexual penetration.

The jury also found Saetern guilty of robbing the 29-year-old victim, the mother of his child, stealing her car, failing to register as a sex offender and possessing child pornography. Additional sentence enhancements for the use of a knife, tying and binding a victim of sexual assault and having a prior conviction for a sex offense were all found to be true by the jury.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said testimony at the jury trial established the victim had ended her relationship with Saetern in January 2022, but that she allowed him to continue living in the home she rented while he looked for another place to stay. After an incident on Feb. 24, 2022, where Saetern attempted to sexually force himself on the victim, she told him he needed to move out immediately. Then on the morning of Feb. 26, 2022, when the victim exited her bathroom attached to the master bedroom, she found Saetern sitting on her bed with a knife in his hand. Saetern then barricaded her in the bedroom, propping a chair under the door handle to keep anyone else from entering the bedroom. Saetern bound the victim with duct tape before sexually assaulting her. Saetern

Home Remodel

Safe Step. North America?s #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive

lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line

installation and service. Now fea-turing our FREE shower package

and \$1600 Off for a limited time!

Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1888-989-5749

BATH & SHOWER UP-DATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No

payments for 18 months! Life-

time warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Dis-

counts available. Call: 1-877-

Home Repair

252-9868

when you call!

(Cal-SCAN)

(Cal-SCAN)

and

took photographs of the victim while she was nude and exposed. While she was still bound, he demanded access to her social media and bank accounts, stealing \$5,000 from her.

The ordeal ended when Saetern took the keys to the victim's car and drove to Sacramento, leaving the car parked at a shopping mall. Before he left, Saetern threatened the victim that if she reported the incident to the police he would send the explicit photos of her to friends, family and acquaintances in her cell phone contact list.

The victim however did call the police and an investigation by the Chico Police Department found Saetern was already a registered sex offender.

When law enforcement contacted Saetern, they contacted the district attorney's office to obtain a warrant to search his cell phone and found photographs of the victim from the date of the sexual assaults and almost 100 images of child pornography.

In 2012, Saetern was convicted of child molestation in Shasta County.

Ramsey commended the Chico detectives, his Special Victim Unit Supervising District Attorney and the trial attorney Jennifer Bennett, and the courage of the victim to not only report to the police but to testify at jury trial

Gridley Thumbs and Roots



Bv Barbara Ott

We are officially heading towards the light. That is the significance of the Winter Solstice the

of winter, like zero and below temperatures are not our

experience. But it is still cold to us and to some of our plants that try like crazy to winter over. Others

are wiser and have gone dormant and will come back when the earth is about 50-60 degrees. Of

course, all of our weeds or at least most of them seem fine at growing whenever it is a tiny bit

law told me a great gardening story. He has a large

yard and a big swimming pool. He noticed if he dumps the insects he removes from his swimming

pool on the cement, ants show up quickly and carry away the bodies. He swears that since he has

started this partnership with ants that they no longer enter his house. This is a very practical man

longest night of the year. It can only go up from there, and does. Winter is in the process of coming

in and the sun is in the process of waxing over time. A bit of a conundrum that happens every year

We live in a mild climate and the pure harsh

warmer. The Velcro weed is notorious at thriving in the winter and vining everywhere. Plants are

amazing beings.

For my husband's birthday we went to Sacramento to a restaurant he saw on Driver's Drive-ins

and Dives. It was fun. While there my brother-in

who is not inclined to flights of fancy. I hope it is real. I love the idea that ants can cooperate with

people if we serve them food where they can get it easily. This does not seem to work with snails.

They don't come in, simply eat everything. Hope your holiday time has been warm and wonderful.

"It is the willingness of victims to come forward and report that allows law enforcement to do the work of keeping violent sexual assailants in custody and out of the community," Ramsey said.

In sentencing Saetern to the maximum amount of time allowed by the law, Judge Lucena noted the harrowing nature of the offenses, the threats Saetern made to the victim, and the fact that Saetern photographed her in an attempt to degrade her.

Saetern was sentenced to 39 years plus an additional 150 years to life in prison.

Local Classifieds Advertise in your local community newspaper Call 916-773-1111

Announcement

Eliminate gutter cleaning for-ever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-424-7581 (Cal-SCAN)

Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE to fund the SEARCH FOR MISSING CHILDREN. FAST FREE PICKUP. 24 hour response. Running or not. Maximum Tax Deduction and No Emission Test Required! Call 24/7: 1-877-434-6852 (Cal-SCAN)

GOT AN UNWANTED CAR??? DONATE IT TO PA-TRIOTIC HEARTS. Fast free pick up. All 50 States. Patriotic Hearts' programs help veterans find work or start their own business. Call 24/7: 1-855-408-6546 (Cal-SCAN)

Tiene un vehiculo no deseado? Donelo a Patriotic Hearts! Recogida rápida y gratuita en los 50 estados. Patriotic Hearts ofrece programas para ayudar a los veteranos a encontrar trabajo o iniciar su propio negocio. Llama ahora: 1-855- 408-7368 (24/7) Llama (Cal-SCAN

Advertising Works!

Autos Wanted

CASH for old farm and hunting jeeps. 530-570-4654. 1941-1945 1/24/25

Get a break on your taxes! Donate your car, truck, or SUV to assist the blind and visually impaired. Arrange a swift, no-cost vehicle pickup and secure a generous tax credit for 2025. Call Heritage for the Blind Today at 1-844-491-2884 today! (Cal-SCAN)

Cellular Plans

Consumer Cellular - the same reliable. nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/ month. For more information. call 1-844-908-0605 (Cal-Scan)

Elder Care

GoGo. Live and age your way. Get help with rides, groceries, meals and more. Memberships start as low as \$1 per day. Available 24/7 nation-BBB Rated A+ Busiwide. ness. Call GoGo to get start-ed. 1-855-476-0033 (Cal-SCAN)

Visit: mpg8.com

Financial

Struggling with debt? If you have over \$10,000 in debt we help you be debt free in as little as 24-48 months. Pay nothing to enroll. Call Now: 1-877-435-4860 (Cal-SCAN)

Health/Wellness

Attention: VIAGRA and CIAL-IS USERS! A cheaper alternative to high drugstore prices! 50 Pill Special - Only \$99! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW: 1-888-256-9155 (CalSCAN) JOIN FOR FREE - NO KITS OR QUOTES & FREE WEB-SITE. CTFO (Changing The

Future Outcome) Has the best CBD oil available. Products for health, beauty, weight or hair loss and even for your pets. Check out these products: canderson.myctfo.com (TFN)

Sports Lover's Tour

See an NHL & NBA game, visit Pro Football Hall of Fame and tour Lambeau Field & see 4 MLB games from April 8-16

person based on double

Insurance/Health

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-844203-2677 www.dental50plus.com/ calnews #6258 (Cal-SCAN)

Home Remodel

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, waving ALL installation costs! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by : (Offer ends 12/29/24.) Call 1-833-985-4766 (Cal-SCAN)

Advertising Works!

See 7 MLB in 11 days including Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park & Wrigley Field. Also included: Pro Football and Baseball Halls of Fame and a day at the Little League World Series!

August 11-21, 2025

-1326 or visit ou

www.bobsbaseballtours.com

WATER DAMAGE CLEAN-UP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family Bob's BASEBALL Tours your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-888-248-0815. Have zip code of service location ready Ultimate Baseball Tour

(1/17/25)





(Cal-SCAN)

for business purpose Real Estate loans. Credit unimportant. V.I.P. Trust Deed Company www.viploan.com Call 1-818-248-0000. Broker-principal DRE 01041073. No consumer loans. (Cal-SCAN

MPG Messenger Publishing Group

COMICS & PUZZLES



ACROSS

56. Accustom

57. *Sharpen 58. A in UAE

1. Half of half-and-half 6. *Gratuity

9. Remain unsettled 13. Pita, alt. sp.

| R | Е | Α | Μ | | Т | Ι | Ρ | | Ρ | E | Ν | D | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Ι | Т | Т | А | | Υ | 0 | U | В | 0 | W | Ш | D | |
| G | А | Ι | Ν | | Ρ | U | Ρ | А | L | Е | R | Т | |
| | | | | _ | | | | | | | _ | | |



| Classified |
|-------------|
| Advertising |
| |

Р

Sell Your Stuff! Reach 1000's of Readers Every Week!



916.773.1111



whom? 15. Played violin, e.g. 16 "Encore!" 17. Young canine 18 Amber warning 19. *Entice 21. *Agreement 23. "____ Te Ching" 24. Goose egg 25. Antonym of keep 28. *Affection 30. Open wine, e.g. 35. Frosts a cake 37. Leave in a bucket 39. *Parlor 40 Coating of aurum 41. Like many bathroom floors? 43. Border pass 44. Full of emotion (2 words) 46. Opposite of talker? 47. Tel ____, Israel 48. Auto_____, 50. *Module __ website 52. Compass point between NE and E 53. *Insane 55. Old-fashioned before 57. *Prevent 60. *Ditch 63. Peninsula of 38th Off First Month of New Service! USE PROMO CODE: 62590 64. Single-____ plastics 65. Donkey + horse, pl. 68. All told (2 words) _ plastics 69. '80s band " Work" At Consumer 70. Bay window Cellular 71. Chapter 11 issue 72. Mouse turf 73. Email option CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR 888-804-0913 DOWN 1. Tax pro, acr. 2. Capital of Latvia 3. Bibliographical abbr. © StatePoint Media 4. Not upright 5. Instructions handbook SUDOKU 6. Use an Underwood 59. Cheesy patty Call today and receive a 7. Promissory note letters 60. Be inclined 8. Cocoon dwellers FREE SHOWER PACKAGE 61. Paper holder 62. Dog command 63. Baby goat 9. Horse and mallet sport **PLUS \$1600 OFF** 10. *Pitcher SAFE STEP 1-855-576-5653 11. One ridiculed for 65. Pirate's turf studiousness 67. "Rocky" creator 12. Banned insecticide, acr. 15. Kevin ____ __ and Sir Francis 20. Resting spot for a chicken 22. French vineyard 24. *Avid 25. *Correct 26. *Slipperier 27. 4th letter of Greek alphabet 29. *Nothingness 31. Spanish sparkling wine 32. Martini garnish 33. Violinist's pine resin 34. *Rogue 36. Wall support 38. It often precedes "eye" 42. Laundry room appliance 45. Correspondence friend 49. Feel remorse 51. Seismic shake 54. Card game move Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every

10 11

nn and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Sutter Peak Charter Academy Granted Seven Year Renewal

Pacific Charter Institute News Release

LIVE OAK, CA (MPG) - On Nov. 12, the board of trustees for Nuestro Elementary School District unanimously approved the seven-year renewal of Sutter Peak Charter Academy, a Pacific Charter Institute School.

The seven-year renewal is considered high track according to the California legislature under AB 1505 using the California Dashboard results for the prior two years. Sutter Peak Charter Academy achieved high track status through focused instruction, clear goals, and a cadence of high expectations. This renewal is a testament to the success that Sutter Peak has consistently demonstrated in providing high-quality education to its students though its personalized education approach.

About Sutter Peak Charter Academy Sutter Peak Charter Academy, a tuition-free public charter school established in 2015 by Pacific Charter Institute and Nuestro Elementary School District, serves over 700 students across Sacramento, Colusa, Placer, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba Counties. With a focus on personalized learning plans, ongoing assessments, and tailored instructional support, Sutter Peak ensures each student receives the attention and resources needed to thrive academically.

About Pacific Charter Institute

Founded in 2005 with the mission of developing self-motivated, responsible citizens and lifelong learners. Over the last 20 years Pacific Charter Institute has expanded to six charter schools serving over 3,600 students serving 16 counties in Northern California. Pacific Charter Institute focuses on personalized learning ensuring each student has the resources, guidance, and support to become responsible, compassionate and innovative leaders who are well-prepared to make meaningful contributions to society.

Help Wanted - Trucking Newspapers

MESSENGER PUBLISHING GROUP

is seeking a delivery driver to haul our newspapers every Thursday morning from our offices in Carmichael to our locations in Marysville and Gridley.

Newspapers must be loaded in Carmichael at 8:30 Thursday mornings. Delivery then drops to Marysville by 11:30 am and then drops to Gridley by 1:00 pm.

Round trip is approximately 120 miles. Total time for the delivery is approximately 6 hours.

This is an independent contractor position. You must have a very reliable cargo van to be able to handle the volume of newspapers being delivered. You must have current DMV, drivers license, proper insurance and must be a resident of the State of California.

The delivery includes loading and unloading the product. You must be able to lift and move the newspapers without any assistance.

To apply contact us via email at **Publisher@MPG8.com.** You can also call us during regular business hours at **916-773-1111.**

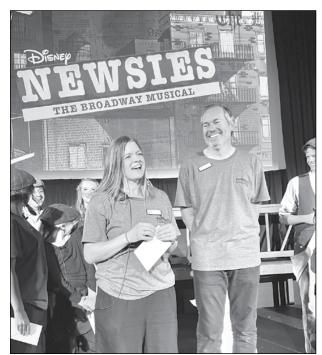






Buys T.D.s and Buys/Lends on Partial Interests

Youth Choreography Theater Workshop Set



Corey and Morgan Kersting Center Stage Co-Founders. Photo courtesy of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) -Center Stage Productions, Yuba-Sutter's premiere youth performing arts program, has announced its next series of theater workshops and plans for its summer musicals. The next workshop will be all about "Choreography" on Saturday, Jan. 18 for students ages 7 to 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and ages 13 to 17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will learn how to create a dance including the composition and arrangement of movements to support a scene in a musical production to help move the story forward.

In March, Center Stage will hold an Actor's Workshop focusing on scenes and monologues suitable for young actors. Age-appropriate instruction will be given so that students can learn how to develop and create a living, breathing character based on what is in the text, what the character says, and what others say about their character.

The cost for the workshops is \$10 per child and \$5 for additional children from the same family. However, scholarships are readily available so there are no financial barriers to participation. Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture will be hosting the workshops at its Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street in Yuba City. Whether your young person is new to theater or just ready to brush up on some skills, these workshops are designed to help make them better actors.

Auditions for this summer's musicals, (still to be announced) are coming in April. Following the sold-out performances of "Frozen, Jr." and "Newsies" by the Center Stage Productions team this past summer, this will be "must-see" theater for theater enthusiasts of all ages.

LEGAL ADS FOR BUTTE COUNTY?

Center Stage Productions was founded in 2022 in cooperation with Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture to provide a performing arts program and performance experience to all area youth without any barriers to participation. Under the direction of founders, Corey and Morgan Kersting along with other theater professionals, the workshops will teach students from 7 to 17 years of age invaluable skills and provide information and hands-on techniques they can use for any aspect of their work in the theater and that will also help them in everyday life. Most of all, the workshops will be fun!

Register your student online at yubasutterats.org or, for more information, contact Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture at 530-742-ARTS, or you can email Center Stage Productions directly at centerstageproductions.ys@gmail.com. Plenty of free parking is available on the streets and parking lots adjacent to the theater.

About YSAC: Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide arts programming, education, advocacy, assistance, and service to artists, organizations, and residents of Yuba and Sutter Counties. The local affiliate for Yuba and Sutter of the California Arts Council, its programs include Arts in Education, Veterans Initiatives in the Arts, Arts in Corrections, Very Special Arts Festival, Yuba-Sutter Youth Choir, Center Stage Productions, Convergence Theater Company, the Yuba-Sutter Big Band and many more.

OVER 40 YEARS OF FAST FUNDING Principal (818) 248-0000 Broker

WWW.VIPLOAN.COM *Sufficient equity required - no consumer loans

Real Estate License #01041073 CA Department of Real Estate, NMLS #339217 Private Party loans generally have higher interest rates, points & fees than conventional discount loans



CALL A PROFESSIONAL



Gridley Tops at Colusa's Raczniak Tourney

Story and photos by Jennifer Corriea

COLUSA, CA (MPG) - Coming off a rough go of it at their own invitational tournament, the Bulldogs claimed the championship at Colusa's 43rd Annual Georgia Raczniak Tournament, which ran from Dec. 19-21.

Despite a slow first half in the opener against Williams, Gridley came out strong after intermission and downed the Yellowjackets 60-33.

Luis Murillo led a balanced attack with 12 points, Matthew Miskin added 11 points and Bikram Kullar chipped in with 10.

Following up in what was the best game of the tournament, the Bulldogs edged Sutter in overtime 53-52.

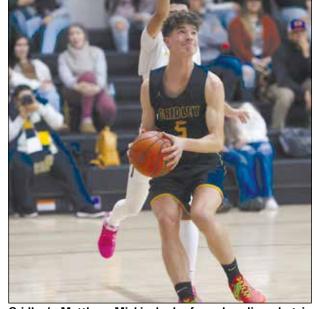
Tied at 48 at the end of regulation, Gridley was able to hold off the Huskies in extra time behind buckets from Kullar and Gus Stogsdill.

Kullar poured in 21 points, while Stogsdill tallied 11 as the Bulldogs punished their ticket to the championship game.

Gridley had no trouble in the finals as they cruised to a 58-41 win over a scrappy Clear Lake squad.

Although no statistics from the victory were available, Kullar was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player, while Murillo and Stogsdill were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Bulldogs (8-3) continued preseason play at Dixon's Steve Cauchi Ram Jam, which ran from Dec.27-Dec. 30 (after press time).



Gridley's Matthew Miskin looks for a baseline shot in the Bulldogs' game against Williams at Colusa's Georgia Raczniak Tournament. Miskin had 11 points in the win.



Gridley's Bikram Kullar lays in two points in the Bulldogs' 60-33 win over Williams at the 43rd Annual Georgia Raczniak Tournament in Colusa. Kullar was the tournament's MVP.



Gridley's Matthew Miskin looks for a baseline shot in the Bulldogs' game against Williams at Colusa's Georgia Raczniak Tournament. Miskin had 11 points in the win.

Chico State Senior Earns All-American Status

By Cayden Jones, Chico State Athletics

CHICO, CA (MPG) - Many athletes who suffer season-ending injuries approach their return to sport cautiously, hesitating to play at 100% the moment they step back onto the field. However, that wasn't the case for Miles Rice.

Miles Rice was determined to be healthy enough for his senior season after suffering an ill-timed injury during the NCAA Super Regional match against CSU Pueblo. The Cameron Park native put his rehab at the front of his mind, putting in the work to ensure he would step back on the field with his fellow Wildcats. On Sept. 5, in Bellingham during the regular season opener, Rice stepped on the field for the first time in 300 days. On Sept. 7, he scored his first set of goals for the 'Cats, with a brace against Seattle Pacific and edging them over the Falcons for the first win of the season 2-1.

That was only the beginning for the senior, as he scored one more against Stanislaus State in a pre-conference matchup before an absolute tear against the CCAA. Before the conference season, opponents may have planned for the striker to play off-form due to his injury, writing off the First Team West Region forward, but he shocked defenses week in and week out

honors, earning All-CCAA First Team and All-West Region First Team honors prior to being elevated to All-American status.

Rice has scored 28 goals in his career with Chico State, stepping away from the program with the 10th most Career Goals in program history. He has gradually scored more goals each season since his first year, showcasing his growth as a player and a competitor, with this past season being a career-high thirteen. Notably, the senior striker scored four braces (two goals in a single match) against opponents this season, coming against Seattle Pacific, CSU Dominguez Hills, San Francisco State, and Stanislaus State. He showcased the ability to punish the opposing defense's mistakes, slotting in goals after being offered too much space or a defender falling short of holding the 6-foot



Rice ranked 3rd in the nation in game-winning goals while leading the CCAA, and it was clear to see his impact on the Wildcats season. Of the 11 games Chico State won, Rice had a hand in five, scoring crucial goals that helped his squad qualify for the 2024 CCAA Championships.

This season is the first time the senior has received All-American

Miles Rice becomes the seventh First Team and 15th All-American selection from the Chico State men's soccer program. Photo by Chico State Athletics

striker back.

Miles Rice becomes the seventh First Team and 15th All-American selection from the Chico State men's soccer program. The last Wildcat men's soccer player to earn First Team honors was Ferid Celosmanovic in 2010. The senior will graduate this spring, leaving a legacy at Chico State as an All-American that defied the odds.

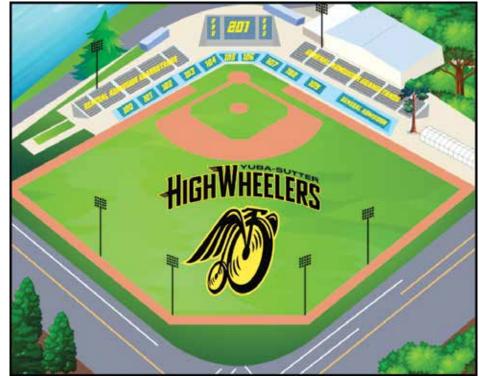
High Wheelers 2025 Schedule and Season Tickets Available

High Wheelers News Release

MARYSVILLE, CA (MPG) - The 2024 Pioneer Baseball League Champions, Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers, in conjunction with the Pioneer Baseball League, have announced their 2025 game schedule. The team will be playing at Marysville's Bryant Field, a historic ballpark built from New Deal investments. In the past, the community has hosted baseball legends such as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and Jackie Robinson.

The inaugural season will begin at Bryant Field on Tuesday, May 20 against the Grand Junction Jackalopes. The final game of the season will take place against the Missoula PaddleHeads on Sunday, September 7. Through the 2025 season, the High Wheelers will host eight home games on each of the following days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Game start times will be announced at a later date.

During the 2025 season, the High Wheelers will welcome seven of the eleven possible Pioneer Baseball League



Seating chart for inaugural Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers' season at Bryant Field in Marysville.

opponents (Grand Junction, Glacier, Northern Colorado, Rocky Mountain, Oakland, Boise, and Missoula) to the Yuba-Sutter region. Also, the High Wheelers will travel to six of the possible eleven road sites (Ogden, Rocky Mountain, Northern Colorado, Glacier, Idaho Falls, and Oakland) this season.

Be a part of history as an inaugural Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers Season Seat holder. Enjoy the same seats for all 48 home dates and first right-of-refusal for all other events at Bryant Field. Season seat packages are a great means of entertaining clients, co-workers, family and friends during the summer months.

Enjoy access to the entire season with a Full Season Seat Plan. Season seats offer companies the opportunity to reward employees, clients, and prospects with some of the best seats at Bryant Field. These plans are great for die-hard baseball fans to individuals looking for a FUN way to enjoy their summer in Yuba-Sutter. With a season seat package, you'll receive all our great promotional nights, including Opening Night at Bryant Field.

Single game tickets for all 48 Yuba-Sutter High Wheelers home games will go on sale in April. For more information, or to reserve your Full Season Seat Plan, visit www.HighWheelers.com. ★